

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

16th October 2026



It was lovely to welcome our Year 6 children back to school this week after their adventures in Woodlands last week - please see later on in the newsletter for more information. We also had our School photos this week, if your child did not come home with a slip on how to purchase these - please see the school office team.

Next week is the last week of term and we finish school at normal time on Friday. On Wednesday at 2.30pm we have a Year 6 sharing assembly in the school hall at 2.30pm.

We are currently collecting food for the foodbank as a part of our Harvest celebrations. They need: tinned - meat, fruit, veg, fish, puddings; cooking sauces; coffee; milk (UHT); long life fruit juice; jam; soup; hygiene products. If you are able to spare a tin or two, I know the foodbank would be very grateful. If you are ever in need of the food bank, as a referral partner of the foodbank the school can issue vouchers. This is completed confidentially. Please see Mrs Porter, Mrs Lewis or myself if you would like to access a voucher.

As a school we are always wanting to support all our children and families and we are currently looking to support any young carers we have in school. There are support groups in Oxfordshire we can signpost children and families to for help and support as well as support them in school. The definition of a young carer is someone under the age of 18 who cares for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, mental health or an addiction cannot cope without their support. If you feel that your child is a young carer please contact Mrs Blundell, Pastoral Support, for more information.

Tonight is the Halloween Disco which is the first fundraising event for Buddies this year. I look forward to seeing you all dressed up in your scariest costumes! Many thanks to the Buddies volunteers and staff for making this event possible.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

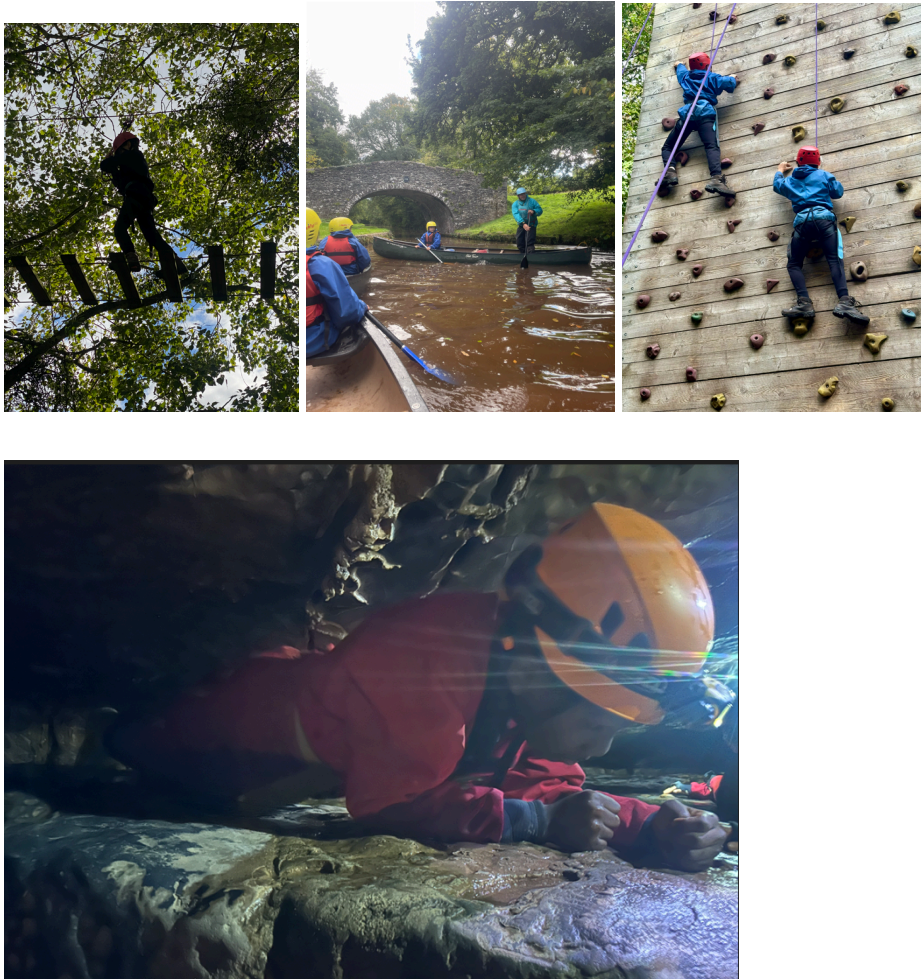
Head Teacher

Focus on Year 6

Last week, our Year 6s embarked on the epic adventure that is Woodlands! The residential was filled with fun, laughter and unforgettable memories, alongside plenty of challenges that pushed them beyond their comfort zones. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to build resilience, grow in confidence and support one another along the way.

