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BREAK for HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Friday 24th October 2025
RETURN TO SCHOOL - Monday 3rd November

Hope Journey - Remembrance Year 6 - Wednesday 5th November am

Remembrance Service at Bunbury Aldersey (all are welcome to attend) - 10.45am Friday 7th November

SENSE Days - Friday 7th, Friday 14th and Friday 21st November

Reception starters 2026 Open Day - Wednesday 12th November

FOB wreath making 26th November 6-8pm

Own clothes/ Christmas Jumpers for FOB Christmas Fair prizes Friday 28th November

HOPE Christmas Journey - Year 2 Wednesday 3rd December am

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the children Friday 5th December

Christmas Dinner - Friday 5th December

Friends of Bunbury Christmas Fair 3.15pm Friday 5th December

KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal - Monday 8th December

KS1 Christmas Nativity (all are welcome to attend) - Wed 10th/ Thurs 11th/ Fri 12th December

CANCELLED - FOB Christmas film night Wednesday 10th December

Year 4 Greek Day - Thursday 11th December

KS2 Carol Concert - Tuesday 16th December 6pm St Boniface Church

Story house Christmas Theatre Visit whole school - Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Parties- Thursday 18th December

Year 4 Roman Trip - Monday 26th January

Year 4 and 5 residential - Wed 1st July - Friday 3rd July

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"
Matthew. 5:16

Dear Parents and carers

What a fantastic and festive week we have had in school and it has been wonderful to be able to welcome so many parents, carers, grandparents and relatives into school for our KS1 nativity performances. A huge thank you to all who were able to join us this week and also for your kind donations towards our lighting and star cloth - it is very much appreciated. I am sure you will agree it really did help to set the scene for our youngest performers.

This week:

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week our nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils performed the Angel Who Nearly Missed it All. It was a fantastic performance by all full of singing, dancing and acting. A huge well done to our youngest children, some of whom are only just two for their wonderful performance of It Was on a Starry Night. I am sure you are all feeling that little more festive following their performances.

On Wednesday lunchtime we also welcomed the ALIVE group into school on Wednesday lunch for a Christmas dinner with their Year 6 buddies. The classroom was set with festive decorations and the children welcomed our visitors with an orange or apple juice before serving and sharing a Christmas lunch. Following the lunch they sang carols for their ALIVE buddies before embarking on some Christmas craft. It was a wonderful afternoon of intergenerational relationships and thoroughly enjoyed by both young and old.





Next week we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and relatives to our KS2 Carol Concert 6pm at St Boniface Church on Tuesday 16th December.

KS1 Author Visit.

On Tuesday 16th December for our reception and KS1 children will be treated to a special Christmas author visit from Rachel Morrisroe. Mrs Morrisroe, our very talented parent children's author will be joining us for a How to Grow a Reindeer workshop and book signing. If children wish to have their book signed by Mrs Morrisroe please bring a copy of the book in on the day of the event.

These can be purchased from most book shops or following the amazon link below:

How to grow a reindeer

Homework Books

As we are now at the end of Autumn term please could we ask for all homework books to be brought back into school so that teachers can review all homework completed.

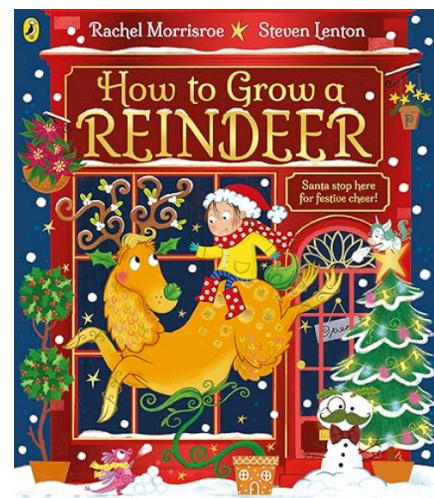
These will then be sent home on Friday 9th January with homework for Spring 1.

Parking and road safety

The safety of our children is our highest priority, and we need your help to keep the area around school as safe as possible. Please ensure that you park responsibly and avoid actions that could put children at risk. In particular, we ask that parents do not turn around in the road or reverse into driveways near the school. These manoeuvres can be dangerous because children are often walking along the pavement and may be difficult to see, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

If you need to turn around, please do so well away from the school entrance where visibility is better and there is less pedestrian activity. By taking these extra precautions, you are helping to create a safer environment for every child and family in our community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in making our school a safe place for everyone.



