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Diary Dates Autumn 2026

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

BREAK for HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Friday 23rd October

RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 2nd November

Children in Need Crazy Hair Day - Friday 13th November - Donation to Children In Need

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

Year 3 Residential 12th/13th November

Reception 2025 Open Day – Friday 20th November

Friends of Bunbury school disco with DJ Ehlen - 3.15 KS1 and 4.30 KS2 Friday 20th November

Friends of Bunbury break the rules day - Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch - Friday 4th December

Storyhouse Christmas Theatre Visit whole school – Thursday 10th December

Friends of Bunbury Christmas Fair - 3.15pm onwards 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

Christmas Parties – Friday 18th December

BREAK for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 18th December

RETURN TO SCHOOL – Monday 4th January 2027

Friends of Bunbury Valentine Disco - Friday 12th February

Year 6 THS transition residential to Conway Centre - 16th - 18th June 2027

School Fest week - 5th - 10th July 2027

School holiday dates our on the school website using the following link. Please not that INSET days are marked on the calendar in BLUE. Children are not expected to attend school on these days. Holidays for next academic year will be published once we have confirmation of the high school holiday dates at Tarporley High School

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**

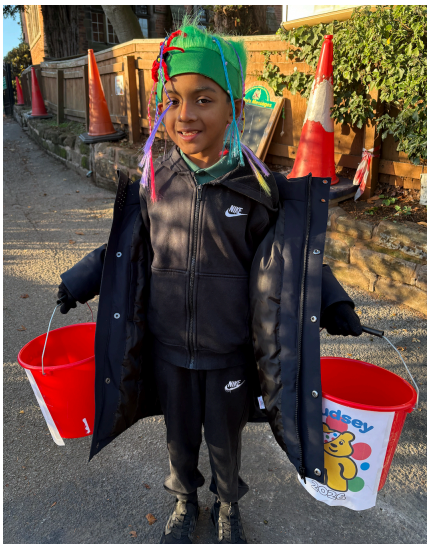
Dear Parents and carers

What a lovely week we have had in school. The children are working hard and have settled back into their study themes for autumn b. It is fantastic to hear the enthusiasm and see the engagement our Bunbury learners have for their school work. Please log into your child's class webpage for up to date information as to what they will be learning this half term.

I can't believe we are already 2 weeks into the new half term and rapidly moving towards the festive period. Next week I will be sharing with you our Christmas Countdown calendar. As a working parent, myself I know how busy this time of year can be and hopefully our countdown calendar will help with the organisation of home and family life so that we all know what is happening in the run up to Christmas. It is a very special time of year and we want everyone to enjoy the celebrations and festivities.

Children in Need Crazy Hair Day

Today we held a crazy hair day in school to raise money for Children in Need. It was fantastic to see so many crazy hair designs coming into school. A huge thank you to Isaac for thinking of the idea and also for helping me this money collect the money - we will be counting it together on Monday. A huge thank you for your kind and generous donations to this worthy charity.



