



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Some of you will have seen in the news that the National Education Union (NEU) voted and reached a legal threshold to take strike action.

Therefore, teacher members of this union, if they choose to, can take strike action in relation to the dispute with the Secretary of State for Education for pay rises, improved school funding and to protect education standards.

The potential dates for NEU strike action (that may impact on our school) are:

- 1 February 2023 – National strike action
- 1 March 2023 – Regional strike action
- 15 March 2023 – National strike action
- 16 March 2023 – National strike action

We are mindful of the impact this could potentially have on parents, carers and pupils, so will do our best to keep you updated .

*J Olney*



## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **94.2%**

Our class of the week is: **Spain with 98.9%**



# Spring 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**27 Jan**

### Glo disco

There will be sweets and toys for sale as usual so bring a little pocket money!

**10 Feb**

### Valentine's Cake and Hot Choc Sale

Bakers at the ready! Please bring (Valentine's themed if you like) cakes to the office

**11 Feb**

### Read-a-Thon Starts

More details to follow

**6 Mar**

### Read-a-Thon winners announced

More details to be announced

**24 Mar**

### Easter Fayre

Save the date.! Fayre will start around 2pm

**29 Mar**

### Easter Games - run by school council

Two games each costing 25p. During the school day.

For any questions, please contact the Friends at [friendsbvs@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbvs@gmail.com) or go to our Facebook page

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# NEWSLETTER

Jan 20th 2023

Contact us @ [friendsbvs@gmail.com](mailto:friendsbvs@gmail.com)



As you can see we have lots of fun things planned for the Spring term which we hope your children will enjoy, including the return of the Spring Fayre on March 24th—more details coming soon!



**RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL** We have a clothes recycling bin at the front of the school - ideal for uniform which may not be suitable for Pre loved! We thank everybody for their pre loved donations but as we have limited storage, may we ask you to donate items of a quality that you too would consider purchasing.

Thank you



## Calling all bakers Valentine's Cake Sale

Last day of Term

Friday 10th February



**Funforce Glo Disco**  
**27th Jan Tickets**  
**available on**  
**ParentPay**

## Thank you's

**Thank you to everybody who donated during Re gifting week. All donations will be used for our Spring Fayre on 24th March. Anybody still wishing to make a contribution please take any items to the office.**







## 25 HALOS AS @ 20/1/2023

**FRANCE** - Ebony J

**SPAIN** - Isaac M, Harrison D

**GREECE** - Riley E

**IRELAND** - Megan R, Harley B, Michael V, Isla D, Thomas R,

**KENYA** - Olivia R, Sophie D

**MEXICO** - Matilda W, Filip B, Guy P

**INDIA** - Leon J, Elsie M, Lillith F, Cody W, Sophie P

**BRAZIL** - Adam A, Christmas W, Freya H, Aiden E, Penny M, Charlie M

**JAPAN** - Lyla R

## 50 HALOS AS @ 20/1/2023

**FRANCE** - Vinnie P

**INDIA** - Abbie G

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

**FRIDAY 27TH  
JANUARY**

# FUNFORCE

*Glo Disco*

Mocktails 50p  
Sweets from 5p  
Glo dress up 50p/£1.00

**School Hall**  
6pm-7pm years 3 & 4  
7.15pm-8.15pm years 5 & 6

Tickets £3.00 available through  
ParentPay & on the door

**Friends of BVS**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE  
COLLECTED BY AN ADULT**

## BURE VALLEY SCHOOL

### FAMILY LEARNING POETRY AFTERNOON

Parents/carers, grandparents, uncles,  
aunts, brothers and sisters are invited to  
join their child(ren) for our  
Family Learning Poetry Afternoon.

## TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

### 2PM - 3PM

**ARRIVALS FROM 1.45PM**

**THE  
AVLSHAM  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST  
(FAMILIES)**





## PE, KIT AND EXPECTATIONS

At Bure Valley, all pupils should come to school on the day of PE in correct kit. This is outlined in pupil planners (p7) and on the school website.

For dance and gymnastics lessons in the hall, all children are asked to participate with bare feet. This is so children can feel the mats and equipment when they are moving around and balancing (an important health & safety consideration). In both dance and gymnastics, pupils are also required to extend their feet and toes - trainers prevent the child from experiencing this.

When asked to participate in bare feet some pupils and parents rightly query, the management of verrucas. A verruca (also known as a planter wart) is a wart on the sole of the foot. It can be transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact or indirectly via contact with contaminated floors or surfaces. An infection is more likely to occur if the skin is damaged or wet.

We ask that it be made known if your child has a verruca or wart that needs covering during the lesson. A verruca or wart if covered should not stop your child from participating in important physical exercise and education.

Allowances can be made if, for medical reasons e.g.) a cut, a child might need to keep their feet covered. Parents and carers should inform the school if this is the case.

The incubation period for verruca is thought to range from a few weeks to more than a year. It therefore can take months for a verruca to appear following contact with the virus. This dispels the myth of the pupil who now has a verruca as a result of taking part in PE the previous week.

It is important to remember that warts and veruccas are small lumps on the skin that most people have at some point in their life. They usually go away on their own and are not associated with serious injury or illness.

## BVS RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

Our Relationship and Sex Education Policy is currently due for review.

This draft policy can be found on our website in the policies section.

Should any parent/carer wish to make any comments regarding this policy, please email [office@burevalley.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@burevalley.norfolk.sch.uk) by Friday, 3 February at the latest.

Thank you.

## MRS GRAVELING



**Congratulations to Mrs Graveling, who is expecting a baby in the spring.**

**Her maternity leave will start at the beginning of the Summer term.**

**We will keep you informed of staff changes for the summer term in due course.**





## Creative arts and play therapy with Mels at BVS

Taking referrals for February. Trauma informed, child-led practice. Neurodiversity welcomed.

1.

Offering a free half-hour consultation

2.

Sessions during the school day at BVS.

3.

Tool kit includes mixed media, clay, sand tray work, music, drama, lego and board games.

Contact Mels at [childsplayworks@outlook.com](mailto:childsplayworks@outlook.com)

Postgraduate diploma from the University of Leeds. Registered with Play Therapy UK.

### What is Blickling junior parkrun?



A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

### When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

### Where is it?

The event takes place at Blickling Park, Blickling Estate (National Trust), Blickling, Aylsham, Norfolk, NR11 6NF. See [Course page](#) for more details.

### What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode (**request a reminder**). If you forget it, **you won't get a time**.

### How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

### Blickling junior parkrun needs you!

It is entirely organised by volunteers - email [blicklingjuniors@parkrun.com](mailto:blicklingjuniors@parkrun.com) to help.

### We're friendly!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee at Muddy Boots Café at Blickling Estate - please come and join us!



THE  
AYLSHAM  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST  
(FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

## Eat Well, Stay Well

Tuesday 31st January 10am - 3pm

Venue - Emmanuel Church, Cawston Road, Aylsham

Come and join us for this FREE 'hands on' session and learn how to make healthy, affordable and delicious meals on a limited budget.

Includes recipe tasting and practical preparation of ingredients to take away and cook at home.

Then take home your FREE SLOW COOKER (1 per household) and put your new skills into practice.

This course will be delivered by Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures



For more information or to book your place contact

Lisa Whatnall from Clarion Futures email [lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com](mailto:lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com)

or call/text on 07770 704740

For information about The Aylsham Community Trust (Families)

courses and workshops please telephone

Monica Harding 07780 887348

## KEITH ELPHICK

Sadly, today was the funeral of Keith Elphick, who passed away on Sunday, 18 December. Many of our parents and grandparents will remember Keith as the Headmaster of Aylsham Middle School (now BVS) from 1979 until 1995.

Keith was a much loved Headmaster, who particularly loved celebrating Christmas - making sure that the school was always decorated for everyone to enjoy.

After he retired from Aylsham Middle School, he became an exam invigilator at Aylsham High, was Chairman of the Aylsham Christmas Lights Committee and, of course, became Aylsham's very own Father Christmas on many occasions.

We send our sincere condolences to Keith's family.