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Diary Dates

06 Feb - Safer Internet Day
09 Feb - Y4 Pandora's box performance
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
27 Feb - Y5 Jodrell Bank
01 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)
04 Mar - Y1, Y3, Y6 Chester Zoo Trip
05 Mar - Y6 Transition day
07 Mar - World Book Day
08 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)
15 Mar - SENSE day(for SEN pupils)
20 May - Y6 London Trip
22 Mar - Y4 Roman 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

FRIENDS of BUNBURY ALDERSEY (formerly PTA)

07 Feb - School Movie Night
10 Feb - Parents Disco
16 Feb - Red Team Cake Sale
07 Mar - World Book Day
14 Mar - Kids Disco
27 Mar - Sponsored Bunny Hop

Dear Parents and carers

I can't believe we are nearly at February half term holiday already. It has been a busy week in school again with children now fully immersed and engaged in their new study themes based around their class texts.

As always further information about what your child is learning in class can be found on their class webpage. Class webpages are full of very helpful and useful information about your child's learning journey in school. All class pages are set out in a consistent format to support parent navigation as they move between classes.

At the top of the page you can find the homework tab for the half term which when clicked provides detailed information and resources for the half terms homework. Details about homework are shared at the start of each half term in the Homework Letter from Mrs Badger.

There is also information about class routines and expectations as well as the current class text.

Homework Spring A

Year 2 2023 - 2024

Mrs McShane

Ms Charlesworth

Year 2 Teacher

At the heart of everything is a personalised approach to each unique individual as part of our Christian Community. The strong family ethos ensures that all children and staff feel valued, respected and grow in self-confidence. Enthusiastic and caring staff with high expectations, demonstrate care of the whole child. Through God's guidance we encourage each and every child to 'let their light shine.'

Welcome back to Y2

Mrs McShane and Ms Charlesworth are your teachers in Y2. Mrs McShane teaches from Monday to Thursday and Ms Charlesworth on Fridays. We are very lucky to also have Mrs Carline supporting us in the mornings and Mrs Dale in the afternoons.

Our topic for this term is 'Dragons and Fire!' and we will be exploring this in a variety of ways across all areas of the curriculum which you will find outlined below in our spring term topic web below. Our class text for the first half term is 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward.



PE is on Mondays with Mrs McShane and Wednesdays with Mr Friel. We ask that you wear your full PE kit to school on these days and please ensure that all items are labelled.

Y2 will have their Forest School lessons every Thursday afternoon with Mrs Moxley. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a full set of old clothes which are named and appropriate for getting muddy! Wellies and waterproof trousers/overalls to put over these clothes should be brought in a separate, named bag. In the colder weather, hats, scarves and gloves will also be needed. Please remember to send a change of shoes for children so that muddy boots can be left outside of the classroom!



Our Class Charter

As a rights respecting school, one of the first activities completed in September is our Class Charter. The children choose a number of articles which they feel must be met at school. It is then discussed how the adults (duty bearers) and the pupils (rights holders) in school ensure that these rights are met. Have a look at our class charter below.

At the bottom of each class page you will find a wealth of downloadable resources to support your child's learning at home. This ranges from topic webs to practical resources which are appropriate for the stage and age of the children.

Files to Download

Spring Topic Web
Y2 Meet the Teacher 2023
Year 2 Connected curriculum booklet.pdf
Calculation Methods - Y2 parent guide
End of KS1 Teacher Assessment Framework
Reading At Home
Help Your Child With Spelling
Y2 Mathematics Overview
Handwriting c Letters
Handwriting Joining From The Top
Handwriting l Letters
Handwriting Letter Tails
Handwriting r Letters
Handwriting Tall Letters
Handwriting Card

Staff update their class pages each half term to ensure that all information for parents is current and kept in a central place for parents to access.

Please take some time to navigate your child's webpage as all resources and information related to learning in that class will be listed.

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

This week we welcomed the Bikeability team into school to work with our Year 5 children. It was fantastic to hear about their exemplary behaviour during the sessions and particularly when out on the roads of Bunbury. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed learning how to ride safely on the road as well as simple bike maintenance and cycling skills.



Today we also supported NSPCC Number Day. Across the school we invited children to come to school in Number/maths inspired outfits as part of Dress Up for Digits Day.

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern and the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme which



aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect through delivery of assemblies and workshops in schools.

Number Day is a great way to take part in different, fun maths activities whilst raising money to support the NSPCC.

