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## Diary Dates

- 11 Mar - TT Rockstars Comp starts
- 15 Mar - SENSE day (for SEN pupils)
- 15 Mar - Red Nose Day - wear something red
- 22 Mar - TT Rockstars Dress-up day
- 22 Mar - Y4 Roman Trip
- 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
- 20 May - Y6 London Trip
- 06 Jun - Sports 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)

- 07 Mar - World Book Day Competition
- 14 Mar - Kids Disco
- 27 Mar - Sponsored Bunny Hop

Dear Parents and carers

What a fantastic week again we have had in school.

On Monday Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 went on a visit to Chester Zoo as part of their work on the class spring term study themes. It is always fantastic to see how the teachers weave local visits into their texts and topics to ensure that learning is as it should be: fun, engaging, practical and relevant to our children. They all had a fantastic day at the zoo and saw lots of added extras like the lions being fed and the bear swimming in the water. As always a huge thank you to our staff team who organised the visit, adding those extra special learning opportunities for our children at Bunbury.

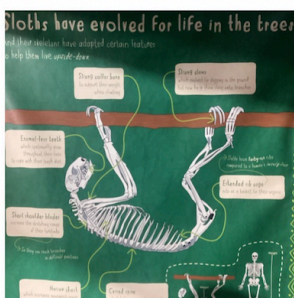
Should you wish to find out more about the current study theme in your child's class please browse our curriculum and class pages on the school website.



Curriculum

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

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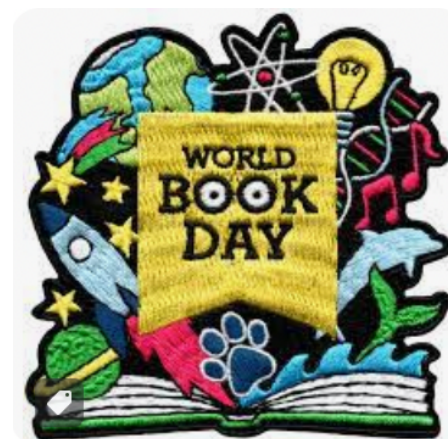




On Thursday we supported and celebrated World Book Day in school. Mrs McShane our English lead organised a range of exciting book related activities for the children to enjoy. The whole school were invited to come to school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story with them to share with their friends and teachers. Throughout the day, the bell rang for 'Stop, drop and read' where the children could take their book anywhere around the school with them and read for a short period of time before returning to their classroom.

We also ran a scavenger hunt where the children were challenged to find a list of school staff who were all wearing labels showing the name of their favourite children's book. Some staff were easier to locate than others and it was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about the challenge and the team points on offer!

Finally, we were fortunate enough to have author Rachel Morrisroe join us again to run workshops with reception and years 3 and 4. I know the children involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Morrisroe for helping us to celebrate again this year. Lots of other activities went on in our classrooms to celebrate reading and books across the day and it was a pleasure to see the children so engaged with these. Don't forget to use your book token at a participating store before the 31st March. Happy reading! A huge thank you to Mrs McShane also for organising the whole day from the PJ theme to sorting the timetable of activities across the school.



Earlier this academic year our Year 3 pupils worked with Bunbury Parish council to plant bulbs in our local community. It was great to see that the bulbs are starting to bloom and that spring is on it's way. A huge thank you and well done to our Year 3 children and parish council for working together to improve our village.

### **Courageous Advocacy**

A courageous advocate is someone who supports, champions and speaks up for a cause that is important and meaningful to them. Courage is needed to persevere and stand up for something or someone you believe in, to make a difference. At Bunbury we not only support our children with their academic learning but also their personal development in terms of becoming resilient, independent, courageous and passionate young people. Often we work on causes together in school championing reasons why they may need our support or belief developing courageous advocacy within a class or ethos group. I am always incredibly proud to hear from individuals who stand up, champion and support a cause themselves and have strong and passionate reasons for doing this. This week a received a fantastic letter





from one of our Year 5 pupils regarding the parking around school. As you will all be aware this is something I campaign for regularly through newsletters, texts and emails but to hear a pupils voice championing this cause for herself and other pupils makes me extremely proud.

Dear Mrs Badger

Please see the attached image showing a car parked across the end of the path at the bottom of The Highlands road at the end of school today.

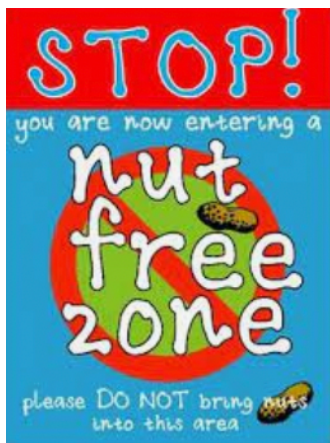
I will be allowed to walk home from school by myself from this Friday onwards and I am concerned that such dangerous and inconsiderate parking from parents is putting children's safety at risk. I had to step out from behind the car into the road to be able to see if the road was clear to cross and if there were other cars coming down the road they wouldn't have been able to see me. Fortunately today I was with my mum today but that won't be the case from Friday onwards and there are other children who have to cross this road by themselves to walk home after school. I think this should be mentioned in the school newsletter this Friday because these parents need to be re-educated about safe parking.



