



BUNBURY ALDERSEY C O F E P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Meet the Teacher

Year 1

Mrs McShane and Mrs Colbourne-Payne

“Let your light shine”

Matthew 5:16

We strive to provide a primary education your child will never forget. Rich with diverse opportunities and experiences set within a Christian context.



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Our Christian values underpin all we do:

- * Our children are happy, caring and empathetic to others
- * Our children learn and develop as moral individuals within the context of Christian values



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As a Rights Respecting School children's rights are also at the centre of our ethos.

We are currently aiming to become a Gold Rights Respecting School.

The children learn about their rights through a variety of different activities and about the importance of children's rights in the world through themed days.

At the start of this year, our class completed our class charter.



OUR SCHOOL RULES



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Psalm 106:3

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Autumn term dates 2025

These can also be found on our school newsletters and are updated weekly. All new dates are always added in red.

Bunbury Aldersey Autumn term dates 2025

NSPCC Kindness week – Monday 29th September

Reception starters 2026 Open Day - Wednesday 1st October

Harvest Service at St Boniface – Friday 3rd October

YEAR 5 – Safety Central Visit – Monday 6th October

Reception starters 2026 Open Morning – Saturday 11th October – 10.30 – 2pm

Year 5 Pilgrim Day visit to Chester Cathedral – Friday 17th October

Reception 2026 Open Day – Wednesday 15th October

Parents evening face to face appointments – Tuesday 21st October – 3.30 – 6.30pm

Parents evening online appointments – Thursday 23rd October – 3.30 – 6.30pm

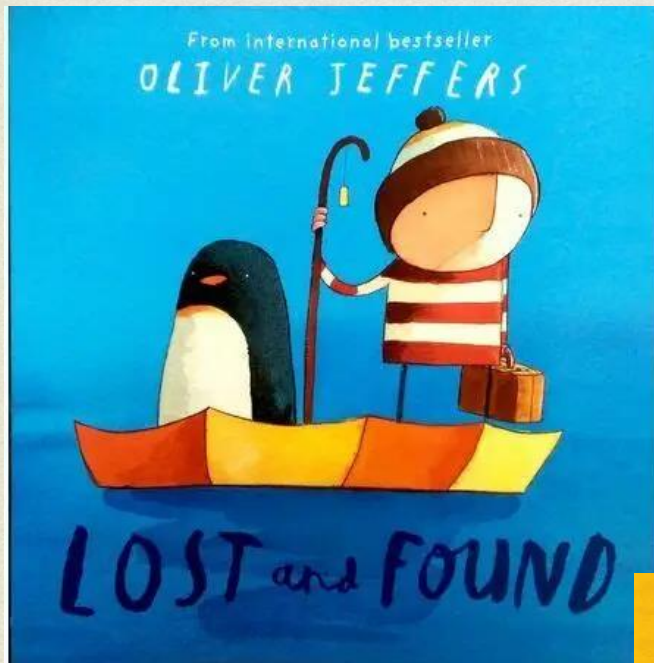
RCSAT service of celebration - Thursday 23rd October pm

Academy photos: families, siblings and individual – Friday 24th October

BREAK for HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Friday 24th October 2025

RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 3rd November

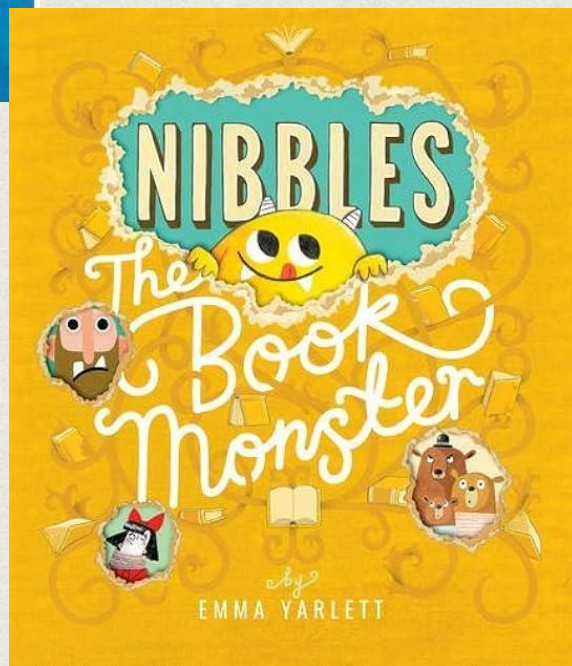
Autumn: What can we find in and around our school?



Based around our two texts:

Autumn 1 – Lost and Found

Autumn 2 – Nibbles The Book Monster



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YEAR 1



In RSHE, we will be looking at the **right to be me**

Courageous Advocacy— Get Bunbury a lollipop man!

As scientists, we will identify different materials and their properties through observation and experiments. We will also be beginning work on seasonal change.

Mr Friel and Mrs C-P will teach PE discretely each Wednesday and Friday.

As mathematicians, we will cover:

- place value to 10, followed by place value to 20
- Addition and subtraction to 10 followed by addition and subtraction to 20.
- Shape

As artists, we will explore the concept of light and dark, and use tones to create a storm scene similar to the one shown in our book *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers.