These activities provided the perfect opportunity for the children to develop their communication and teamwork skills, whether helping one another over a wall or guiding each other through the tightest spots of the caves. On the high ropes, our leaders truly shone, encouraging and supporting one another as they tackled the trickiest obstacles. It was fantastic to see their resilience, determination and teamwork in action!

We would love to see as many of you as possible at our sharing assembly, where the children will have the chance to share their adventures, celebrate their achievements and tell you all about their unforgettable experiences!

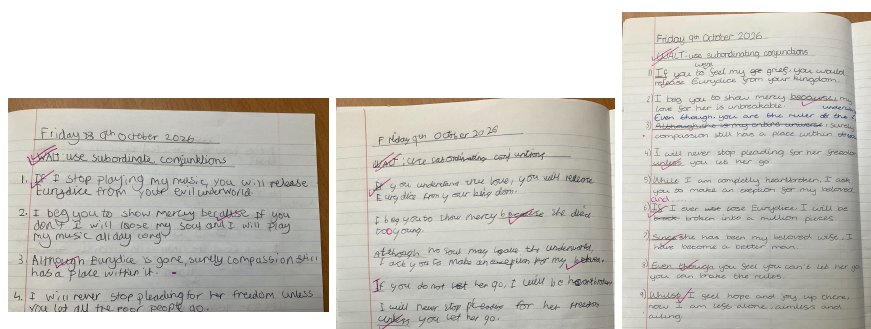
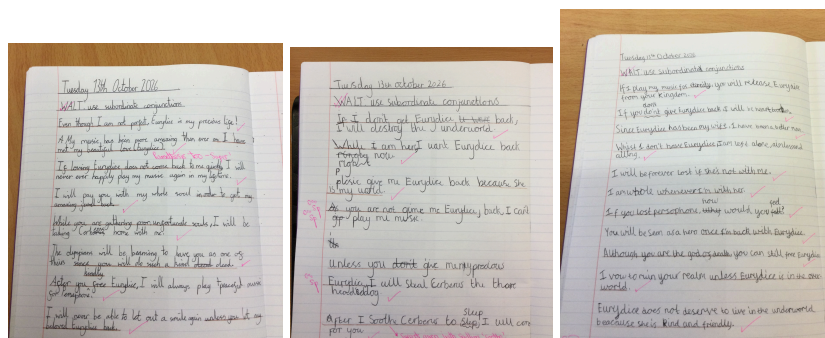


Focus on Year 5

Having practiced using a variety of filming techniques to record individual videos for our focus on providing an insight into Year 5 at Bure Park Primary School, we have progressed on to using I-Movie to produce a small digital film, incorporating music to accompany our mini productions and then evaluating our final film. We had great fun doing this and below are some photographs showing us working on our films in I-Movie. Hopefully it may be the start of a future career for some of us in the film industry!



Our current focus in English is writing a persuasive letter to the Ancient Greek god of The Underworld - Hades. Some important grammatical features have to be focused upon within this element of writing, including: subordinating conjunctions, modal verbs and parenthesis. Below are some photos of the work that we have been doing in relation to these grammatical features.



Makaton Sign of the Week



Sign of the Week

12th - 18th October 2026

This week's sign is 'Food (1)'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



Food (1)



Food

We have provided you with these signs and/ or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at makaton.org/donate

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SCHOOL HALL HIRE FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue to hold your child's birthday party? Did you know that we hire out our school hall?

You can hire the school hall, kitchen, community hall, toilets & car park for £25 per hour.

If you are looking to hold an outside party you can hire the field, toilets and car park for £10 an hour.

Please note we only hire the hall out during term time.

If you would like further details please come and speak to us in the School office.



Attendance Figures (%) Monday 12th to Friday 16th October

Our **school expectation for attendance each week is 96%** to support the children's education, routine building and developing relationships.

Well done to Reception A and Classes 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation. **We also made the whole school target!**

Nursery	93.15
Reception A	99.63
Reception B	93.87
Class 1	92.59
Class 2	98.35
Class 3	97.78
Class 4	95.4
Class 5	97.31
Class 6	96.93
Class 7	94.18
Class 8	92.27
Class 9	93.89
Class 10	99.26
Class 11	96.83
Class 12	96.55
School Total	96.02

Main School

- 8:35am – doors open
- 8:40am – learning Starts
- 3:15pm – learning ends and doors open
- 4:00pm – teacher led after school clubs' end

Reception

- 8:40am – doors open
- 8:45am – learning starts
- 3:05pm – Learning ends and doors open

Nursery

- 8:30am – doors open for AM nursery/8:50am for all day nursery
- 11.30am – AM nursery ends
- 3pm – PM nursery ends
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Please note that anyone collecting your child must be aged 16 or over

Weekly Awards

Hot Chocolate Friday with the Head

Children who have displayed exemplary attitudes to learning and behaviour are invited to have a hot chocolate with Head on a Friday. This week's attendees were:

- Reception: Emma and Indie
- Year 1: Thea and Ava
- Year 2: Chester and Henry
- Year 3: Thea and Emmie
- Year 4: Gabriel and Lydia
- Year 5: Elsa and Nancy
- Year 6: Eadie and Goncalo

Well Done to all!

