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PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we've had at Old Buckenham Primary School! I wanted to start by extending my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended our recent session on Zones of Regulation. Your commitment to understanding and supporting your children's emotional well-being is truly appreciated.

I'm incredibly proud to share some fantastic recent achievements. Our school choir had an absolutely amazing experience performing at Young Voices at the iconic Wembley Arena. The energy and passion they demonstrated were remarkable. Additionally, I'm delighted to report that our selected pupils represented our school brilliantly at a pentathlon competition, securing an impressive 4th place finish.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up that I'd like to bring to your attention. Today, 6th February, we'll be celebrating NSPCC Numbers Day. We're looking forward to seeing all our children participating in this important event.

We're also preparing for Safer Internet Day, which will include sharing assemblies next Thursday and Friday, where you'll have the opportunity to attend and learn alongside your child. This is a wonderful chance for us to work together in understanding online safety and supporting our pupils in navigating the digital world responsibly.

These events highlight our ongoing commitment to providing a rich, supportive, and engaging learning environment for all our pupils.

Helen Mitchell

*Headteacher*

## Ash Class

Our Early Years children have been showing some fantastic communication and teamwork skills when engaging in this fun Art and Science themed challenge. They were asked to draw their favourite sea creature and then work with a partner to create a background to place them onto. We used our recently acquired knowledge about printmaking to design a habitat that the animals could live in. Here are a few amazing examples! Well done Ash Tree Class!



## Oak Class

In English, Oak Class have been exploring the seasons as part of our information text unit. We sorted words into nouns, verbs, and adjectives. We then used our phonics skills to decode and read words, matching facts within the sentences we were reading to different animals





## Cherry Class

Cherry Class have been learning how humans cannot just survive but also be healthy in science – we also learnt specifically about oral hygiene and all took home a new toothbrush and toothpaste with a challenge to complete.

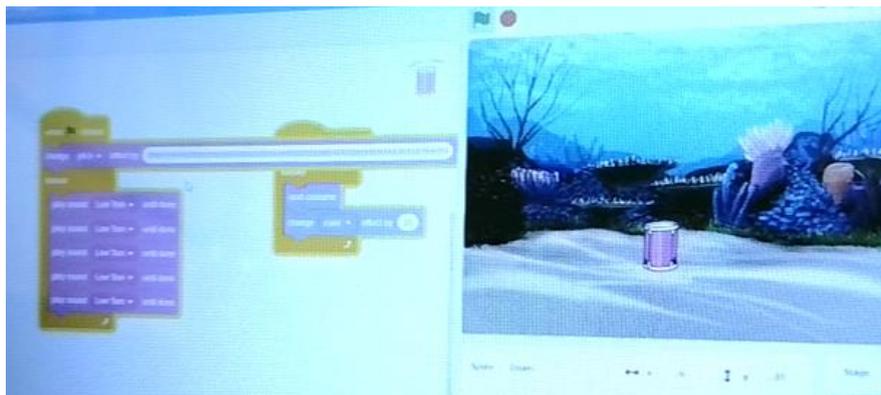
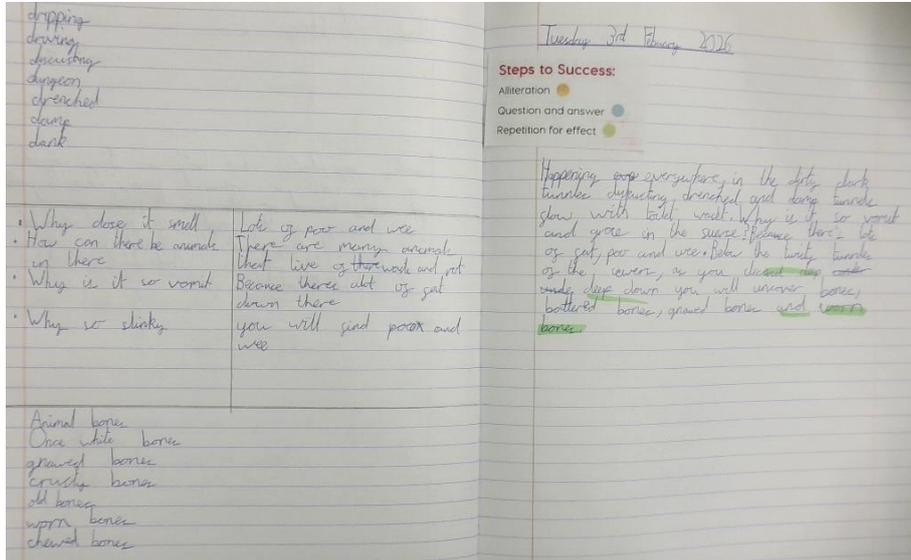
Cherry Class are really enjoying exploring coding through using the beebots, creating our own mats to navigate around.



