



Bunbury Aldersey Primary and Nursery School

Principal: Mrs Nicola Badger
Deputy Principal: Mrs Charlotte Haydock



Diary Dates

- 04 Feb - Y2 Dragon dance workshop**
- 07 Feb - NSPCC Number day**
- 10 Feb - Badgers bookings open for Spring term 2**
- 11 Feb - Parents evening**
- 13 Feb - Parents evening**
- 26 Feb - Y5 Stargazing evening**
- 06 Mar - World book day**
- 24 Mar - Badgers bookings open for Summer term 1**
- 31 Mar - Y6 London Trip**
- 03 Apr - Easter service, St.Boniface Church 10.30am**
- 02 Apr - Y5 Hope journey**
- 08 May - Dress for Victory Day**
- 19 May - Badgers bookings open for Spring term 2**
- 25 Jun - Y4/Y5 Residential (2 nights, 3 full days)**
- 01 Jul - Y5 AmaSing Concert**

Dear Parents and carers

It has been another busy week in school with our Ofsted inspection but also trips and activities taking place in KS2.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support, encouragement, and positive feedback during our Ofsted inspection earlier this week. Your kind words and valuable comments truly reflected the strong sense of community we have here at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School.

I am incredibly grateful for your ongoing partnership in ensuring the best possible experiences and outcomes for our children. Your support plays a crucial role in making our school a welcoming and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for your time, feedback, and continued trust and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of the inspection with you once they are available.

I would also like to thank the staff and pupils for all their hard work as well this week and showing the Inspector exactly what it is to be part of our Bunbury school family. I am incredibly proud of each and everyone of them. They all certainly make the school a fantastic place to come to work each day and I am incredibly honoured and privileged to lead such an amazing school.

This weeks news:

At the start of the week our Year 4 and 5 children took part in the Bikeability programme in school and on the roads around Bunbury. This year we have extended the provision for our Year 4 children as I am very aware of our rural location and know a lot of children may be out cycling in the evenings and weekends to reach the playground, friends etc.

It was fantastic, but not unexpected, to hear that once again our children were great ambassadors for the school when working with the instructors. Their polite and respectful behaviour was noted and commented on through the 2 day visit.

On Thursday our Year 4 children attended the Deva Roman Experience in Chester as part of their study theme work. During the day Year 4 travelled back in time and experienced the discovery centre where they learnt all about Roman religion, life in the army, soldiers' equipment, Roman food, the bath house, toilets and gladiators. They also took part in outdoor activities, acting as Roman soldiers and marching through the centre of Chester, visiting the amphitheatre, learning some Roman battle formations and partaking in a mock battle! What a fantastic day they had and it was



great to hear them buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm on their return.

Earlier this week I alerted parents in Year 4 to Mrs Ehlen's absence from school. As I am sure you may now all be aware, Mrs Ehlen was unfortunately taken poorly last weekend and has been receiving treatment in hospital. I am pleased to say Mrs Ehlen has been discharged from hospital today. As she will need time to recover, she will be absent from school at present until the end of this half term. I am sure like me, you are holding her in your thoughts and prayers and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

To minimise the disruption to the children, we have a temporary teacher, Mrs Clarke working Monday – Thursday and Mr Robinson will continue to teach on a Friday. All planned activities will continue for Year 4 during Mrs Ehlen's absence. I thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time as I do appreciate that any change can be unsettling for the children. Any appointments with Mrs Ehlen will of course be rescheduled on her return to work.

Nursery Communication

Our nursery provision in school continues to develop and today our nursery team attended some training led by an early years consultant on Enabling Environments. Whilst our nursery team were training I was delighted to be able to spend the morning with Mrs Armitage working with the children in Nursery. It was a lovely way to spend my Friday morning.

So that we can ensure we have the best possible provision and curriculum for our youngest learners, Mrs Armitage, our Early Years lead will be working in the nursery every Thursday to support and develop our staff team over the next few months.

As we move forward we will now be moving to nursery communications coming through our school system so that we can ensure enquiries, queries or concerns can be addressed in a timely manner. **From Monday 3rd February please can the following email addresses be used to contact the school:**

principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk

For any enquiries of a private/confidential nature and concerns regarding safeguarding, education, behaviour for pupils in nursery to year 6

admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk

For any changes/queries for nursery children regarding nursery fees, nursery places, changes of days, visits to setting for new starters.

For any changes to collection, queries around trip/lunch payments, queries around clubs/activities, reporting illness and absence general queries for pupils in nursery to year 6.

Mini Badgers wrap around care

As you have been aware from earlier correspondence in the academic year we will be opening wraparound provision for nursery pupils. We had planned for this provision to be in place after February half term but unfortunately due to circumstances out of our control this will now be planned for after Easter break 2025.

I apologise if this has caused any inconvenience for yourselves but I want to ensure we are able to open with the best provision and staffing in place. Should you however wish to use the Mini Badgers wraparound care we are currently able to take enquiries around places and requested days. Please contact the school office to express any interest you may have in this provision

admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk

Attendance

As you will be aware schools have a statutory duty to monitor attendance of pupils in school and inform parents and carers of the local authority's position on school attendance, absence from school and the taking of holidays during school term time. New government DFE statutory guidance came into force for schools in August 2024 which as a school we are monitored on our implementation of. The new guidance

states that 'where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure that their child attends that school regularly'.

