



# News and Information

Date: 30th January 2026

## Parking

Please can we ask parents and carers to really consider where they are parking when they come to the school. Over the last few weeks, we have received several photographs clearly showing people parking across driveways. We know it is busy outside at these times, please consider parking further away and walking down to the school to ease congestion.



## Friendly February 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them
9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message
16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today
23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	

## February

Monday 2nd - KS2 Author Visit - Phil Earle

Tuesday 3rd - Year 3 Trip to Safety Centre

Thursday 5th - Whitebeam Class Knife Crime Street Dance Workshop one of four over the next few weeks.

Friday 6th - FOBS - Break the Rules Day

Friday 6th - 2:45pm Open Classrooms to view children's work

Monday 9th - 9am Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop

Monday 9th - Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th - Parents Evening

Thursday 12th - Whitebeam Knife Crime Street Dance Workshop

Friday 13th - Children's Mental Health - Mufti Day - Come as Yourself Day.

Monday 16th - Friday 20th - Half Term

Monday 23rd - School Opens

# Superstar Learners

Well done to the following children and classes who have topped the different leaderboards in October.



## Classes with the highest quiz average on Accelerated Reader

Gold	Pear
Silver	Hazel and Whitebeam
Bronze	Holly and Spruce

## Classes with the highest percentage of children in the green zone

	English	Maths	Spell
9th Jan	Pine	Pine	Spruce
16th Jan	Holly	Spruce	Spruce
23rd Jan	Holly	Sycamore	Hazel
30th Jan	Spruce	Sycamore	Sycamore

## Children with the most coins in Numbots and TTRS

	Numbots	TTRS
Reception	Vrutansh (Alder)	
Year 1	Connor (Beech)	
Year 2	Max (Cedar)	Jude (Cherry)
Year 3	Toby (Holly)	William (Hazel)
Year 4	Tiynash (Pine)	Ethan (Pine)
Year 5	Adbhyo (Spruce)	Ajen (Sycamore)
Year 6	Alex (Whitebeam)	Molly (Whitebeam)

## Children with the fastest studio speed on TTRS

Year 2	Max (Cedar)
Year 3	Williwan (Hazel)
Year 4	Tiynash (Pine)
Year 5	Albert (Spruce)
Year 6	Youssef (Whitebeam)

## Doodle Dual League

	Points
Cedar	
Cherry	
Hazel	1
Holly	2
Pear	
Pine	2
Spruce	5
Sycamore	2

# SEND Updates



## FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS for parents and carers of children with ADHD and AUTISM

### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH ADHD AT HOME

Course code: [FMAC135](#)

This course will give you practical strategies for supporting children with ADHD at home, help you understand ADHD and its characteristics, and guide you in creating a supportive environment. The workshop will also provide resources and signpost you to further information.



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February



9:30am - 11:30am

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### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH AUTISM AT HOME

Course code: [FMAC134](#)

This course will give you practical strategies for supporting autistic children at home, help you understand autism and its characteristics, and guide you in creating a supportive, inclusive environment. The workshop will also provide resources and signpost you to further information.



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



9:30am - 11:30am

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TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE



01296 383582 - Enrolment team

or SCAN the QR code

or CLICK on the course code link

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION



0770 641997 - Kathryn

## You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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)*

The You Are Not Alone drop-in is a service delivered by  
[www.autismfamilysupportservice.com](http://www.autismfamilysupportservice.com)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in**, please send an email to [team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community) and we will send you the **Zoom** link.

# SEND Updates

FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE

→ 01296 383582

OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the  
[course code link](#) below

## RECEPTION

### EARLY READING

Simple, practical activities to boost your child's early reading skills with story sacks



Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

Choose from 1  
of these 3 dates

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Course code:  
**FMER021**

## YEARS 1 & 2

### WELLBEING

Support your child's wellbeing and learn ways to help children deal with setbacks and build their resilience, both at school and home



Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar



12:30pm - 2:30pm

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Course code:  
**FMWB008**

## YEARS 1 & 2

### READING & COMPREHENSION

Simple, practical activities to support your child with Reading and Comprehension



Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar



7pm - 9pm

Choose from 1  
of these 2 dates

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Course code:  
**FMRC067**



Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

## YEARS 1 & 2

### PHONICS & READING

Simple, practical activities to support your child with Phonics and Reading



Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mar



9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMPR064**



The SENDCo's at Bierton  
School are:  
Mrs G Bramley- Year 1-6  
Mrs V Tarling- EYFS

Thank you to the parents who recently came to our coffee morning on 'Supporting your child's emotional regulation', led by an EP from Buckinghamshire Council. Once we have been sent the slides from the presentation, these will be forwarded on to those parents who attended. If you didn't attend but would like to have a copy of the slides, please let us know by emailing the SENDCo address below.

### Parent's Evening:

Just a reminder, as per the letter in September 2025 sent to parents, if your child has an EHCP or a SEN Support Plan, you will not have a separate meeting to go through this until after half term (between 23rd Feb and the Easter holidays). You will have a brief chance to catch up about your child's progress during Parent's Evening.

