Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

13th November 2026

The week started with the arrival of Kings and Queens into Year 1 as they began a topic on Queen Elizabeth II and ended with Bure Park's Got Talent, with a side of Gaelic football in between - It has been an interesting week at Bure Park!

Many thanks to all the children who bravely entered Bure Park's Got Talent organised by the School Council today. It was amazing to see an array of talent and this was enjoyed by all the children and staff. Many thanks to Mrs Cowell and the School Council for organising this inaugural event. Thanks also to all the parents and families who have kindly donated to Children in Need. If you would still like to donate - please use the following link.

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/default

It was lovely to see our Year 4 and Year 1 children share their learning in sharing assemblies this week. Many thanks to all the families who attended this. The children spoke really clearly and with passion about their learning. They really embodied the school's motto to be the best they can be.

Next week it is Anti-Bullying Week and we have odd socks day on Monday. Children need to wear normal school uniform and odd socks - there is no donation required as this is to raise awareness. On Wednesday Key Stage 2 are going to the cinema in the morning and Year 2 have their sharing assembly in the afternoon.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Year 6 - Gaelic Football

Over the course of the year, we are hoping to invite all Year 6 pupils to a festival that will explore a 'new' sport. The first festival that took place this week was Gaelic Football. Mr Brown, from Cooper School, came to deliver this in school with a group of pupils. We hope that they enjoyed the session and learned something new. As always, they were a credit to themselves and our school and should be very proud of themselves.





Focus on Reception

Reception has had a very busy week of learning. At the start of the week each child came to school with their own toy from home. They told the rest of the class about their toy and why it is special to them. Everyone did really well sharing in front of the whole class. Well done Reception.

We have also had a special picnic with some teddies from our classroom in the learning lodge on the school playground. Sadly we accidentally left behind one of our teddies, however everyone was able to draw their own map that we used to retrace our steps and reunite with the teddy. Our detailed maps were very helpful for us!

At the start of the week we also found out about the festival of Diwali. Everyone had the opportunity to create their own rangoli pattern just like some people have in their homes. We also learnt the story of Diwali and how people celebrate the festival of light.





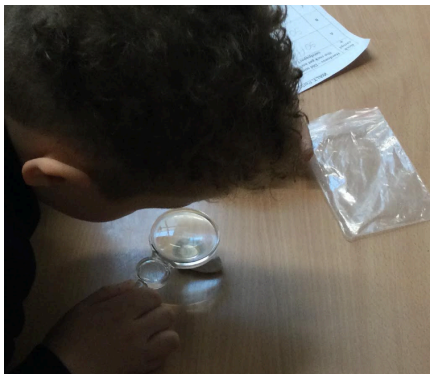


Focus on Year 3

The children have really engaged with our Science topic of rocks this term. They have thoroughly enjoyed investigating and trying to name the 3 different types of rock - igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. Each child has had the chance to try and make a trace fossil with some play dough.

We have also been using Word on the laptops this week. Your children have been brilliant at using various different functions to change and alter text. These have included changing the font type, colour and size. Pupils have also been using the shift key to add special characters to sentences as well as using spell check to improve errors in a piece of text.

In PE we have also had our first session of Drumba in the hall. The children are beginning to learn the different moves and instructions.







WALT: change the look of text

Children in need is this Friday. We have our own choice afternoon. Their will be a talent show. I am looking forward to it.

Thea and Raphael

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign of the Week

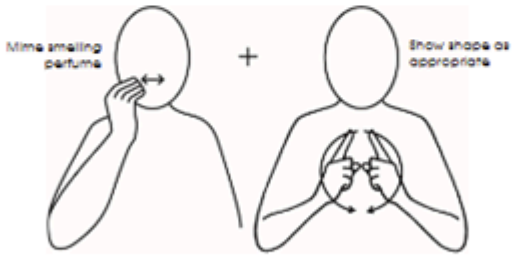
9th – 15th November 2026

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

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



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Wreath

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

The Christmas Fayre is only three weeks away!

We have two mufti days in the run up to the fayre (for donations of chocolate on Friday 27th Nov and donations of bottles on Friday 4th Dec). We'll also be looking for donations of toys, books and teddies in the week before the fayre so please do have a look to see what you can give.

Our volunteer sign up sheet is now live - https://volunteersignup.org/A7J34

Please do put your name down as the fayre can't go ahead without everyone's support. We really do appreciate the help.

