

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2026



Today marks the end of term 1, and what an exciting term we have had. Year 4 have started swimming, we had our annual cross country event, school photos, Year 6 went on residential to Woodlands, Year 5 and Year 6 have had their termly sharing assemblies and our nursery and reception children have started their school journeys with us. This is just a snapshot of what opportunities the children have had in the last eight weeks. The children have settled in so well and gained some fantastic knowledge and skills through a range of topics.

Many thanks to all the children, staff and Buddies volunteers who made last week's Halloween Disco a big success - we managed to raise £844. The uniform sale yesterday raised £306. More information about upcoming Buddies events and what the money will be spent on are listed later on in the newsletter.

We had a special celebration assembly today which included a performance from my Handbell club, as well as finding out the winning house for this term. In 4th place was Oak with 972 points, 3rd place was Willow with 975 points, 2nd place was Lime with 987 points and 1st place went to Beech with 1002 points. It was very close and the school council have decided that Beech house will be allowed to wear Mufti as their reward on the first Friday back.

It was lovely to welcome so many new families to our EYFS open evening on Monday for September 2027. Our next open evening is on 16th November at 4pm. Please go to our website to book a space.

On the 2nd November the school will be open for parents appointments and the children return to their learning on 3rd November.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes

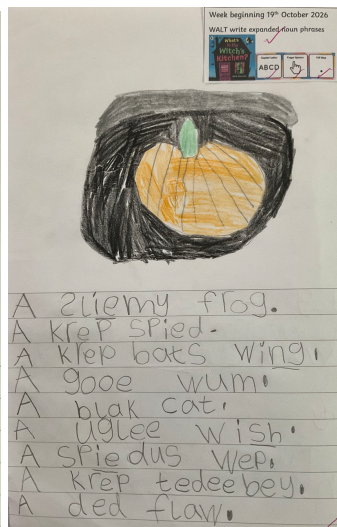
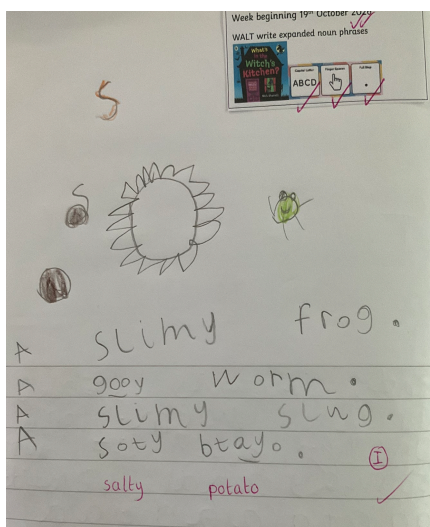
Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Focus on Year One

This week we followed on from our work monitoring the weather, and became scientists looking for the signs of autumn. We went on a walk exploring the grounds to see what we could find. We saw cobwebs, lots of colourful leaves on the ground and a squirrel looking for food.

