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### Diary Dates

**12 Jan - Online Safety Workshop for parents, 9am**  
**23 Jan - World Faith Day: Hinduism**  
**24 Jan - Y5 Escape to Safety**  
**30 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**31 Jan - Y5 Bikeability**  
**02 Feb - NSPCC Number Day**  
**06 Feb - Safer Internet Day**  
**13 Feb - Y5 Chemistry with Cabbage**  
**13 Feb - PARENTS EVENING (in school)**  
**14 Feb - Takeaway homework due in**  
**14 Feb - Share the Learning (view takeaway homework in school, 3.30-4.30pm)**  
**15 Feb - PARENTS EVENING (online appointments)**  
**19 Feb - HALF TERM WEEK**  
**26 Feb - Return to School**  
**01 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**  
**04 Mar - Y1, Y3, Y6 Chester Zoo Trip**  
**05 Mar - Y6 Transition day**  
**08 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**  
**15 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)**  
**27 Mar - Takeaway homework due**  
**27 Mar - Share the Learning (view takeaway homework in school, 3.30-4.30pm)**  
**28 Mar - Easter Service 11am at St Boniface Church**  
**29 Mar - Good Friday**  
**01 Apr - EASTER HOLIDAYS**



Dear Parents and carers

Happy New Year!

A warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

It has been lovely to see everyone and settle back into routines, reconnecting with friends and embarking on exploring their new Connected Curriculum text. Below you can see the books for each year group which will form the foundations of their learning during Spring A. Each book makes links and connects to other curriculum areas as you will see from the documents on your child's class page and our curriculum tab on the school website.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/curriculum/57302>



This will you will also have received the homework letter outlining key dates and expectations around learning at home. In addition to the letter there are several attachments to support the rehearsal of spellings and times tables at home. We look forward to seeing your child's **Homework Journal** back in school on **Monday 12th February** with **Takeaway Homework projects to be shared in school on Wednesday 14th February**.

Parents and carers are also invited once again to **"Share the Learning"** after school **3.30pm-4.30pm** on **Wednesday 14th February** where Takeaway Homework projects will be on display around the classrooms for you to look at.

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2024

Please take note that our diary section on the newsletter has been added to with key dates for spring term 2024. This will continue to be updated through the term with any new dates added in **red**.

## Keeping your Child Safe Online Workshop

Today we welcomed PC Andrew Cornall to our "Keeping Your Child Safe Online workshop" which has been run now for the second time at school to support parents navigate the ever changing online world. It was an extremely interesting and informative presentation which offered parents the opportunity to learn about some of the current online trends, platforms and APPs to be aware of.

As a school we continue to see a rise in incidents which happen outside of school but are brought back into the classrooms where pupils have accessed inappropriate material, been involved in negative online messaging or are accessing sites and games which are intended for children much older than primary.

I am sure many children will have had devices and phones for Christmas and as a school we ask that the following guidance is followed to ensure safe internet use.



### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



sourced from NSPCC website October 2020



## Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. This week the Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign messages aims to primarily reach those parents and carers whose children are taking preventable odd days of absence – or “avoidable absence” – rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance, such as those with long term medical needs or special educational needs and disabilities.

The NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed	
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	89% or below Drastic effect on academic achievement
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	96% - 90% Cause for Concern
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons	100% - 97% Excellent!
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons	



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. Pupils are classed as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more of their school days, which is roughly one or more days every fortnight over the school year. **At present we are reviewing the attendance data for the autumn term. 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

#### School News....

We were also delighted to hear as we returned for the New Year that Mrs McShane and her husband are expecting their second baby this summer. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them both on this happy news and we look forward to welcoming Baby McShane number 2 in the near future.



#### Water bottles....

A lot of children have had Air Up bottles for Christmas which are a great way to encourage them to drink water. We have found a number of children sharing drinks this week to try out different flavours. We have spoken to the children about the sharing of drinks and please ask that you reinforce this at home by sharing the same message about sharing germs and illness.

## 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 : Courage. 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**

#### Christian Value Award

**YR** - Alice W for her generosity in helping others

**Y1** - Grayson for showing patience in the dinner hall

**Y2** - Rose for consistently showing all of our Christian Values

**Y3** - Ollie for showing bravery every day even when its difficult



- Y4** - Olivia for her courage tackling some tricky Maths this week!  
**Y5** - All of Year 5 for showing courage this week when Maths got tricky!  
**Y6** - Freddie for being a fantastic friend

### Headteachers Award

- YR** - Adrian for always listening and contributing and contributing ideas at story time  
**Y1** - Charlotte for being a great team leader in PE  
**Y2** - William for his brilliant reading work  
**Y3** - Ellie for going above and beyond in the school community  
**Y4** - Ada for her enthusiasm for all learning on our first week back!  
**Y5** - Carly for a fantastic first piece of writing and a great start to Year 5  
**Y6** - Jack for his hard work and brilliant attitude to learning



### Times Tables Awards

- Y4** - Henry & Isla  
**Y6** - Grace, Jacob W-M, Zach, Hugo, Oliver and Rose

### My Maths Awards *(for those who consistently completed their weekly tasks last half term)*

- Y1** - Theodore, Amelia, Alfie, Arabella  
**Y3** - JP, Harvey, George, Jack Morg. Lachlan, Finley, Ollie, Ruby, Edie, Aaron  
**Y4** - Mia, Ben, Isla, Charlie, Ezra, Alice, Theo, Freya, Frankie, Ruby, Primrose, Ada, Chloe, Marcie, Molly  
**Y6** - Zac, Isabelle, Corey, Freddie, Jack, Seb, Rose, Oliver, Alexa



### PE Award

This week PE award goes to **George in Year 1** for giving 100% in his PE lessons

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning. Please remember gates will shut promptly at 8.45am

Nic Badger





2024

# GREAT WINTER GET TOGETHER

**Bunbury Village partners ALIVE & Early Birds invite everyone to an afternoon treat**

**A family event with fun things to do and learn for those young and young at heart**

**Find out about what is being developed to support the village**

**Have your say what you think needs to improve to support both our elderly and our young families**



**Saturday 20th January  
1pm - 3.30pm  
Bunbury Pavillion**

**for more details contact  
Pat Blackwood on  
01829 261526**



**"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

HM Government

Head to the NHS website to find out more.

# IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

*yes*

*until...*

**NHS**

<b>CHICKENPOX</b>	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
<b>DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING</b>	48 hours after their last episode.
<b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b>	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
<b>IMPETIGO</b>	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
<b>MEASLES</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared.
<b>MUMPS</b>	5 days after their swelling started.
<b>SCABIES</b>	They've had their first treatment.
<b>SCARLET FEVER</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
<b>WHOOPING COUGH</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.



**NO**



<b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b>	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>COUGHS &amp; COLDS</b>	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
<b>HAND, FOOT &amp; MOUTH</b>	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
<b>HEAD LICE</b>	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
<b>THREADWORMS</b>	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
<b>SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS</b>	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
<b>SLAPPED CHEEK</b>	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

