

# YEAR TWO

# NEWSLETTER



OLD BUCKENHAM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

February 2026: Spring 2

## KEY DIARY DATES

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Parent Rep Meeting with Mrs Mitchell @ 0845

**3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Reading Café @2.45pm in Cherry Class - *come and share a book with your child*

**4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Book Fair @ OBPS-more information to follow

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** National Spelling Competition: Emile

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Non-Uniform Day: World Book Day

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** International Women's Day

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** STEM sharing assembly for KS1/EYFS parents @ 2.30pm

**18<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Choir singing at Norfolk Music Festival

**25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Rocksteady Concert to parents

**26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Easter Service at All Saints Church, Old Buckenham

Halfway through another term, I know that Cherry Class have been busy at home and school! Huge thanks to you all for your support with the children completing home learning activities – they are proud to share these with me and the class, especially when they have been practical.

Please can children bring their home learning books into school so we can update them.

## At Home –

**Reading:** We use the Reading Rainbow to celebrate reading; where children earn certificates based on the number of times they read at home and school. Reading is a vital part of the curriculum, and we ask that you try to hear your child read daily, it also helps me to understand children's individual interests and abilities when I see your comments. This has dipped in use this term – please consider reading at home the highest priority learning task we set. If you need support to use Boom Reader, please let me know.

**Maths:** The children are able to access both Numbots and Times Table Rockstars to support them in their number and calculating skills and speed. If your child and you would prefer paper worksheets, please let me know as I can send some home. Quick efficient number facts and times tables are a huge benefit to all maths work, reducing the 'cognitive load' (what children need to actively think about) in maths lessons. In Year 2 we focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (forwards and backwards) including dividing, and introduce the 3 times tables.

**Writing:** Spelling the KS1 exception words and applying spelling and phonics rules with increasing accuracy remains a focus in our writing. Hangman, rewriting, saying, sound buttoning, mnemonics and spotting patterns all help learn spellings. We are also really honing in on letter reversal and formation – children must form and position letters correctly to be at expected levels for writing in Year 2.

## Year 2 Team

Miss Sarah Moll, and welcome back to our student teacher Miss Jodi Rump.

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## Our Lessons: Curriculum Information

**Reading:** We continue to have opportunities for all children to read in school as we consider this to be so key to their success. In whole class reading, we will share texts such as *Fabulous Frankie* to build reading prosody and comprehension.

**English (Writing):** We will explore narrative writing through the fable 'The Crow's Tale' and biography, learning about Grace Darling. This may spark interest in lifeboats and rescues, so consider visiting the RNLi museum in Cromer.

**Maths:** While working to embed and feel confident with the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) we will also be learning to use standard units of measurement for mass, capacity, volume, length, height and temperature.

**Science:** *Habitats* We have learnt a lot about the needs of animals to survive, this half term we will focus more closely on the habitats they are found in and consider how the living things there are interdependent.

**RE:** Through our learning we will be aiming to answer the following learning question: *How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after His crucifixion?* We will be learning about what Christians believe happened to Jesus after death, and exploring our own thoughts about what might happen after something or someone dies and think about symbols for new life.

**PSHCE:** *Healthy Me 'Jigsaw Jo'* will help us to think about making healthy choices. This will include the importance of healthy food, exercise and rest but also learning about medicine safety and the importance of relaxing our mind.

**History:** *Who is the greatest history maker?* We will explore what 'history maker' means and then learn about six significant women from history, and what they did/do which is significant. The children will be encouraged to consider their opinions of these people and decide for themselves who is the most significant.

**DT:** *Mechanisms – Wheels and Axles* We will explore existing wheeled vehicles and use construction toys to experiment with the required features. We will develop skills to make moving axles and wheels and build our own wheeled vehicles (we would very much appreciate the donation of small boxes for this project!)

**Music:** *Recorders* We will be learning to play the notes C and D on recorders, and reviewing the Year 1 notes B, A and G. We will work on control and timing to accompany a song.

**Computing:** Focusing on Pictograms, we will be looking at ways to organise data, collecting data in tally charts and presenting data in pictograms and block diagrams on a computer.

**PE:** *Net and Wall* We will be returning to balls with different equipment, and then focusing on racquet skills.

**PE:** *Volleyball* We are developing the new skill of 'bumping' the ball.

**PE:** Please can children wear their PE kit to school on **Wednesday** and **Friday**, with long hair tied up and no jewellery.

**Equipment:** Children should bring their book bags in daily with all belongings clearly labelled and must bring a bottle of **water** to school. Children must also have a pair of wellies and a bag to store them in at school so we can use the field at playtimes. Thank you for your help with this. Library books will be changed every fortnight and reading books will be changed weekly.

Many thanks for your support,

Sarah Moll.