## Willow Class

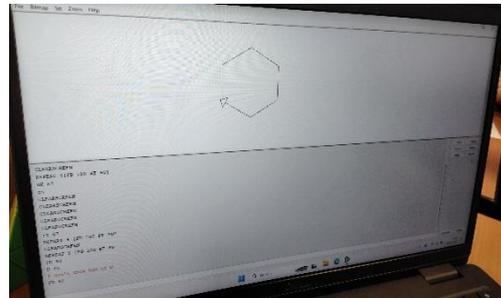
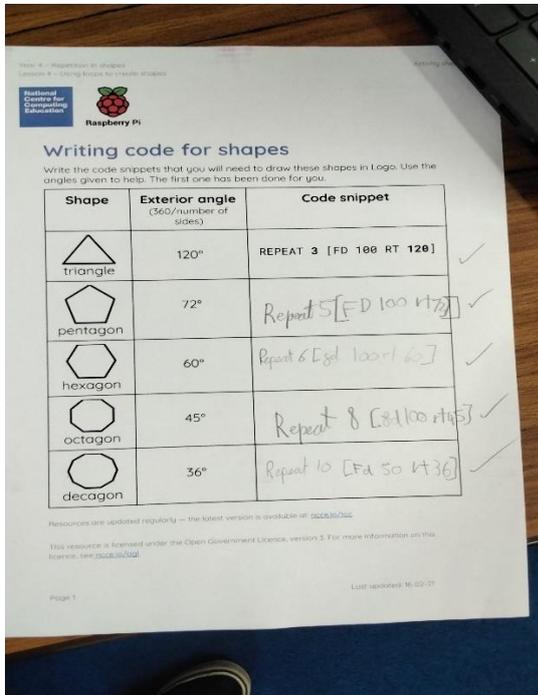
Over the past few weeks, the children have been busy learning across a range of subjects. In Maths, they have been focusing on measurement, using millimetres, centimetres and metres to measure different objects and lengths. In English, the class has started a new unit based on *The Street Beneath Our Feet*, which the children have found very engaging, although many agreed the section about the sewers was particularly stinky! In Art, we are continuing our work on painting with shape, with the children beginning to add more detail to their artwork. The children have been brilliant during swimming lessons, showing excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout. In Science, they have been learning about Light and Dark, carrying out experiments with reflective objects and exploring how shadows are

formed. In Geography, we have been investigating who visits the Magic Kingdom and where in the world they are from, helping to develop the children's understanding of different places around the world. During Computing they have been learning how to use Scratch: sequencing instructions and sound as well as changing the colour of our sprites.



## Maple Class

The Year 4's have been exploring programming in computing. We have been writing commands to create shapes and using loops for repetition.



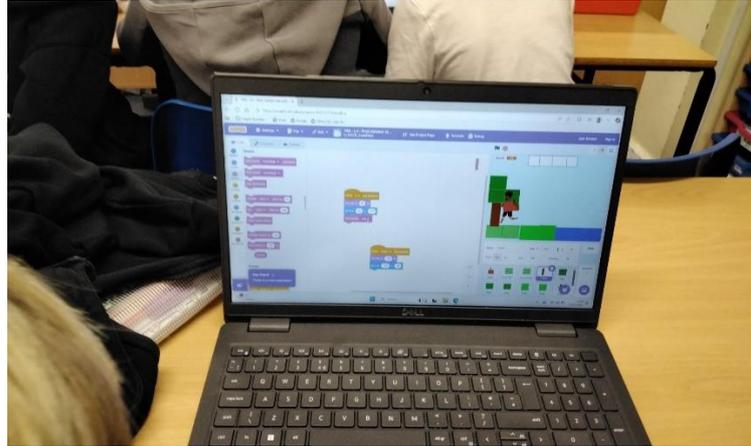
## Beech Class

In year 5 we have been enjoying experimenting with crumbles, a coding kit in computing, which we are going to use to build model moon buggies, linking with our Science topic of Space. In PE we have continued to work on rolls and shapes in gymnastics and controlling the ball effectively in hockey. In Music we have enjoyed composing using glockenspiels, including using musical notation.



## Aspen Class

Year 6 have been creating their own games on scratch.



## Attendance

Current Attendance for the whole school	Old Buckenham Primary School & Nursery	National Average	Regional Average
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>96.2%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>94.0%</b>

## Class Attendance

The following classes have met our school target of 97%:

19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026	26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Cherry Class	Aspen Class
	Maple Class



### Reading Stars

Well done to the following children in our Reception class who have achieved the following reading stars this week:

**Badge 3: Ralfy Rabbit:** Leyla, Teddy

**Badge 5: Aliens Love Underpants:** Arabella, William

**Special Badge (Growth Mindset when Reading):** Tony, Teddy

**Star Reader of the Week:** Sidney, Isla-Rose



### Reading Rainbow

We are so proud of our children in Years 1 and 2 who have been working hard to make their way up the rainbow for reading:

#### Year 1

Indigo: Bella

Green: Aubrey

#### Year 2

Violet – Stanley, Bowie, Otis, Oliver

Indigo – Mila

Blue – Ethan, Leo,

Green – Remi,

Orange – Dylan,

Red – Charlie B,

Bronze – Max, Seb

## **Celebrating Our Handwriting Competition Winners!**

On Friday 23rd January, pupils across the school took part in a range of exciting handwriting activities designed to inspire pride, focus, and creativity in their written work. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and effort that everyone brought to the day.

A huge well done to all of our Handwriting Competition Award Winners, who impressed us with their concentration, beautiful presentation, and the skills they demonstrated throughout the activities. Their hard work really shone through.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and look forward to seeing their handwriting continue to flourish.

### **Ash Class**

Arabella, Freddie

### **Oak Class**

Isla G, Julian

### **Cherry Class**

Remi, Seb

### **Willow Class**

Isabelle, Huxley

Maple Class:

### **Beech Class**

Olly, Bethan

### **Aspen Class**

Ronan, Mia

## Young Voices 2026



Our school choir had the incredible opportunity to take part in Young Voices at Wembley Arena on 3 February 2026, joining several thousand pupils for an unforgettable musical experience. It was certainly a long day, with hours of rehearsals to prepare for performing live alongside other musicians, including Alison Limerick, but our children rose to the occasion brilliantly. They represented the school with maturity, resilience and fantastic teamwork. Their singing was outstanding, and every pupil threw themselves into the experience with enthusiasm — it was clear they were having a wonderful time.

A huge thank you to Mr Humphrey for all the rehearsals that ensured the choir felt confident and ready, and to Mrs Starling, Mrs Richards and Mrs Feakes for accompanying the group so the trip could go ahead. Mrs Mitchell was incredibly proud of every single one of them on the day, enjoying singing along as well as having a boogie, especially to the Disco medley!



Nansa's Sleep Service aims to be there for families whose children have SEND and experience ongoing sleep difficulties

## Sleep Helpline

# 01603 728673

Open every Monday (term time only)  
10am - 3pm

★ If you need advice or guidance on sleep, Nansa's Sleep Practitioners are just a phone call away.

★ Offer strategies that are practical and will aid sleep

★ The Sleep Helpline will be running along side the Nansa Sleep Clinic. For more information, visit our website: [www.nansa.org.uk](http://www.nansa.org.uk)



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