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## Diary Dates

22 Mar - TT Rockstars Dress-up day  
 22 Mar - Y4 Roman Trip  
 26 Mar - REC Pirate Day  
 27 Mar - Y5 Hope Journey Trip  
 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  
 15 Apr - Return to School  
 22 Apr - KS2 onsite swimming  
 lessons commence  
 30 Apr - Academy Photography, class  
 photos & leavers' photos (Y6)  
 20 May - Y6 London Trip  
 06 Jun - Bag2School clothes donation  
 06 Jun - Sports Day  
 08 Jun - Bunbury Village Day  
 19 Jun - Y6 Conway residential (for  
 THS pupils only)  
 27 Jun - Reserve Sports Day  
 03 Jul - Y4/Y5 Residential  
 08 Jul - School Fest Week  
 16 Jul - STAR Day (2pm-5pm)

## FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY (formerly PTA)

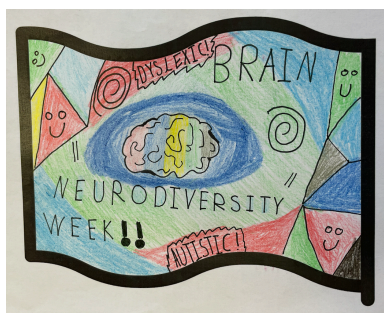
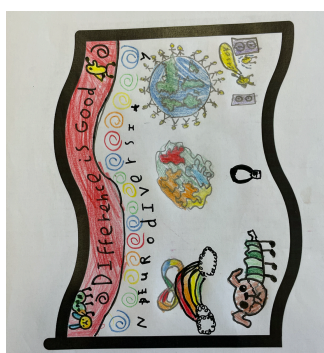
27 Mar - Sponsored Bunny Hop

Dear Parents and carers

With 4 days to go we are nearly at the end of our Spring term at Bunbury. As we finish on Thursday 28th March this will be the final newsletter for this term.

This week has been neurodiversity week in school which has been organised by Miss Snelson, our SEND lead at Bunbury. Miss Snelson works tirelessly to support our SEND children in school as well as organising important events such as neurodiversity week to ensure that there are no outsiders within our school. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Miss Snelson for the incredible work she does to ensure ALL children at Bunbury are able to Let their Light Shine in an inclusive and supportive environment.

The children and staff have engaged with a number of worships and activities throughout the week that have made them think more deeply as to how we can be inclusive as a school and the qualities that neurodiverse people bring to our community. It was so positive to hear so many excellent questions and discussions around the topic. Winners of our competitions will be announced next week



Today we have celebrated the end of our TT Rockstar competition in school. Over the past week we have 'battled' online with St Oswalds and Warrington in the "battle of the bands" to see who were the trust champs at Times Tables.

To mark the end of the competition we have our TT Rockstars day today with all staff and children invited to dress as Rock Stars for the day. As always there were some fantastic outfits on show and I think we can safely say we all enjoyed being rock stars for the day.



As next week is the final week of the term Homework Journals and Takeaway homework projects are due into school. Homework books can be brought into school from **Monday 25th March** with Takeaway Homework projects due on **Wednesday 27th March**.

All classes will share their projects across the school during the afternoon with parents invited to come and **Share the Learning** after school should they wish to view the projects completed. **Share the learning** will be open from 3.15pm - 4.15pm on **Wednesday 27th March** to all parents and carers.

On Thursday 28th March the whole school will be taking part in our Easter Service at St Boniface church at 11am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. If you are able to support the school with the walk to the church please email

[admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk)



During the afternoon all children will take part in our sponsored Bunny Hop which has been organised by our Friends of Bunbury fundraising committee. All children are able to bring either PE/ Easter or spring themed clothes in for the afternoon - even bunny ears if they wish - to take part in the sponsored event. Children will be given a 15 minute slot to see how many times they can skip, hop, jump or run around our running path! We appreciate that times are difficult at present but all funds raised through these events are very much appreciated at present due to the reduction in school budgets and go to enhance the provision for all the children of Bunbury school.

