Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

20th November 2026

Key Stage Two had a fantastic time on Wednesday as they all went to cinema to watch Flow or The Spongebob movie. This was a part of the Into film festival and was completely free of charge to our children. Many thanks to Mrs Colquhoun and Mrs Lewis for organising this event for the children. The children in Years 3 to 6 also attended at T1 Rugby Festival and played St Edburgs in football matches. The children represented the school brilliantly - Well Done! We also had our penultimate sharing assembly of the term with Year 2 sharing their learning. It was fantastic to see them all speak so clearly and be proud to share what they have learned this term. Their musical contributions were excellent. Next week is Year 3s turn.

Christmas is just around the corner and we have another four weeks in school. You will have received information of how to get tickets for the Reception and KS1 productions - we are trialling a new system of on-line booking this year. If you have any issues, please contact the school office. We have our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December and we are looking for volunteers to run stalls - please see the link in the Buddies section of the newsletter for more information.

We had another twenty nine families visit us for the second of our EYFS open days for September 2026 on Monday. Applications for Reception are now open and parents have until 15th January to make their choices. If your child is currently in our Nursery, this does not automatically mean you have a place in our Reception cohort and you must apply through the Local Authority using the following link:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications

If you would like either a 15 hour or 30 Nursery space for September 2027 please apply using the form on our website or complete a paper copy available in the school office.

Many thanks to the five parents who have put themselves forward for the two available Parent Governor roles: Lorette Vidler, Alberto Spitilli, Leyla Kizilcay, Poly Frangou and Ana- Maria Manoila. The vote opened on the 18th November and will close at 3.30pm on the 25th November. Each parent is allowed two votes, please put completed votes into the ballot box in Reception.

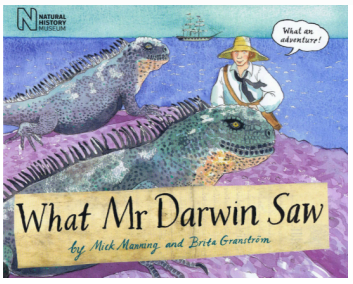
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

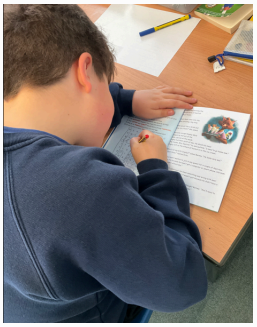
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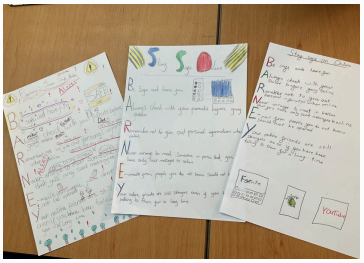
Head Teacher

Focus on Year 6



Since returning from half term, Year 6 have been busy exploring the fascinating life and work of Charles Darwin. We have been reading *What Mr Darwin Saw*, which has introduced us to his life and groundbreaking discoveries. Inspired by our reading, the children have carried out further research into the Galápagos Islands, discovering why these unique islands played such an important role in shaping Darwin's theories about the natural world. We have just begun to plan and write a non-chronological report about the Galapagos Islands before we embark on creating a biography about the life and times of Charles Darwin.

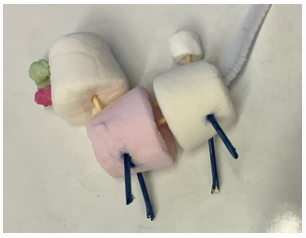


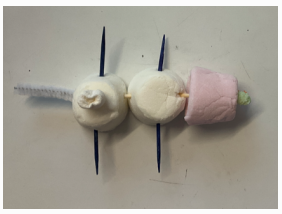


In Computing, we were delighted to take part in the **Barney and Echo project**, which provided every child with a storybook to help develop their understanding of internet safety. Through engaging activities, the children explored different online scenarios, took part in interactive games and investigated the Thinkuknow website. They learned about potential online risks and how to make sensible, informed choices when using the internet. We feel that everyone has gained valuable knowledge and skills to help them stay safe and confident in the digital world!

In Science, we are learning about genetics and how offspring are similar but not identical to their parents. We used a "genetic code" from each parent Rebop and created an offspring taking half the DNA from each parent.

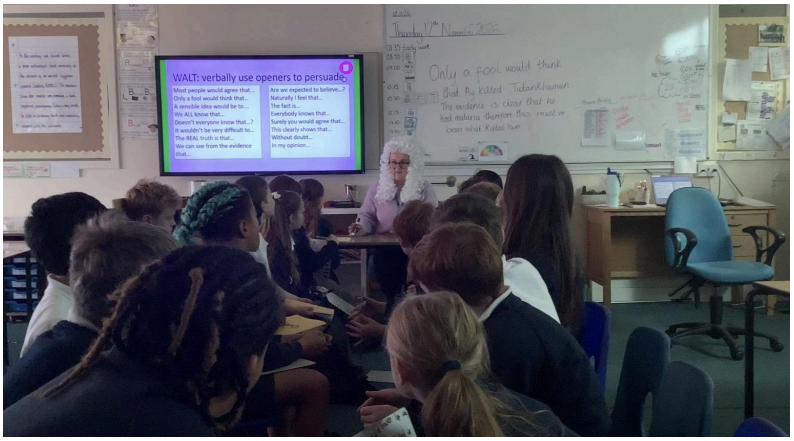
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Nose	**NN** = red nose	**Nn** = orange nose	**nn** = yellow nose
Legs	**LL** = blue legs	**Ll** = blue legs	**ll** = red legs
Sex	**XX** = female	**XY** = male	
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Humps	**HH** = 1 hump	**Hh** = 1 hump	**hh** = 3 humps

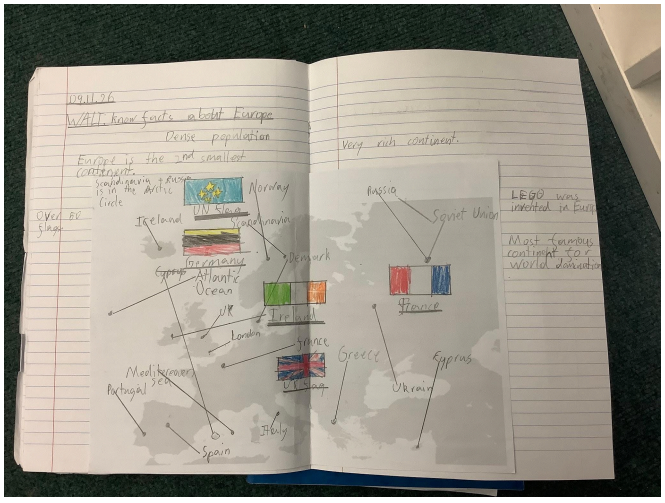


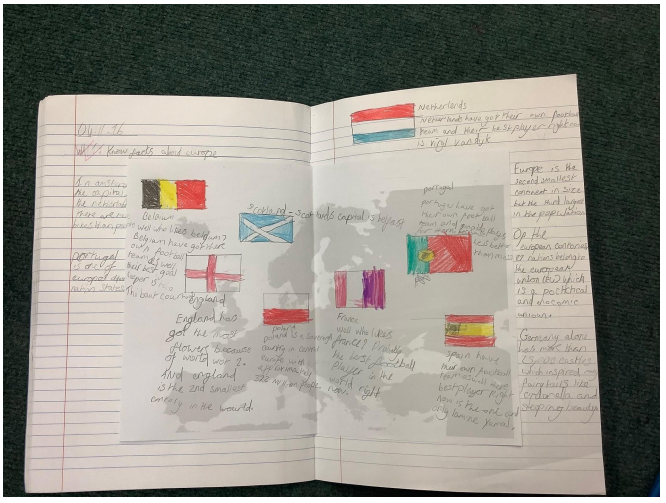


Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic week, working incredibly hard and showing great enthusiasm in their learning! In English, we have been diving into our persuasive writing unit, exploring emotive language, subordinating conjunctions and powerful persuasive openers. We even held our very own courtroom trial to investigate the mysterious death of Tutankhamun, where the children put their persuasive skills to the test. It was a brilliant experience and lots of fun! In Geography, we have been busy locating different countries across Europe and using Google Earth to explore some of our favourite places. It has been a wonderful week filled with curiosity, creativity and fantastic learning. Well done, Year 4!







Football Match Reports

Girl's Team St Edburg's vs Bure Park by Faye and Rosie

The match started as a struggle. In the first half, St Edburg's quickly scored a whopping two goals although we kept our heads up. Ten minutes in, we had a substitute -Rosie for Bay. She comes in and clears the ball so the goalkeeper (Faye) did not have to worry at all.

At half time, we huddled up as a team and spoke about what we could improve and what we did well.

In the second half, we really started to push. When Ruby scored a goal, the crowd went wild! Melissa started to cross the ball into the box. Luna made some great passes to Ruby. A few minutes later, Rosie made an assist to Ruby and she scored an unbelievable goal for us. At this point, it was neck and neck with a score of 2 all. Then all of a sudden, the ball came to a position where it was an opportunity for St Edburg's, but Faye made a cracking save and booted the ball across the pitch.

Out of nowhere, we had Rosie on the ball running up the pitch with a great chance of scoring but she missed but we did not change our mindset!

In an intense minute, St Edburg's scored a thrilling goal and the score was unfortunately 3-2. With less than 15 seconds left, the Bure Park team tried as hard as they could but the ref blew the final whistle.

We learned that we work well as a team and if we are in a good position on the goal we just have to take it.

Final Score: St Edburg's 3 – 2 Bure Park

Boy's Team St Edburg's vs Bure Park by Noah, Goncalo and Jayden

We struggled in the first 20 minutes. Later on, we dominated in possession and before we knew, Archie scored a solo goal. Noah, who got fouled so much, scored a bottom corner goal. In the midfield, Jayden did an excellent tackle on number 11, which could have gone terribly wrong, but the referee allowed it. Minutes later, Goncalo, who was our goalkeeper, did a save that sent the crowd wild – it was between his legs! Everyone called it a superman save. Seconds later, Tobi sprinted with the ball past all the defenders and boxed it in the box to Marcus, who scored the winning goal.

Final Score: St Edburg's 0 – 3 Bure Park

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign of the Week

16th – 22nd November 2026

This week's sign is '**To Cook (1)**'!

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



To Cook (1)



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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

Just two weeks to go until the Christmas Fayre!

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

We still have quite a lot of gaps for volunteers, so please do put your name down as the fayre can't go ahead without everyone's support. We really do appreciate the help. The choir will be performing between 12pm and 12.30pm, so do volunteer for a different slot if your child is performing.

Raffle tickets have been sent home today and we have some great prizes (see below) so do make sure you're in with a chance of winning.

And don't forget to book your Santa's grotto tickets here**:** https://www.trybooking.com/uk/128471
It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a festive story with Miss Moon, meet Santa and receive a special Christmas gift. Spaces are limited, and tickets cost £5 per child.
We're also 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.

We also still have a few of the Class Fundraising Christmas design orders still to collect in the school office. If you ordered after November 6th these haven't arrived yet but will do before the end of term.

And finally, 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/

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

Raffle prizes include:

Happy's Circus: free tickets for the big top show at Bure Park
Gravitee Golf: 4 players to play 18 holes of Adventure Golf
Science Oxford Centre:4x Family Day Single Tickets
Noughts & Nibbles: Board game and voucher
Flow Pilates: Complimentary class

Stonor Park and Gardens: Family Ticket to Tumblestone Hollow
Garth Park Kitchen: x2 Sunday Roast and a Glass of wine
Bicester Ottolenghi: £75 voucher
Littlebury Hotel: Voucher for Sunday lunch
Apollo Service and Repairs: Fully stamped card for MOT or £50 off a service
Dance fitness: 1 free course for either adults or childrens classes
Mizo: £25 voucher

Huge thanks to all the local businesses who have kindly donated.



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 16th to Friday 20th November

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

Well done to Classes 3, 4, 5, and 6 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

Nursery	88.48
Reception A	87.98
Reception B	92.59
Class 1	93.42
Class 2	95.87
Class 3	97.04
Class 4	96.55
Class 5	99.6
Class 6	97.32
Class 7	93.12
Class 8	95.65
Class 9	93.33
Class 10	91.5
Class 11	89.29
Class 12	92.72
School Total	**94.42**

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

Please note that doors to classrooms and the gate shut PROMPTLY at 8.40am

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: Hadriel and Alfie
- Year 1: Jiyan and Nico
- Year 2: Finley and Millie
- Year 3: Elspeth and Neve
- Year 4: Alexis and Sophia
- Year 5: Luca and Hannah
- Year 6: Owen and Tabytha

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: Elodie
- Key Stage 1: Elodie
- Lower Key Stage 2: Finn
- Upper Key Stage 2: Isla

Keep Reading!

Times Tables Rockstars & NumBots Winners

This week's winners are those with the highest accuracy score over the last week. Congratulations!

Year 6 - 1st Arni / 2nd Reuben / 3rd Luca M

Year 5 - 1st Elsa / 2nd Kyri / 3rd Florence

Year 4 - 1st Malaika / 2nd Ryan /3rd Harriet

Year 3 - 1st Paul /2nd Maximus /3rd Neve

Year 2 - 1st Beth /2nd Mattia /3rd Finley

Year 1 who have also started using NumBots with great enthusiasm! The following children have shown the biggest improvement in accuracy this week:

Year 1 - 1st Nicolas H /2nd Rose L /3rd Arian

Dates for the Diary

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

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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



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



Christmas at Blenheim Palace

The offer is running from next Monday until 30th Nov on certain slots.

Experience	Discount	Eligible sessions
Christmas Trail	25%	After 6.30pm on selected dates, plus all January sessions
Inside the Palace	25%	After 5pm on selected dates

Eligible dates and timeslots shown when link clicked

Palace: https://premier.ticketek.co.uk/shows/show.aspx?sh=BFBLENPAL

Trail: https://premier.ticketek.co.uk/shows/show.aspx?sh=BFBLENTRAI

TERMS & CONDITIONS

25% off selected sessions. Booking fees apply. Online bookings only, 23–30 November 2026. Subject to availability. T&Cs apply.

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