I do appreciate there maybe times when children need to be absent from school usually due to illness, medical appointments or in rare cases absences linked to exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, attendance at a funeral, respite care of a looked after child, a housing crisis which prevents attendance, a wedding of a family member, a crisis or serious illness of an immediate family member, deployment of a child of service personnel an important religious observance.

As a school we work closely with the local authority. Our attendance officer supports the school with pupils who fall below the expected attendance of 95% and currently our school is rated GREEN for it's pupil attendance.

Leave of absence for the purpose of attending a medical or dental appointed

Appointments should be where possible made out of school hours for example for routine dental or medical checkups. Where this is not possible, for example for hospital consultant appointments, medical emergencies, orthodontic treatment pupils should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment.

Holidays during term time

Holidays are not authorised by school unless it can be demonstrated that an absence during term time is as a result of exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are, by nature, rare occurrences. The expectation is that family holidays will take place in the 13 weeks of school holiday time within an academic year.

If you require any support or guidance with regard to your child's attendance at school, please contact Mrs Badger or Ms Charlesworth our Pastoral Lead.

Our school website contains further details of school absence.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/attendance/10872>

Please see the link below from Cheshire East on school attendance.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx>

Attendance at school enables us all to build a strong team and to strengthen our learning powers. Our overall attendance for this school year is 96% which is still above the national figure other North West schools.

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 : Trust. 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 - Poppy for being a kind and respectful member of our class

Y1 - Charlotte for persevering and creating a beautiful lion piece of artwork

Y2 - Arabella for always being respectful and having a calm, positive attitude towards everything she does



Y3 - Sofia for her perseverance and positivity in everything

Y4 - Mya for always being kind and considerate to everyone in school and showing respect

Y5 - Jonty for sharing resources in maths and being kind

Y6 - Stan for always being respectful and being a joy to have in the classroom

Star of the Week Award

YR - Lydia for her fantastic writing

Y1 - Ivy for consistently being kind, safe and respectful. Ivy ALWAYS does her best

Y2 - Woods for amazing maths this week and a new found confidence!

Y3 - Maggie Ada, Aelwen, Ivy and Poppy for collecting up litter around the school and taking care of our playground

Y4 - George for amazing information collecting skills in computing

Y5 - Ayla for an amazing descriptive recount of Arthur's journey across the sea

Y6 - Zac and Ella G for their brilliant pieces of writing this week



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PE Award

This weeks PE award goes to **Rupert in reception class** for always having a smile on his face

Times Tables Awards

Y6 - Morgan, Issey, Jessica, Seb, Ella W, George

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

N Badger

Online Safety Information

Please use this link for a useful and important Roblox Parents/Carers Guide

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age-restrictions/>

NANTWICH TOWN SOCCER SCHOOL



MONDAY 17TH FEB - FRIDAY 21ST FEB

- WEEKS FILLED WITH FUN
- EXCITING SESSIONS
- EXPERT COACHING
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

WHAT TO BRING:

- WATER
- PACKED LUNCH
- SUTIBLE CLOTHING
- LOADS OF ENERGY

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 5-12

FULL WEEK: £99 **SINGLE DAY: £25**

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Contact GFDO@nantwichtownfc.com for any questions

GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP AT NANTWICH TOWN FC

ON THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY WE WILL BE HAVING A GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER!

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Class Timetable

- Tuesdays - Ballet and Tap
- Wednesdays - Freestyle and Musical Theatre
- Thursdays - Ballet and Tap

Classes at

- Bickerton Village Hall
- and
- Bunbury Village Hall

Contact Mrs Hanlon for class times and availability

Email: hanlonschoolofdance@outlook.com
Phone: 07792755601




Cheshire KIDS FUN DUATHLON

SAT 10TH MAY 2025

- RUN, BIKE, RUN FUN EVENT FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME, ENTRY FROM £18
- CYCLE & RUN COURSES ALL ON GRASS
- LARGEST KIDS DUATHLON IN THE UK
- FANTASTIC KIDS FINISHERS MEDAL



Alderford KIDS FUN TRIATHLON

SAT 14TH JUNE 2025

- SWIM, BIKE, RUN FUN EVENT FOR 7-16 YEAR OLDS
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- FRESHWATER LAKE SWIM
- ALL WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF ALDERFORD LAKE
- FANTASTIC KIDS FINISHERS MEDAL



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February 2025 Newsletter

Thursday
20th Feb
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION
Supporting Healthy Screen Use
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
11th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Facing Defiance
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
18th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness
Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain
A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

Your Mind Matters

Drop-in Sessions

at

Monks Coppenhall Family Hub

Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

Who is this for?

Any young person aged between 8 to 25 in Cheshire experiencing mild to moderate mental ill health such as anxiety and panic attacks.

Our sessions focus on early intervention support to build confidence and resilience, and to focus on individual strengths.

When?

1 - 5 pm

Monday 27th January
Monday 3rd of February
Monday 10th February
Monday 17th February

How do I access this?

Either e-mail ahead of time to:
YourMindMatters@YouthFed.org
or just turn up on the day and wait to be seen.

Registered charity 1143231