Nursery

This week our nursery children have all enjoyed the festive activities in school - particularly the Christmas play - they were all stars and shined so brightly through the performance. It was so lovely to have them as part of our nativity with their performance of It was on a Starry Night.



Attendance

I continue to receive a number of requests for absences. We'd like to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance.

Regular attendance at school is not only essential for your child's academic progress and social/emotional reasons, it is also a legal requirement. 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. **We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays taken during term time are not authorised unless there are *exceptional circumstances*.** These may include serious illness or bereavement of a close family member, or a parent returning from military service. Family holidays, birthdays, or travel due to cost or convenience do not meet the criteria for exceptional set by the Department for Education. Holidays taken in term time will be subject to a fine.

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and development, and unauthorised absences which lead to persistent absence may also result in a fixed penalty notice. Attendance less than 90% is classified as persistent. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school consistently and benefits fully from their education.

Bunbury Badgers

We currently have a vacancy in our After School Club Provision on a Wednesday evening. If anyone is interested in the role - 3 hours a week - 3-6pm. Please contact the school office.

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 : **compassion**. 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.

There was no celebration worship this week due to the Nativity Performance.

Have a fantastic weekend from all of the Bunbury Team and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Nic Badger

A festive poster for 'CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOL'. The title is in large, bold, orange and red letters. Below it, a white box contains text about a festive football camp. To the right, three children in soccer kits are shown. The background is a colorful, abstract design with red, green, and yellow sections.

**CHRISTMAS
SOCCER SCHOOL**

Join us for a festive football camp featuring skills coaching, small-sided games, tournaments & more! Children will need kit including boots, shin pads, a packed lunch, snack & water bottle.

 AGES: 5-15  KING GEORGE V COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB, CH1 5BD

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Music, like language, is a fundamental part of human existence and of the societies in which we live. The opportunity to learn to play an instrument enables children to participate in an activity which many will find to be one of the most formative experiences they have as they grow up, developing an interest and a skill which opens up so many possibilities now and in later life. A bonus is that involvement in music has been shown to have a positive effect on other aspects of development - social skills, language, physical coordination and emotional development.

Why choose Music for Life?

Music for Life offers children something special. We work in partnership with over 100 music tutors who visit 130 schools teaching 4,000 children each week from complete beginners to some of the most accomplished young musicians in the UK. Two national independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an "outstanding effective service" offering parents and schools "outstanding value". We have also recently been awarded not-for-profit organisation of the year, where particular mention was given to the quality of work undertaken in schools for all activities under the Music for Life banner.



Instrumental lessons during the school day

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day, convenient for parents and meaning students become part of a wider community of young musicians in school, avoiding the isolation that can be felt when learning at home. Thousands of students take part in our extra curricular activities - workshop days, concerts and ensembles, with many taking exams. All tutors are DBS checked, and to work with Music for Life, tutors must be first class musicians and are required to meet professional performance standards.



Instruments offered

Lessons may be available on guitar, piano, keyboard and violin (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) bass guitar, drums and singing. If we are unable to provide lessons on your first choice, we will contact you with the possibility of offering lessons on a second choice if you specify one.



Course Fees

Specialist teaching of a musical instrument falls outside the National Curriculum, so there is a charge for lessons. This varies as some schools provide a subsidy, but up to date details of course fees for your school appear on our booking form. Music for Life offers the facility to set up a monthly subscription which makes paying for music lessons so much easier. Support with fees may be available, so please get in touch with your school for details if you are in receipt of Income Support.



Book Lessons

Lessons can be booked online at www.musicforlife.org.uk where you will find much more information and a simple online booking form where you can make payment in full or set up a monthly subscription via our secure booking portal. **Alternatively, please email admin@musicforlife.org.uk and we will get back to you.**



"A big 'THANK YOU!' to Music for Life for the wonderful service and great teaching for quite a number of years!"

"May I take this opportunity to say how very happy and impressed we are with the level of care and motivational input given to young musicians by ALL of your staff"

"We have been extremely pleased with the service you have provided over the past 9 years. Your admin has been excellent and you have always been helpful and polite."

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Deadlines for course bookings are as follows:

31st July to start in September
20th October to start after October half term
21st December to start in January
30th January to start after February half term
31st March to start after Easter



Merry Christmas!



December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



The bread and butter thing.



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It's really easy to sign-up:



1 Text 0750 723 7311 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from.



2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £3 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.



3 You'll get a text on the same day every week to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to your designated hub at the designated time two days later.



4 Collect and pay for your goods from the designated hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

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- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the last year'*

Jo (parent)

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back'*

Louise (parent)

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