As designers and technologists, we will build a cage for Nibbles. We will discuss the possible designs for this, make and evaluate it.

As historians, we will research Bunbury and its surrounding areas using photographs, maps, village walks and identify key features of the village. We will describe the changes that have happened and ask questions about the past.

What can we find in and around our school?

Year One

Autumn Term

As geographers, we will use fieldwork and observation to explore the local geography of Bunbury and its surrounding areas. We will discuss the countries, cities and features that make up the United Kingdom and begin to identify hot and cold places around the world.

As authors, we will write:

- an adventure story
- A recount (diary)



As readers, we will apply the skill of blending phonemes in order to read words, and read red words that do not conform to regular phonic patterns accurately so we can decode texts easily.

In RE, we will be thinking about
Harvest-How can we help those who do not have a good harvest?
My World Jesus' World-How the place where Jesus lived different from how we live now?
Christmas-Why do we give and receive gifts?

As computer scientists, we will discuss the importance of keeping information, such as our usernames and passwords, private and actively demonstrate this in lessons. We will take ownership of our work and save this in our own private space such as the My Work folder on Purple Mash.

Our Christian Values for this term are generosity and compassion.

As a rights respecting school, we will be focusing on Article 22 and 26.

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This topic web shows what we will be covering across the curriculum and can be found on the Year 2 webpage.

HOMework



Each child will receive a reading diary and homework journal in order to complete homework tasks.

Reading – daily reading is given a high priority from reception to year 6. Children across the school will be expected to read at least 5 times per week. Reading entries will be recorded in a reading diary which all the children will be provided with. Each half term, class teachers will also issue a list of recommended reading both fiction and non-fiction linked to the connected curriculum theme.

Spelling – Children will receive a spelling list of age-appropriate high frequency words at the start of each term to learn. Using our booklet ‘Helping your child to spell’ the children need to work on learning around 6 words per week.

MyMaths – Children will receive a weekly online maths task related to learning which has taken place that week in school

Home learning projects – As part of our inclusive connected curriculum, all classes will be asked to complete a home learning project **once a half term**. These projects, Take away homework, are linked to the class learning theme and children have a choice of which task they wish to complete at home. We believe that these projects are a great opportunity for parents/carers to work alongside their child, enhancing their learning experience. The projects are shared and celebrated with other classes.

Knowledge organiser – Key facts, information and vocabulary linked to the area of learning in class for that term. Children will be expected to know some of the facts and use these key words within their learning.

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HOMework

BUNBURY ALDERSEY CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL: YEAR 1

The link above will take you to the main Year 1 webpage. If you scroll to the bottom of this page, you will find useful documents for Year 1.

At the top of this page there is a tab:

Homework Autumn A

Here, you will find all the documents your child needs to complete their homework.

Alternatively, the link below takes you straight to the 'Homework Autumn A' section:

[Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School: Homework Autumn A](#)

Homework for this half term is due the week commencing 20th October.

This half term's takeaway homework is due Wednesday 22nd October.

MATHS

MyMaths is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It has lessons and tasks to work through which provide step-by-step explanations to break down the lesson content into bite-sized pieces. This will help children to recap a concept and also help you, as parents/carers, to understand the method taught. There are also games to complete.



There are also maths parent guides which have been uploaded onto each year group's class page. This document provides calculation method examples.

READING

- Reading is taught in a Read Write Inc group (like in Reception).
- These groups are fluid and all children are regularly assessed to determine which colour books they work on. While a child may be able to decode the words with ease, we also look for fluency and comprehension when assessing if they are ready to move on.
- A label will go in reading records weekly stating how many times a child has read with an adult as we cannot write in each individual record during these reading lessons.
- All books and reading records need to come back to school on a **Monday** and all children will bring home their new books on a **Wednesday**.

PHONIC SCREENING

In June 2026, year 1 children nationally will complete a Phonics Screening Check. This is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. The check consists of 20 real words and 20 ‘nonsense-words’ that pupils read aloud. A nonsense word is a fake word that's used solely to test a child's ability to use phonics and whether they can correctly pronounce the word.

If a child does not reach the ‘pass mark’ (released by the government later in June) then they will receive additional decoding support and resit the check in year 2.

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PE KITS



- Children need to come to school in their PE kit
- PE is on the following days: **Wednesday** and **Friday**.
- PE kit should be named.
- Plain black track suit, black shorts or skort, green polo shirt and black canvas pumps/trainers in line with the new uniform, PE black hooded sweatshirt.
- NO FOOTBALL TOPS or STRIPS please.
- Dark sport trousers may be worn in the colder months.

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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



If there is anything you would like to talk to us about, no matter how small it may seem, please do!

Unless I have a club or other commitment straight after school, I will be on the playground each day at 3.15pm, or please make an appointment through the school office.

Unfortunately, I cannot speak with anyone in the morning unless it is an emergency.

You can email the office on: admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk

Or contact Mrs Badger: principalbunbury@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk

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Thank you for your support.

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