We all enjoyed the fun of Number Day, and we raised £126 for the NSPCC. All the money we will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow. Thank you as always for your kind donations.

Developing the whole child

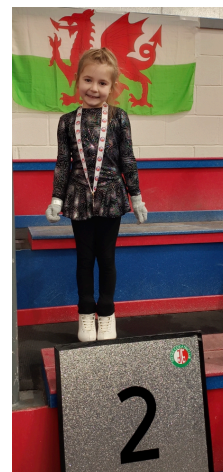
At Bunbury we work hard to develop well rounded children who not only have the academic abilities but are also resilient, confident and independent individuals with their own values, thoughts and beliefs. We understand that the world we live in is an increasingly busy and demanding one and that school life is no different to this. Therefore, it is important for the children to be in an environment in which they can reflect on their own beliefs, values and thoughts to encourage the exploration of their own spirituality.

We have been working recently to provide our children with time to just stop and think. At Bunbury, we believe in the importance of creating opportunities for children to grow spiritually as part of their development in questioning the world around them. Each child and staff member has a reflection jotter to record thoughts and moments of awe and wonder. The children have time to take part in activities such as appreciating the outside world around us and this bank of activities is added to by the children through suggestions.

'Spirituality is not something we can see but inside all of us it is about giving time and space to reflect on the bigger picture and create a safe and inclusive environment for awe and wonder.'

Let Your Light Shine

I am always incredibly proud to hear about how our pupils Let Their Light Shine outside of school in so many different ways. We have a number of children who take part in a variety of activities outside of school often with great success or supporting others. This week I had the pleasure of hearing about Ava who achieved a silver medal in a recent Ice Skating competition. Well done Ava we are all so very proud of you.



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**.

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.

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.



Sporting News

A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 Handball team who competed at Tarporley High School against other primary school teams. It was a closely fought competition and a huge well done to our team for coming second overall.

Thank you also to Mr Friel for accompanying the children at the event.

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** - Rory for his lovely manners and always being thankful
- Y1** - Isaac for his positive attitude and kind friendship towards others
- Y2** - Elsie for always being generous with her manners
- Y3** - Alexis for always being compassionate
- Y4** - All of Year 4 for showing all of the Christian values, always!
- Y5** - All of Year 5 for being fantastic ambassadors for Bunbury in Bikeability
- Y6** - George for showing forgiveness to a classmate



Headteachers Award

- YR** - Georgina for her hard work in phonics this week
- Y1** - Holly for super independent Science work
- Y2** - Lily D for her listening and concentration this week
- Y3** - Jack Morr for his beautiful drawing and thoughtful contributions in PHSE this week
- Y4** - Florrie for her excellent knowledge in Science! Well done!
- Y5** - Olivia, Henry and William T for greta teamwork in our Science assessment
- Y6** - Rose for always having a fantastic attitude to learning and bringing joy to the class!



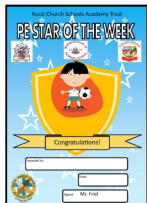
Times Tables Awards

Y2 - Rose, Raphaella, Poppy, Rafferty, Sam, Isobel

Y4 - Frankie, Charlie

Y5 - Carly, William Burr, William T, Stanley, Edward, Rory, Freddie, George

Y6 - Gemma, Grace, Ella

**PE Award**

This week PE award goes to **Henry in Year 4** for his resilience in Dodgeball

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

SEN CORNER

At Bunbury we appreciate your views and feedback on the education and provision we provide for your children. We would really like to hear from you regarding the provision and education for our SEND children, including those with an EHCP.

We want to ensure we are providing the best provision and support possible and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey currently available on School Spider.

The Friends of Bunbury and Early Birds
Valentine's Party

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Saturday 10th February, 8pm
Bunbury Village Hall
£15 per ticket

Live music from The Easy Peelers plus special guests!

Scan to pay

Dancing
Drinks
Bacon Baps

Scan QR code or go to
<https://buy.stripe.com/6oE15Mc4Jfched0eUZ>



HOLIDAY CLUB

Tattenhall Park Primary School

Monday - Friday
19-24th February

- Full day - £32
(8.15am - 4.30pm)
- 1/2 day - £17
8.15am - 1pm or 12pm - 4.30pm

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ANY NEW CHILDREN MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM.

Literary Daffodil Spectacular Cholmondeley Castle Sunday 24th March



An afternoon of poetry & prose
amongst a million daffodils