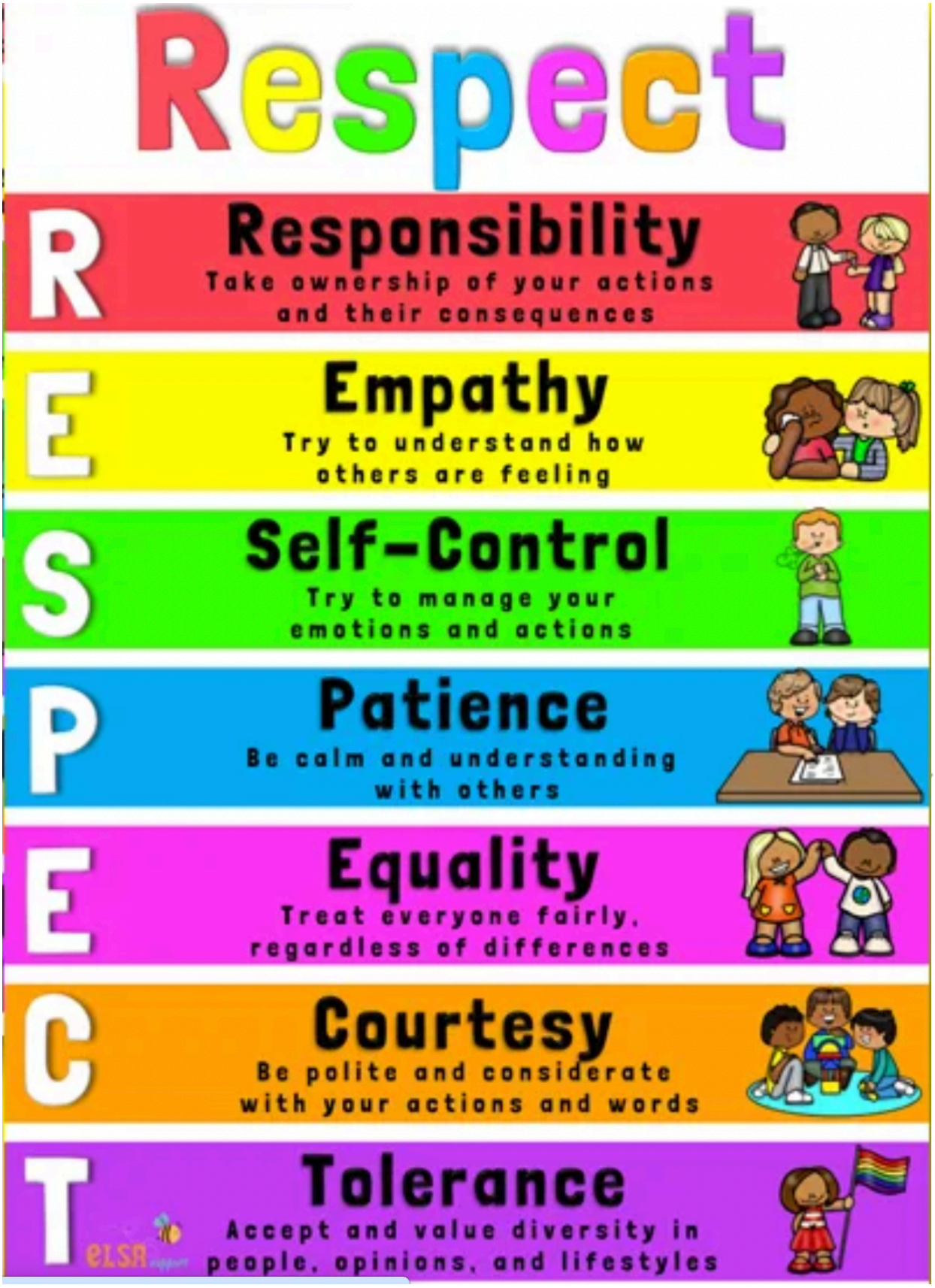
Year 3 Residential

This week our year 3 children have taken part in their first overnight residential to Boreatton Park in Shropshire. The children have had an amazing time and enjoyed activities such as high ropes, rifle shooting, raft building and zip wire. I am sure they are all very tired tonight after their first trip but they have been fantastic.
A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children on their residential - I am sure they will be sleeping well tonight!

Next week, we will be observing Anti-bullying week in school through a range of dedicated classroom activities and whole school worships. Our focus will be on helping children understand what bullying is, how to speak up and the importance of treating everyone with empathy and respect despite our differences.
In school, we work hard with the children to build respectful relationships and we hope to see this carried out into our wider school community and beyond by all our school family: whether that is at the school gate, in the street or in our everyday interactions.
As adults we are our children's most important role models and they look to us for guidance and advice when interacting with others either in person or via technology.
While we all understand that emotions can take over in situations, modelling how to stay

regulated and respectful even in the most difficult situation sets a powerful example that will support our children for life. By working togther, we can ensure our school and commmunity remains safe, welcoming and supportive for every child and family.
If you would like to continue these conversations and do some work at home on anti-bullying and being respectful, please use the link below.

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026



Friends of Bunbury

Their first event of this half term will be a school disco on **FRIDAY 20th November** with DJ EHLEN!

There will be two events:
- Reception, KS1 and children in nursery who are starting school in September 2027 - 3.15 - 4.15pm
- KS2 children - 4.30 - 5.30pm

Tickets will be on sale from early next week through School Money and will be £5 per child which will include a snack and a drink.

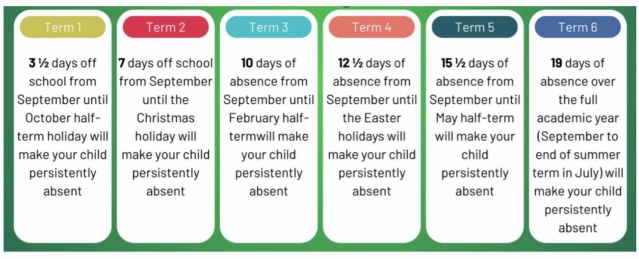
On **Thursday 3rd December** they will be organising a " break the rules" day. In exchange for breaking a rule the children will need to bring in one of the following items for our Christmas Fair