### Staffing News

At the end of this term we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Curwen and Miss Moss who have supported year 1 and year 5 as teaching assistants over the years. It is always sad to see much loved and valued members leave our school but we wish them well as they take on new directions with their careers. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all they have done over the years for the children of Bunbury school. Our revised staffing structure for the summer term will be shared with you next week - however I want to reassure that both classes will still receive teaching assistant support. On Monday myself, Miss Hickson and Miss Cork will be interviewing for an interim teacher in Mrs McShane's absence whilst she goes on maternity leave in June. I am pleased to say that we have had a large number of applications who wish to work in our school and I look forward to sharing with you the successful candidate next week.





### School Uniform

We appreciate that the cost of school uniform can be a huge financial pressure on parents at the start of the school year and during the remaining terms. Recently we have purchased some new uniform from a previous supplier which we are able to sell at a reduced price to parents. We do not have a full range of sizes and items but there are various sizes of skirts, jumpers, blazers and polo shirts.

Should you be interested in purchasing any of the uniform please contact Natalie on 07592609116.

### Attendance

Attendance at school is important both academically and for social/emotional reasons. The Government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign 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/>

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.

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 **1.86%** above the national figure currently at **94.8%** and above other North West schools.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent weeks	Equivalent lessons missed
95%	9	18	1.4	45
90%	19	38	3.4	95
85%	29	58	5.4	145
80%	36	72	7.1	180
75%	48	96	9.3	240

**Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons.**

**Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning.**

From next week we will also be focusing on persistent lateness to school and reminder letters will be sent to parents where there is persistent lateness.

The school day begins at **8.45am** with gates opening at **8.30am** and closing promptly at the start of the school day.

**Our attendance officer will be joining us periodically to support the school with our "Late Gate" campaign**

### Reporting School Absences

Please remember that all absences from school must be reported for **each day of absence**. Therefore, if your child is absent due to a medical appointment or is too unwell for school, please email

[admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk) or call the school office to report this stating the reason for absence and any symptoms they have should they be unwell - this is so we are aware of any rapidly growing virus' in school or any illnesses that would need reporting the Public Health England.

### SchoolMoney Accounts

We will be changing our payment system from 1st June 2024, could you please login to schoolmoney to ensure all balances are cleared before this date.

## 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 : Forgiveness. 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** - Adrian for being generous with his ideas in class discussions

**Y1** - George for showing patience and listening carefully

**Y2** - Poppy for showing generosity to Mrs McShane by collecting her hot snack everyday!

**Y3** - Saskia for her perseverance and resilience in Maths, Her eagerness to learn and positive attitude is infectious!

**Y4** - Noah, Tobias and Jonty for showing kindness and thankfulness to a Year 6 pupil

**Y5** - Ella G and Flynn for their great contributions this week in worship

**Y6** - Corey for showing compassion towards others and staff



### Headteachers Award

**YR** - Sophie for her fantastic Maths work at home

**Y1** - Arabella for thoughtful answers when thinking about Mary Anning

**Y2** - Ellie for her brilliant diary writing

**Y3** - James for his incredible and consistent effort in reading, shown in his speedy progress and amazing results in our reading assessment

**Y4** - Alice for all of her hard work in Maths this week!

**Y5** - Eliza for her hard work in her reading words

**Y6** - Elliot for his fantastic work in maths

...and a special mention to all pupils for taking part so well in our Neurodiversity Celebration Week!



### Times Tables Awards

**Y2** - Dotty, Ralph, Maggie-Sue, Sam

**Y4** - Tobias, Theo, Ruby

**Y6** - Freddie, Hugo, Rose, Oliver, Arlo, Alexa, Isabella, Harriet



### PE Award

This week's PE award goes to **Alfie in Year 1** for always showing a fantastic attitude to all things in PE



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

Nic Badger

## EASTER BUNNY HOP RACE



## THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

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