



Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School
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Diary Dates Autumn 2026

Reception 2027 Open Day – Wednesday 14th October 9.30 – 2.30pm

Year 6 THS Challenge Day – Tuesday 6th October

Year 3 Trip to Nantwich – Thursday 8th October

Scholastic book fair – Thursday 8th October

Friends of Bunbury Bingo - Friday 9th October

Harvest Service at St Boniface – Friday 16th October 10am

Year 5 Pilgrim Day visit to Chester Cathedral – Monday 12th October

Academy photos: families, siblings and individual – Friday 23rd October

BREAK for HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Friday 23rd October

RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 2nd November

Parents evening face to face appointments – Tuesday 3rd November 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Parents evening online appointments – Thursday 5th November 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Year 6 Remembrance Hope Journey – am Wednesday 4th November Kelsall Methodist Chapel

Remembrance Service at Bunbury Aldersey – 10.45am Friday 6th November

SENSE Days – Friday 13th, 20th and 27th November

Year 3 Residential 12th/13th November

Reception 2025 Open Day – Friday 20th November

Storyhouse Christmas Theatre Visit whole school – Thursday 10th December

KS1 Christmas Nativity – Mon 14th/ Tue 15th/ Wed 16th December 1.30pm

KS2 Carol Concert – Thursday 17th December - 6pm St Boniface Church TBC

Christmas Parties – Friday 18th December

BREAK for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 18th December

RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 4th January 2027

School holiday dates are on the school website using the following link. Please note that INSET days are marked on the calendar in **BLUE**. Children are not expected to attend school on these days.

<https://www.bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/holiday-dates/2416>

“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

Another week has passed by and I can't believe how quickly we are racing to October half term. The children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. As I walk around the classrooms and corridors there is a buzz and excitement and it is fantastic to see all the curriculum activities taking place. This week we also welcomed an author into school to inspire and enthuse the children. It was a fantastic event and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Ehlen for all her work organising the event.

We have also appointed our Head and Deputy pupils for this academic year. As always the children wrote a letter of application which was followed by some questions and a presentation to our school council panel. Following a confidential ballot I am delighted to announce the following pupils who were awarded the roles of head and deputies:

Head girl- Ruby
Head boy - Ollie
Deputy Head girl - Edie
Deputy Head boy - Jack

A huge well done to all our pupils for their articulate presentations and also demonstrating confidence in answering questions from our school council panel.



Friends of Bunbury

Their first event this year will be a bingo on the evening of Friday 9th October - 6pm to 8pm in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming you and your families to win lots of chocolate prizes! A huge thank you for all your very kind and generous donations on Friday it is always very much appreciated.

Parking: Respectful Parking Reminder: Parking opposite the Zig Zags on the coned area

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support at drop-off and collection times. Since returning to school, I have received a number of concerns from local residents regarding parking around the school. I fully appreciate that parking can be challenging, particularly at busy times of the day, but I would kindly ask everyone to be considerate and respectful of our neighbours when parking. Please avoid parking across driveways, access points, dropped kerbs or in any location that may prevent residents from accessing their properties safely. **This week I have continued to notice a number of cars parking opposite our zig zag lines. Whilst I appreciate this is a quick and easy location to stop when dropping off or collecting it is a hazard for children and families crossing the road as it obstructs their view. It also causes a road block at such a busy time of day.** Please can I politely

ask that no cars park opposite the zig zags on our coned area and that this message is shared also with any relatives who maybe dropping off or collecting.

By showing courtesy and consideration to those who live near the school as well as thinking about the safety of our children, we can help maintain the positive relationships that are so important to our school community and keep our children safe.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Attendance

I'd like to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance at school and that this is a statutory requirement unless there are exceptional circumstances. I continue to receive a number of requests for holidays in term time as well as days off for events. Whilst I appreciate that these are important events for families and the cost of a family holiday during term time is considerably less please be advised that these requests will be unauthorised as there are national guidelines I am required to follow.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child persistently absent	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child persistently absent	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child persistently absent	12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child persistently absent	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child persistently absent	19 days of absence over the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child persistently absent

PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION	
Penalty Notices may be issued for Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period. 10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.	
Per Parent/Per Child Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.	
First Offence The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	Second Offence Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at: £160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Third Offence On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The Local Authority will decide on appropriate next steps which may include: *Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of up to £1000 or £2500 respectively. *Referral to other agencies.	