KS1 - Chocolate/sweets/ biscuits
KS2 - Alcohol /Soft drinks / bottled toiletries

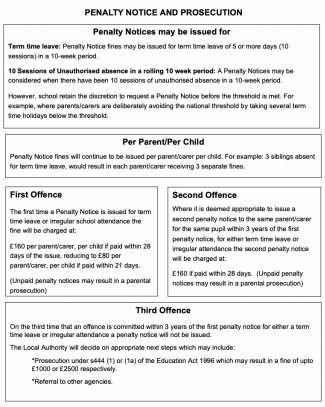
Rules to be broken:
- wear school uniform (children can wear own clothes)
- healthy snack (children can have crisps and chocolate at breaktime)
- Water in water bottles (children can have juice in their water bottles - no fizzy drinks though please)
- no crazy hair styles (children can do what they want with their hair)
- no make up or tattoos (children can wear makeup, glitter, sparkles or have temporary tattoos)
- no nail varnish (children can wear nail varnish)
- no jewellery (children can wear jewellery - please nothing sentimental and they may need to remove things for health and safety reasons in PE)

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.



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.


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 Notices 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 upto £1000 or £2500 respectively.

*Referral to other agencies.

Bunbury attendance year to date: 96.9%
National primary attendance year to date: 95.7%

Bunbury attendance week of 9th November: 96.9%
National primary attendance week of 9th November: 95.5%%

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:

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 : **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

Reception - **Myles** - For showing respect at tidy up time by checking all of the classroom areas were tidy.

Year 1 - **Oscar** - For his brilliant effort retelling our Lost and Found story, he has been trying hard with his handwriting and punctuation too. Well done Oscar!

Year 2 - **Oscar B -** For being a fantastic friend to everyone in the class and always being truthful.

Year 3 -

Year 4 - **Alice L -** For always being so thoughtful and kind with others. She is quick to encourage others and celebrate their success.

Year 5 - **Lily D -** For always giving 100% effort in all her lessons. I can always trust that she is on task and completing her work to the best of her ability.

Year 6 - **James -** For working incredibly hard with his writing and producing some fantastic work so far this half term. Keep it up James.

Head Teachers Star of the Week Award

Reception - **Nancy** - For brilliant firework sounds in music.

Year 1- Alfie - For always being ready to learn, showing respectful sitting on the carpet and being a great example to his friends.

Year 2 - Edie - For coming in to school so well this week. Her attitude to learning has been amazing.

Year 3 -

Year 4 - **Ffion** - For excellent maths work this week. She was able to add numbers using place value and learned her 8 times table in one week. Well done Ffion.

Year 5 - **Pia** - For her wonderful work in maths recently. She has shown real effort in her book and I am proud of the resilience and determination she has displayed.

Year 6 - **Ellie** - For her fantastic work in maths this week. She is working very hard in her lessons and making excellent progress.

Have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 9th November.

Nic Badger


FACE
November 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
Introduction to OCD 2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem 2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep 3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression 3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD 9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour 9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT? 10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication 10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication 16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use 16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain 17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger 17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety 19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained 23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance 23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness 24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety 24 Nov 7pm

🎄 Christmas trees that raise money for Bunbury Aldersey

This Christmas, Grange Christmas Trees, a local family-run business at Iddenshall Grange just outside Tarporley, is supporting our school. For every family who buys their tree there and mentions Bunbury Aldersey, £5 comes back to the school.

Fresh, real trees in a range of varieties and every size, from £50. Choose yours at the farm or have it delivered locally.

📍 Iddenshall Grange, Tarporley, CW6 0EQ

🌐 grangechristmastrees.co.uk

📱 facebook.com/grangechristmastrees

📞 07985 235884



Just remember to say "Bunbury Aldersey" when you buy. Thank you for supporting the school! 🎄


Christmas
Market
Curated in Bunbury
Saturday 14th November
10am - 3pm
Discover Independent makers - Fine food - Beautiful gifts
St Boniface Church, Bunbury (near Tarporley)
cw6 9pn
Free entry - all welcome - dog friendly
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SAVE THE DATE
Bunbury
Village Day
Saturday
26 June 2027
bunburyvillage.info/village-day
Forward
Share in chat

Scouts
25TH SOUTH-WEST CHESHIRE BUNBURY & DISTRICT

BUNBURY SCOUTS Christmas Raffle

Win a winter canal boat weekend for up to six or British Superbikes tickets for five





Plus many more fantastic prizes!

Tickets £1 each

Buy from:

Tilly's Café
Tollemache Arms, Alpraham
Dysart Arms Bunbury
Scout Hut entrance hall
Monday & Wednesday evenings

Draw: 7 December • 7pm • Scout Hut

Help local young people learn new skills, build confidence and enjoy adventure.

Full details: Bunbury Scouts Facebook page
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BUILD CONFIDENCE
HAVE FUN
LAUNCHING FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
6:00 – 7:00 PM (EVERY FRIDAY)
WRENBURY RECREATIONAL GROUND
GIRLS AGED 5–11
FIRST SESSION FREE!
JUST £4 PER SESSION THEREAFTER
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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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