A reminder of the SENDCo email address if you need any support with any of the items raised in this newsletter or have any other concerns about your child's educational needs. [senco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:senco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk)

# Spirituality at Bierton



At Bierton, we dedicate time to exploring spirituality. This can be looking at the world through our curriculum, appreciating nature through our time outside or in the forest or through our collective worship. We use the Windows, Mirrors, Doors model for exploring these and call them our 'Pause and wonder (or PAWs) moments'. Children look out at the world, reflect on how it makes them feel and then consider what they might do as a result of this feeling.

Spirituality is not exclusively connected to religion. It allows children to take a moment to consider or appreciate something bigger than themselves and reflect on it. As a result of these moments, children may wish to find out more, raise awareness about an issue or pursue an interest in something.



# Spirituality at Bierton



## *Windows, Mirrors and Doors – Spirituality Questions*

### **WINDOWS – Noticing**

- What do you notice that makes you pause?
- What is beautiful, puzzling or surprising here?
- What feelings does this moment or image stir in you?
- What big questions does this open up?
- Where do you see hope, goodness or light in this situation?

### **MIRRORS – Reflecting**

- What does this make you think about in your own life?
- How does this connect with your beliefs or values?
- What does this help you understand about yourself?
- What feelings are you aware of and why?
- What questions does this raise for you about God, life or others?

### **DOORS – Responding**

- What could you do differently after thinking about this?
- How might this inspire you to act with kindness or courage?
- What step could you take to 'let your light shine' here?
- How might you express your response — words, art, prayer, action?
- What change could this lead you to make in our community?



# Maths at Bierton

## Representations: Bar Charts

A bar chart is a diagram that uses rows of horizontal or vertical bars to show information.

The title tells you what the bar chart is about.

The vertical and horizontal lines are called axes.

The horizontal line is called the  $x$ -axis. The vertical line is the  $y$ -axis. Both axes are always labelled, so you know what is being shown.



## Helping your child at home: Cooking

Cooking offers fun ways to teach children maths while providing practical, hands-on learning experiences.

Your child can learn about measurement, fractions, ratios, and more by incorporating maths skills into cooking activities.

These activities help children develop their maths skills and provide opportunities to practise the concepts they learn at school along with other key skills including critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making, all while doing something fun and delicious.



1/30/2026



## Fun Fact!

Forty (40) is the only number whose English spelling has letters in alphabetical order.

40

## Famous Mathematicians: Archimedes

Year: c. 287-212 BC



Archimedes was an ancient Greek mathematician, physicist, and engineer. He is known for his deep contributions to the understanding of the physical world and mathematical theorems.

Among his many contributions, the most famous is Archimedes' Principle, which explains the theory of buoyancy. He also made significant advances in geometry.

Fun Fact: Archimedes is said to have discovered his principle of buoyancy while taking a bath and ran through the streets naked, excitedly shouting, "Eureka!" (I have found it!).



# CREATIVE WRITING

## DRAGON COMPETITION WINNER (S)!



Thomas (Birch) and Oliver (Holly) are winners!



Massive congratulations to Thomas and Oliver, who both wrote magnificent dragon stories and are now the proud new owners of an adorable soft dragon. Well done to all of our runners-up, we were super impressed with their effort and they all got sweets as their reward (well... writers need to keep their strength up!)

On to our next Bierton-Tastic Competition!



# ART

## MAGICAL PLACES COMPETITION!



The Reality- Aylesbury on a wet morning in January...



The Dream – Somewhere beautiful and sunny!

### Your Mission!

We are all a bit sick of staring out the window at a grey, wet and frankly uninspiring Buckinghamshire landscape through the long winter months. We dream of somewhere amazing, exciting, peaceful and beautiful. Basically, we all need a holiday! Your job is to draw, paint or collage a picture of the perfect holiday location. Hand your finished pictures in to Mr Dawson and cheer him up this winter with your sunny imaginations!

There will be a prize for the winner (as well as a reward for our runners-up)!

Deadline: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

# Humanities at Bierton



## Great Fire Of London Workshop



## Famous explorers

Did you know...?

- Christopher Columbus was a **sailor**. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates. Columbus only survived by swimming to land.
- He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called '**The Americas**'. But actually, many people already lived there.
- He found the Americas by accident. He was actually looking for a new way to get to China and India.

If you could explore anywhere, where would it be?

# Family Liaison Officer Update

## Children's Multi-Activity **HALF TERM** Holiday Camps

**16th-20th  
February 2026**  
**7.45am-6pm  
9am-5pm**



Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED-registered children's day camp, providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun, and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™ each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high-energy, full of variety, and most importantly, fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs, and new friendships.

Building confidence and broadening experience™



**FULL WEEK SESSIONS**  
Short Day: 9am to 5pm - £176  
**DAY SESSION**  
Full day: 7.45am to 6pm - £200  
Short day - £44  
Full day - £50  
Childcare vouchers accepted

**Easy Online Booking:**  
**[www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com)**  
Email: [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com)

## **HALF TERM CAMP AT: Kingsbrook View Primary Academy**



**ROALD DAHL BOOK WEEK THEME:**  
Arts and Crafts, Dress Up, Song and Dance  
**OUTDOOR GAMES:**  
Football, Dodge Ball, Tennis, Volleyball, Tag Rugby