It is important to understand that 1 days absence is counted as 2 sessions and so % can drop quickly especially when taken over the first half term. Children do not have to be absent much from school for attendance to drop below the expected 95% as illustrated in the graphic above.

This year each school will also be given an attendance target.

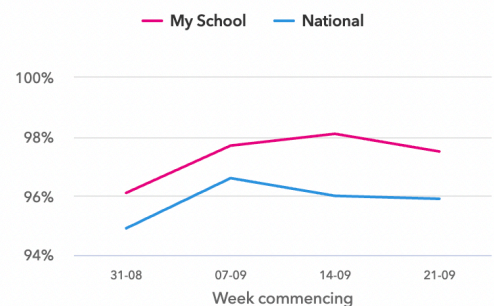
Bunbury attendance year to date: 97.4%

National primary attendance year to date: 96%

Bunbury attendance week of 28th September: 97.5%

National primary attendance week of 28th September: 95.9%

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE · 2026-27



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.

Open Days Reception 2027

Looking to start school in September 2027 or new to the area and looking for an in year transfer. We have a number of open days early in the autumn term:

Wednesday 14th October - 11am - 2.30pm

Friday 20th November - 9.30 - 2.30pm

Please call or email the school office to arrange a tour of the school on 01829 260524/
admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk or alternatively complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/H5nyGF1BoZ7rEeKNA>

We look forward to welcoming you into our school

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 : **Thankfulness**. 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 were no awards this week in school due no celebration worship on Friday.

Christian Value Award

Reception - Albert - For the kindness he has shown this week to a new member of our class.

Year 1 - Fern - for always using her manners, showing thankfulness and always being eager to learn!

Year 2 - Izzy - For always wanting to help her friends and also having super manners.

Year 3 - Adrian - For always being polite to others and showing respect and kindness to his friends.

Year 4 - Lily - For her thoughtfulness and kindness to others. She models how to treat others well.

Year 5 - Ralph - For always being incredibly polite and making the right choices. I am grateful he is in our class!

Year 6 - Sophie - For always being polite and for being thankful for the little things her friends and her teachers do for her.

Head Teachers Star of the Week Award

Reception - Pippa and Ada - For the amazing mermaid car they built in our construction area.

Year 1- Gigi - For working so hard this week with her phonics, English and maths - we've been so impressed! Keep it up Gigi!

Year 2 - Kitty - For showing amazing determination and resilience in her writing. She is also taking more pride in her work which is great to see.

Year 3 - Isla - For working extremely hard in maths this week when ordering numbers up to 1000.

Year 4 - Thandie - For her excellent writing this week. Her vocabulary choice inspired us all.

Year 5 - Arthur - For his excellent effort, application and ideas describing daredevil feats in our writing this week.

Year 6 - Edie - For a fantastic apology letter in the role of Mr Bunny to Debbie and the chickens. It made me smile!!

PE Award - Y1/Y2 Cross Country Team - For their amazing effort and for letting their light really shine.

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

Nic Badger



Scouts
25TH SOUTH-WEST CHESHIRE
BUNBURY & DISTRICT

NEW SCHOOL YEAR....
NEW FRIENDS
NEW SKILLS
NEW ADVENTURES





A NEW ADVENTURE AWAITS

★ Build Confidence
🌳 Enjoy the Outdoors

🏠 Learn Skills for Life
👉 Make Friends

Beavers (age 6-8) • Cubs (age 8-10) • Scouts (age 10.5-14)

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Lessons can be booked online at 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 info@musicforlife.org.uk and we will get back to you.**

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"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

Masking Awareness

FREE



FREE

Free online talk for parents 24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page



You Are Not Alone Drop-in

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 listen and learn from other people's conversations.