We're still on the lookout for extra stalls. If you are a small business owner or hobbyist and would like to hire a stall at the fayre, please email bureparkpta@gmail.com.

And we'll also be sending round details of our Santa's grotto very soon!

Tickets for the Lone Wolf comedy night in March are now on sale. They are £15 each. The last one was a sell-out so get in early and book yours here:

https://lonewolfcomedy.co.uk/show/https-wegottickets-com-f-31122/

We're also still 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:

- 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

LONE WOLF

COMEDY NIGHT

In association with Bure Park Primary School

Bicester

Friday 5th March



Rachel Fairburn

"Live At The Apollo"



Andrew Bird

"Michael McIntyre Tour Support"



Steve Williams

"Russell Howard Tour Support"

Doors open 7pm

Show start 8pm

Tickets £15

FOR TICKETS

92 Lucerne Ave, Bicester OX26 3BP

Act Subject to Change

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 9th to Friday 13th November

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

Well done to Reception B and Classes 1,2,3,5,6,8 and 10 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

Nursery	94.01
Reception A	92.59
Reception B	97.04
Class 1	96.3
Class 2	99.18
Class 3	96.3
Class 4	93.49
Class 5	99.2
Class 6	98.85
Class 7	90.06
Class 8	96.12
Class 9	92.22
Class 10	96.08
Class 11	95.24
Class 12	94.25
School Total	**95.78**

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: Imogen and Daniel
- Year 1:Theo and Rose
- Year 2: Emma and Jacob
- Year 3: Sophie and Juan
- Year 4: Thomas and Max
- Year 5: Kejsi and Alfie
- Year 6: Issy and Leo C

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: Millie
- Key Stage 1: Betty
- Lower Key Stage 2: Elspeth
- Upper Key Stage 2:Hannah

Keep Reading!

Times Tables Rockstars Winners

This week's winners are those with the biggest improvement in accuracy over the last week. Congratulations!

Year 6 - 1st Margaux / 2nd Molly C / 3rd Goncalo

Year 5 - 1st Hannah M / 2nd Pragati / 3rd Luca

Year 4 - 1st Bella / 2nd Dylan /3rd Riley

Year 3 - 1st Meredith /2nd Max C /3rd Neve

Year 2 - 1st Louise /2nd Lourenco /3rd Aubrey

Dates for the Diary

16th November - Early Years Open Evening for September 2027 - 4pm

- Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying Week

18th November - KS2 Cinema Trip

-2.30pm Y2 Sharing Assembly

24th November - Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop

25th November - Year 4 Atomic Tom

- 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 B Nativity

10th December - 9.30am Reception A Nativity

15th December - 10am Nursery Carols and Cake

16th December - Christmas School Dinner

- Christmas Jumper Day

- Santa Fun Run

17th December - Christmas Parties

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

NODA

Launton Village Players present their 40th pantomime

LAUNTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

PUSS IN BOOTS

A traditional family pantomime

Written and directed by Julia West
Music by Steve Webber and Ash Foster

Wed 17th to Sat 20th Feb 2027

*Relaxed Performance Thursday at 10:30am

Date	Performance Times			Adult (18+)	Child (1-17)
Weds 17th Feb			7:30pm	£12	£7
Thurs 18th Feb	10:30am*	2:30pm		£12	£7
Fri 19th Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8
Sat 20th Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8

Cooper School Performance Hall, Bicester, OX26 4RS

Tickets available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp
(or call 07864 715708 for assistance)



Family Discounts available for all shows!

Scan here for tickets!

Book by 30th November and use the code EARLYBIRD to save 10%

All profits donated to the Fire Fighters Charity

www.launtonvillageplayers.org.uk



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Brackley Town FC

Our next batch of school clubs are available to book. The link to book is below:

After School Football Clubs - Brackley Town FC Player Development Centre

Andy Thompson

Head of Player Development Center

Brackley Town FC

The Mill Arts Centre Presents:

Magical performances in Bicester!

This festive season, families in Bicester are in for a treat as both **The Littlest Yak** and **The Nutcracker** come to life on stage at **Bicester Leisure Centre**!

The Littlest Yak
A musical adaptation of the book by Lu Fraser & Kate Hindley, featuring beautiful puppets, catchy tunes and an uplifting tale of self-acceptance will enchant audiences of all ages.
21st - 24th December
Tickets from £15

The Nutcracker
A sparkling show from the Let's All Dance Ballet Company filled with fabulous dancing, beautiful music and stunning costumes.
27th & 28th December
Tickets from £15



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