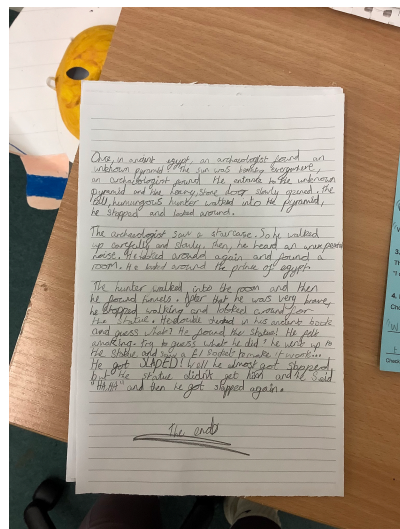
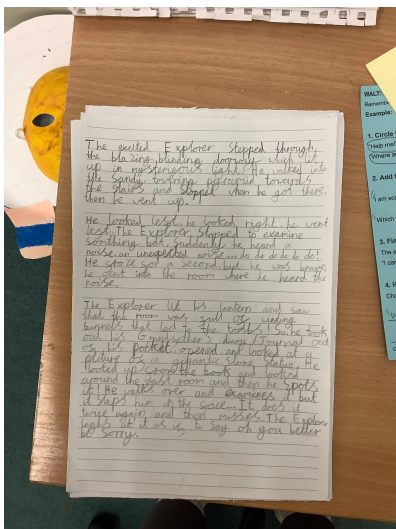
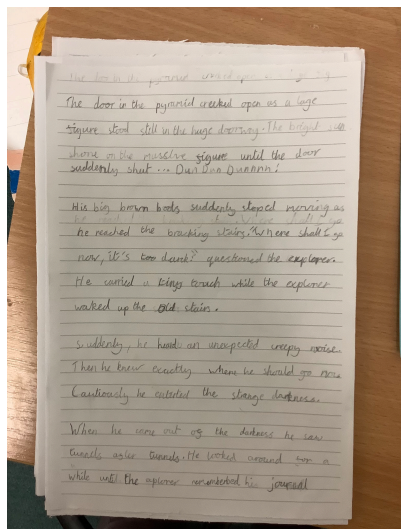
In English we have been making some spooky potion recipes. We have been working hard on combining adjectives and nouns to make our writing more interesting.



Year 4 Newsletter

We are incredibly proud of Year 4 this week! The children have worked so hard throughout our final week of term and have shown fantastic enthusiasm and dedication to their learning.

In English, we have been drafting and publishing story openings filled with suspense. The children's writing has been fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see them confidently applying all the techniques we have been learning over the past few weeks to engage their readers and build excitement.



In Science, we have been exploring teeth! The children enjoyed using clay to create models of different types of teeth and learning about the teeth of various animals, including how they are adapted to suit their diets and what they use them for.



Harvest Donations

Many thanks to all the families who have donated to the food bank as a part of our Harvest appeal this year. This will be used to support many families in need around Bicester. Here is a photograph of our school councillors with the donations.





Amazing Harvest!

Bure Park Primary School

Thank you for collecting 75.05g in harvest donations to support the work of Bicester Foodbank.

Your support will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in financial hardship.

Alison Drake
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1132189.

Please note that the weight was **75.05KG** not 75.05g

Makaton Sign of the Week



Sign of the Week

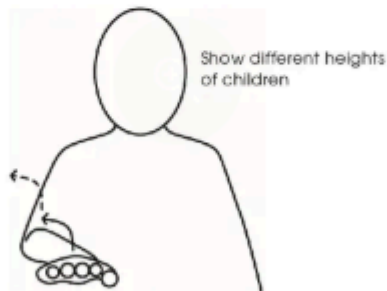
19th – 25th October 2026

This week's sign is '**Children**'!

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



Children



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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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Buddies News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Halloween discos. We raised a fantastic £844, what a result! Our highest amount raised from a disco yet.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the uniform sale yesterday, raising about £260 (we're still finalising the exact figures). If you have any spare second hand PE T-shirts do send them in as we have very low supplies of them.

We held our regular monthly Buddies meeting on Monday evening and agreed to give £500 to the school to fund active learning opportunities for pupils on the SEN register. We also agreed to aim to fund a new trolley of iPads for the children in the short term, while keeping a new outdoor learning lodge as a long term funding goal.

We're busy planning the Christmas fayre. If you are a small business owner and would like to hire a stall, please email bureparkpta@gmail.com.

We're also interested in anyone who has connections in the shed or portable air con unit industries - we'd love to get quotes for both to see whether or not we could help fund them for the school. So do get in touch on the email above if you can help.