Kind Regards

Year 5 pupil

**Please as always I ask all parents, carers and grandparents who undertake the school drop off or pick ups to park safely, respectfully and considerately with regards to our neighbours and the children who maybe needing to use our pavements to walk home safely.**



### **Nut Allergy**

We have a number of pupils in school who have serious food allergies in particular to nuts. Food allergies can be severe and exposure in any form (skin contact or ingestion) to these substances could result in anaphylaxis, a potentially fatal condition that requires immediate medical attention. For the safety of pupils we are asking parents/guardians to be conscientious in the selection of snacks that your child brings to school and to remind all parents that we are a **nut free zone**.

### **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.**

**PE**

A huge well done to the girls football team who took part in a tournament on Thursday evening at Tarporley High School. The team finished 3rd in the competition and all had an amazing time. It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 6 girls involved in the competition. Well done team and a huge thanks to Mr Friel once again for supporting the girls at the tournament.



**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** - Fred for showing perseverance in his detailed pirate drawing

**Y1** - Ffion for her kindness and helpfulness at the zoo

**Y2** - Maggie-Sue for embodying all of our Christian Values

**Y3** - Ruby for showing forgiveness and dignity

**Y4** - Freya for her kindness to Miss Snelson in celebration of International Women's Day

**Y5** - Anya for her kindness to staff and peers and always offering to help

**Y6** - Alexa for being compassionate to younger children during World Book Day



## Headteachers Award

**YR** - George for his amazing daffodil drawing

**Y1** - Alice L for a fantastic reenactment of the life cycle of a frog

**Y2** - Elsie for all of her help in the classroom this week!

**Y3** - All of Year 3 for their wonderful behaviour at the zoo. Showing respect to all the animals and other visitors!

**Y4** - Isla for her beautiful diary entry!

**Y5** - George for always showing great effort in his writing and a great story/myth this week

**Y6** - Alfie K for being responsible and hard working this week



## Times Tables Awards

**Y2** - Arthur, Isabella, Fin

**Y3** - Edie, Alexis

**Y4** - Daisy

**Y6** - Corey, Freddie

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*

## Friends of Bunbury Aldersey – 'Design a New Book Cover' Competition for World Book Day 2024

Thank you to all of you who have supported this competition, as a fundraising opportunity for our school.

Thank you to all of the children who have taken the time to create their designs, it has been lovely to see all of the different ideas.

Special thank you to Rachel Morrisroe for kindly donating a selection of her books, and to Vanessa Greenbury (Chair of our Board of Governor) for judging the competition.



Please see below list of competition winners

Reception	Mabel
Year 1	Grayson
Year 2	Rose
Year 3	Jack Morr
Year 4	Sienna
Year 5	Ella C
Year 6	Eva C

The next event, organised by 'Friends of Bunbury Aldersey' is next week, your support is always much appreciated.

If anyone would like to help with any of our events, please say.

### 'School Disco - Colours of the Rainbow'

On: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

6-6.45pm Reception, Years 1 and 2

7-8pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

£4 includes Snack and drink

Great news! 25th South-West Cheshire Bunbury and District Scout Group is preparing to relaunch and to kick things off we are excited to tell you we are hosting a Taster Session at Bunbury Scout HQ, Jubilee Playing Fields, Hurst Close, on Monday 18th March from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

The Taster Session is open to all young people aged 6 to 14 who would like to have fun, learn new skills and want to find out what Beavers, Cubs and Scouts is all about! (Young people must be accompanied by an adult)

Email Andrew Fairclough at [cubsbunbury@gmail.com](mailto:cubsbunbury@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

We are really looking forward to seeing faces old and new, on 18th March and getting Scouting back on track in Bunbury!

### Calling all go-getters.

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to our taster session at Bunbury Scout HQ

**Who**  
All young people aged 6 to 14 years old

**When**  
Monday 18th March 6.30pm to 8.30pm

**What**  
Open evening activities for girls, boys and adults (young people must be accompanied by an adult)

**Where**  
Bunbury Scout HQ, The Jubilee Playing Fields, Hurst Close, Bunbury, CW69QP

**Contact**  
Andrew at [cubsbunbury@gmail.com](mailto:cubsbunbury@gmail.com) to find out more

[scouts.org.uk/join](https://scouts.org.uk/join)  
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### DT SOCCER CAMP – EASTER SOCCER CAMP

#### DATES



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April (Years 2 - 7)



9.30am – 3.00pm



Bunbury playing fields/pavilion



£25 per day, £40 for 2 days, £60 for 3 days

Places are limited so if you would like to book then please get in touch at: [dtsoccercamp@gmail.com](mailto:dtsoccercamp@gmail.com)



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## WHAT'S ON

**SPORTS COACHING GROUP**  
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#### MULTI-SPORTS VENUES:

- SANDBACH BOYS SCHOOL
- CHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
- WISTASTON CHURCH LANE
- HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY
- BRINE LEAS SCHOOL, NANTWICH
- VERNON PRIMARY
- BARLASTON FIRST SCHOOL

#### SPORT SPECIFIC VENUES:

- ELWORTH CRICKET CLUB - CRICKET SPECIFIC
- SANDBACH BOYS SCHOOL - SWIM N SPLASH

#### CRASH COURSES AVAILABLE AT OUR HUBS

EASTER THEMES EVERYDAY!

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