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

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- 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 have 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 past 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)

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community



September Timetable

All regular 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

 **FACE**

October Timetable

All regular 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

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

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More Than A Team!



SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) bookable appointments for parents for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book an appointment for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

September 2026

Tues 1st September 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Thurs 10th September 9.15 -12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub

Mon 14th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Fri 18th September 9-11am Congleton family Hub

Thurs 24th September 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Tues 29th September 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

October 2026

Thurs 1st October 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub

Tues 6th October 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Friday 9th October 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre

Monday 12th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Friday 16th October 9am-11am Congleton Family hub

Tuesday 27th October 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

Thurs 29th October 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd November 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Monday 9th November 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub

Thurs 12th November 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Friday 13th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub

December 2026

Tuesday 1 st December 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre

Thurs 3 rd December 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub

Friday 4 th December 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre

Monday 7 th December 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub

Thurs 10 th December 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Friday 11 th December 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub

Friday 15 th December 9.30am-11.30am Oakenclough Family Hub

To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Knutsford, Ash Grove or Oakenclough :

Email startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

At Monks Coppenhall, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or

Email startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU

Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB

Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral
Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

Bunbury Village Day AGM will take place on - Wednesday 23 September at 7pm in the Nags Head Bunbury.

The meeting is a chance for us to reflect on last year's event – Wild Bunbury, and to start putting things in place for our 2027 event.

Life is busy, we know that, but if you can spare a few hours once a month in the run up to the big day (in June 2027) and then a few days of admittedly tiring, but fun activities on the big weekend, then joining the BVD team might be for you!

What's in it for me?

➡ Community spirit – a chance to give something back to the village and be part of a much-loved local tradition.

➡ Meeting people – an opportunity to connect with neighbours, make new friends, and feel part of a team.

➡ Pride in place – helping to showcase Bunbury at its best and support an event that brings visitors into the village.

➡ Skill sharing and learning – whether it's stewarding, setting up, organising stalls, or communications, volunteers can bring their skills and also pick up new ones.

➡ Fun and enjoyment – being behind the scenes often means experiencing the day in a unique and rewarding way.

➡ Sense of achievement – satisfaction in seeing the event come together and knowing you played a part in its success.

If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to get involved, you can email us at bunburyvillageday@gmail.com layed a part in its success.



£6
PER SESSION

RECEPTION INDOOR FOOTBALL

Step Into The Game

THURSDAYS 5:30PM-6:30PM

REASEHEATH COLLEGE

BLOCK 1: 17 SEP-22 OCT 2026 · 6 WEEKS
BLOCK 2: 5 NOV-17 DEC 2026 · 7 WEEKS

SIGN UP AT ANY POINT IN ANY BLOCK

A pathway to NAR FC U6 Football and 3v3 Game Time.



HALF TERM CLUB

★ ★

Act • Create • Perform

A fun-filled half term of theatre where children can build confidence, make new friends and let their imaginations shine!

 **26th, 27th & 28th October**

 **Nantwich Players Theatre**

 **£33 a day**

 **9.30 – 3.15pm**

 **Sibling discount available**

PLEASE CONTACT

ANNE-MARIE

 **07962 999502**

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HELLO TO A NEW TERM!

Welcome back to a new school year from all of us at Chartwells! We're so pleased to welcome children back to the dining room and to continue serving freshly prepared, nutritious school meals that help fuel their day. Read on for a flavour of what's in store this term!

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.

- ★ If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a **FREE** school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up
- ★ Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day
- ★ From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income
- ★ Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day

Click the link to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER

DELICIOUS!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXCITING ON THE MENU, AND THIS TERM BRINGS EVEN MORE CHOICE EVERY CHILD CAN LOOK FORWARD TO.

- ★ White rice and pasta options alongside our wholegrain choices, available every single day
- ★ A British seasonal veg focus each month
- ★ Dessert Delights! Rotating dessert theme days, including ice lollies, custard creams and traditional school cake
- ★ Plus, look out for our **NEW** Autumn/Winter menu launching in schools in November, with British inspired school favourites such as Sausage & Mash, and our mid-week roasts now including a Yorkshire Pudding!

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