Here's a few other dates for your diary:

- Buddies meeting at Bure Farm pub: Monday, 9th November, 8pm
- Mufti day for chocolate: Friday 27th November
- Mufti day for bottles: Friday 4th December
- Christmas fayre: Saturday, 5th December - 11am to 2pm
- Comedy night: Friday, 5th March, 2027
- Circus: Wednesday, 19th May 2027



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 19th to Friday 23rd October

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

Well done to classes 2, 3, 4, 10 and 12 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

Nursery	90.05
Reception A	95.56
Reception B	93.49
Class 1	90.12
Class 2	97.53
Class 3	98.15
Class 4	96.17
Class 5	91.95
Class 6	91.95
Class 7	88.83
Class 8	93.72
Class 9	91.67
Class 10	98.69
Class 11	92.06
Class 12	96.55
School Total	93.8

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: Tyler and Freddie
- Year 1: Archie and Codie
- Year 2: Chester and Sophie
- Year 3: Max and Ivy
- Year 4: Ryan and Harry
- Year 5: Melissa and Craig
- Year 6: Harry and Molly

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: Emma
- ❖ Key Stage 1: Kuba
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Aaryan
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: Wayde

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 Margaux / 2nd Arni / 3rd Reuben
- Year 5 - 1st Luna / 2nd Kyri / 3rd Joanna
- Year 4 - 1st Ryan / 2nd Ivy W / 3rd Max H
- Year 3 - 1st Paul / 2nd Maximus / 3rd Neve

Dates for the Diary

26th - 30th October - Half Term

2nd November - INSET and Parents Meetings

11th November - 2.30pm Y4 Sharing Assembly

12th November - 2.30pm Y1 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



KRAZY KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VACANCY: Play Worker

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday PM 2.45 – 6.15pm

Wednesday 07.15 – 08.45am

Plus ad hoc cover as needed.

TERM TIME ONLY - EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BUT NOT ESSENTIAL

START DATE: Immediate

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR BY EMAILING

KRAZYKIDS@BUREPARKPRIMARY.ORG

Closing date: Friday 23rd October

Interview dates – To be confirmed

OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'We are With You' is a welcoming, parent-led group for anyone caring for children and young people (up to the age of 18) facing mental health challenges.

Find a safe space to connect, ask questions, and share experiences at your comfort level. Learn from insightful discussion on topics that matter to you.

Connect with others through our popular in-person wellbeing walks. We also offer online, topic-based webinars via Microsoft Teams, with follow-up Q&A sessions to provide additional support and discussion.

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming space, provided by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals
- Guest speakers

To register follow the link or QR code:

<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/www/>



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PROJECT YOGA OXON

JOIN OUR YOGA COMMUNITY

MOVE. BREATHE. CONNECT.



**BEGINNERS
WELCOME!**



Bure Park School
Mon: 6.45-7.45pm
Thurs: 7.30-8.30pm

✉ projectyogaoxon@gmail.com

**Improve
strength and
flexibility,
reduce stress
and calm that
active mind!**



Call Sam 07970 410806 / Amanda 07595 772003



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The Mill Arts Centre Presents:

[Littlest Yak](#)

About the Event

Please note, this show takes place in Bicester at our pop-up theatre space in Bicester Leisure Centre (Queens Avenue, OX26 2NR) from 21st to 24th December 2026.

This musical adaptation of the award winning children's book by Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley will delight audiences young and old with beautiful puppets, catchy tunes and an uplifting tale of self acceptance for all the family.

Gertie is great at being THE LITTLEST YAK, with the CURLIEST, WHIRLIEST wool and the GRIPPIEST of hooves for clip clopping up cliffs. Only, Gertie doesn't want to be the littlest. She's in a rush to grow up and be just like THE BIG YAKS. But what if there are some things that only a GERTIE can do?

A gorgeous story celebrating YOU being perfect...just the way you are!

LAS theatre brings The Littlest Yak to the stage in spectacular fashion. Join them for a dazzling adventure, into the heart of the Himalayas.

Nominated for a YAKTASTIC 4 Off WestEnd Awards!

Group discount: Tickets only £15 when booking 4 or more!

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SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2027

Up to **3,000** words for adults & young adults
and up to **1,000** words for children.

The winning story in each category will
be published as an ebook for library
members to borrow!

ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER
CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

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

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**



Bure Park Primary School

Learning, Caring, Sharing, Growing



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

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



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE BLIND BEND BY THE SCHOOL AS
WE HAVE HAD NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINING**