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## Diary Dates

**08 Dec - Xmas Fair**  
**11 Dec - Y4 Ancient Greek Day**  
**12 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school**  
 (for parent/carers/young siblings)  
**13 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school**  
 (for parent/carers only)  
**14 Dec - KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm at school**  
 (for parent/carers only)  
**15 Dec- Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Christmas Dinner**  
**Messy Christmas Day**  
**19 Dec - KS2 Carol Concert, 6pm at**  
**St.Boniface Church**  
**21 Dec - Xmas Parties, during school**  
**22 Dec - INSET Day**  
**25 Dec - 05 Jan - XMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**8th Jan - Return to School**  
**30 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**31 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**

## FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY


Event	Date
Cake Sale (BLUE TEAM)	27.10.23
Pumpkin Party Disco	08.11.23
Quiz Night at Dysart	29.11.23
X Mas Fair	08.12.23
Cake Sale (YELLOW TEAM)	20.12.23

(formerly PTA)

Dear Parents and carers

I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the autumn term and Christmas festivities are in full swing within school. The tree is up in the hall, carols are echoing around the classrooms and the KS1 nativity costume box is open!

We very much look forward to seeing you at the listed events as we celebrate this very special time of year.

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
 <span style="float: right;">Countdown to CHRISTMAS</span>				
1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	5th December
Christmas/own clothes day in exchange for Christmas Fair. Donations. Reception/ Year 1 and Year 2 - chocolate/ sweets/ biscuits. Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 and Year 6 - wine/beer/bubble bath/ soft drinks - anything in a bottle		Christingle Service St Boniface Church 4pm		
6th December	7th December	8th December	11th December	12th December
		Friends of Bunbury Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 6.00pm		KS1 Nativity performance. Doors open at 1.30pm. 2 parents/carers/ grandparents per child per performance
13th December	14th December	15th December	18th December	19th December
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20th December	21st December	22nd December		
Take away Homework projects in. Parents can view projects from 3.30pm - 4.00pm in classrooms	Last Day of Term. Christmas Parties - own festive/party clothes. Father Christmas to visit school			

Last Sunday MS Charlesworth accompanied some of our Year 6 children to the Christingle service at St Boniface church. It was a wonderful start to the advent window and our Year 6 singers representing the school were fantastic ambassadors for Bunbury Aldersey.

Next week we will be treated to our KS1 nativity performance "Hey Ewe". This is always a magical performance by our younger pupils and something I know we all really look forward to watching.

Although we are not ticketing entry to the 3 performances we ask that you respect our request for only 2 adults per child per performance so that the hall is not over crowded and everyone can see the children perform. This will enable all to see and enjoy this very special performance.



During the final week of term our KS2 children will participate in our KS2 Carol Concert at St Boniface church on Tuesday 19th December at 6pm. We expect all the children to attend the service as each class will be taking part and we invite parents, carers and grandparents to join us for our Christmas service.

We always take on feedback at school where appropriate and as a result of requests made a parent council we have two communal carols within our service. We ask that you stand to join us for Once in Royal Davids City ( first verse to be sung by choir) and our final hymn Joy to the World. Words will be provided within our carol concert programme on the night.



Today we welcomed PCSO Sharon Jones into school to talk to our Year 6 children about using social media. As a school we deal with many incidents involving social media and the internet, many of which have taken place at home out of school hours.

With Christmas around the corner I am aware that some children may be receiving devices or phones. Whilst I cannot dictate at what age children receive such pieces of technology I would like to politely ask that any devices used by children have the highest level of filtering and security, are not used in bedrooms, bathrooms or personal spaces away from adults and are checked regularly for anything which may be or contain inappropriate content.

As a school we take internet safety extremely seriously and want to support and help educate parents with such a fast moving industry. Earlier this year we welcomed PC Andrew Cornall into school to lead a parent workshop on Keeping children safe online. We will be running this workshop again in the new year and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Further information will be shared regarding date and time shortly.

**ONLINE CONTENT**  
10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**  
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**  
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**  
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**  
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**  
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**  
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**  
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**  
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**  
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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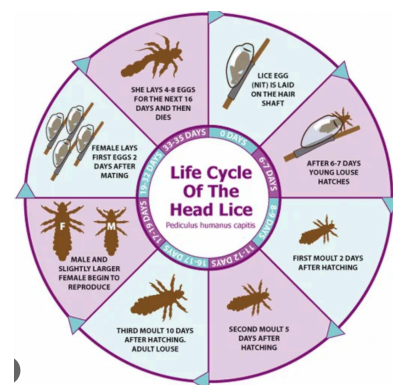
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The following website provides useful parent guides to a variety of APPs/ Programmes and websites.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides>

## Headlice

We are seeing an increase in children with headlice both boys and girls. We will always notify when we have been informed that there has been a case of headlice and we ask that you check hair thoroughly, check, re-treat if necessary and check. Headlice can be difficult to eradicate if not completely cleared during the first round of treatment. It is recommended that hair is checked at regular intervals during term time.





## Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. Whilst we understand that pupils will be absent from time to time due to illness; absence from school for other reasons should only be for exceptional circumstances. I have received an increase in the number of holiday absence requests for holidays. As a school we look at each request for leave from school on a case by case basis and absences in term time will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and maybe subject to a fine.

Where attendance falls below 90% for any pupil, we will contact you to discuss this and put in any additional support if needed. **We are now working with an attendance family support worker, Elisha Wollaston, across the trust to support families where absence may be persistent or below our threshold.** This is a supportive role and is focused on putting in support as and where needed.

Each academic year has 190 school days, this leaves 175 non-school days for family time, holidays, visits and non-urgent appointments. If a pupil is absent for just 1 day each term that equals 6 days or 39 hours a year of lost learning.

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for whole school is currently 96.66% which is 1.59% above the national figure and above other North West schools.

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters



### Let your Light Shine

I am always keen to hear about how our children Let their Light Shine out of school. Whether that be in dance, cycling or other sports as well as fundraising or taking part in community events.

Yesterday I was delighted to hear about Noah and Cassian who took part in the Santa Dash in Tarporley last week - well done boys for taking part and Cassian for coming in first.

## Mrs Badger's Weekly Awards

**We have now been awarding children with different Christian values for a while based on the half termly focus value. We will still be working on a half termly value within school and this term we will be focusing on : Compassion. Now that the children have a deeper understanding of our Christian Values we will be asking them to help choose a child from their class each week. This could be in recognition for any value we have been working on in school**

***We have not held our celebration assembly this morning due to Nativity rehearsals and preparation for tonights Xmas Fair. All awards will return next week***

I wish you all a lovely restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Nic Badger

## Pastoral Support

**WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"**

<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What's one thing that made you laugh today?	You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you eat your lunch?	<b>Try this:</b> → Who did you sit by at lunch today?	Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.
<b>Instead of:</b> Did you have a good day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What did you do that made someone smile today?	Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you learn at school?	<b>Try this:</b> → Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?	When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.
<b>Instead of:</b> What did you do today?	<b>Try this:</b> → I love hearing about your day.	Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.
<b>Instead of:</b> How was your day?	<b>Try this:</b> → What was easier today than yesterday?	Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.



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**DIY Nativity Service**

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# Carol Service

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER  
6.30PM

JOIN THE POP-UP CHRISTMAS CHOIR!  
REHEARSALS TAKE PLACE ON THE  
FIRST THREE SATURDAYS IN  
DECEMBER FROM 10.00AM TO  
12.00PM AT ST BONIFACE.  
COME AND JOIN US!

CONDUCTOR: MARCUS WILLIAMS



**TARPORLEY VICTORIA JFC**

# NEW TEAM

Under 10's

Tarporley Victoria JFC are looking to add one or two players to our new team.

This would be perfect for children new to football or someone who hasn't played in a team before.

We train on Tuesday 6pm-7pm with FA qualified coaches and play Saturday mornings in the Chester & District League.

Contact us: [tvjfc.clubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:tvjfc.clubsecretary@gmail.com)