Reading

Children who have read three times a week are entered into a reading raffle, where they can choose a book from the vending machine.

- ❖ Reception: Louis
- ❖ Key Stage 1: Oscar
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Tino
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: David

Keep Reading!

Times Tables Rockstars Winners

This week's winners were the children who have played the most minutes up until today's date:

- Year 6 - 1st Goncalo / 2nd Erin M / 3rd Imogen H
- Year 5 - 1st David F / 2nd Katie A / 3rd Luna
- Year 4 - 1st Malaika / 2nd Max H / 3rd Sophia
- Year 3 - 1st Ralph / 2nd Elspeth / 3rd Jess

Dates for the Diary

21st October - 2.30pm Y6 Sharing Assembly

26th - 30th October - Half Term

2nd November - INSET and Parents Meetings

4th November - 2.30pm Y1 Sharing Assembly

11th November - 2.30pm Y4 Sharing Assembly

13th November - Children in Need

16th November - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying Week and Early Years Open Evening for September 2027.

18th November - 2.30pm Y2 Sharing Assembly

25th November - 2.30pm Y3 Sharing Assembly

2nd December - 2pm KS1 Production

3rd December - 9.30am KS1 Production

5th December - Christmas Fayre

8th December - 9.30am Reception Nativity

10th December - 9.30am Reception Nativity

15th December - 10am Nursery Carols and Cake

18th December - Close for Christmas holidays at 2pm

5th January 2027 - Return to School

Harvest appeal



****No pasta or cereals are needed****

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 150 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned puddings

Jam or peanut butter

Tinned soup

Hygiene products

info@bicester.foodbank.org.uk
www.bicester.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1132169)





FARM & FOREST HOLIDAY CLUB

@ WARRINER SCHOOL FARM

AUTUMN
HOLIDAY
CLUB

26TH - 28TH
OCTOBER

- Wild crafts
- Den building
- Campfire cookouts
- Meet the animals
- Tree climbing
- Rope swing
- & More!

9am to 4pm

half day sessions available

MON: KIDS (AGE 6-8)
TUES: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)
WED: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)

Email farm@warriner.oxon.sch.uk





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Thurs: 7.30-8.30pm

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2027

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and up to **1,000** words for children.

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be published as an ebook for library
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ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER
CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

Adults: 18+
YA: 12-17
Children: 7-11

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Bure Park Primary School

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FOUNDATION STAGE

OPEN EVENINGS

FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Come and meet the early years team and see
our fantastic learning environment

Each session will start promptly with a
presentation in the school hall, followed by a
tour around the school

Monday 19th October 5pm

Monday 16th November 4pm

To book a place please complete the form on the
school website



Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2026

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 14th September 2026 7-9pm Or Friday 13th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person	Understanding Schemas Exploring patterns of play, understanding why children use schemas and how to support their play and learning Wednesday 16th September 2026 Online – via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 29th September 2026 10-11.30am Or Thursday 19th November 2026 7 - 8.30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Wednesday 30th September 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Introduction to supporting children with Down Syndrome Understanding the needs of children with Down Syndrome and strategies to support them Friday 2nd October 2026 9:30am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Introduction to Signalong Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs, supporting the development of speaking and understanding. This course will introduce you to the Signalong and you will learn some everyday signs that you can use in your home or school/setting. This course is designed for beginners and those who may wish to attend the Signalong Foundation Course later in the Autumn term.

	Monday 5th October 2026 9:30-11:30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Friday 9th October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Thursday 15th October 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Friday 23rd October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary Friday 6th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support Monday 9th November 2026 7 – 8:30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks) 9am-12pm Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person

Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children	Understanding AuDHD Supporting children who have a dual
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Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Thursday 12th November 2026 9.30 am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 25th November 2026 10 – 11:30am Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person
All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Thursday 26th November 2026 9.30am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 3rd December 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Friday 4th December 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s

What's the Rush?

Yiting Lee



Storytime and Drawing with Yiting Lee!

Join author-illustrator Yiting Lee for a fun reading of her book 'What's the Rush?' followed by an interactive draw-along session for kids!

Free event -
please
register at the
front desk.

Taking place on:

Saturday 24th October

11am-12pm



VISITORS

Are you parked in our car park?

**Please note the gates will be closed
with restricted access between:**

8.30am – 9.15am

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Vehicle movement is restricted



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WE HAVE HAD NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINING**