

## Bures CEVC Primary School – Update for the Parish Councils – January 2025

Happy New Year to everyone.

The run up to Christmas was an especially busy time at school, as you will read.

For Children In Need over £ 189 was raised.

Chloe, Hector and Evie represented the school at the Remembrance Day parade and presented a wreath on behalf of us all.

A number of parent workshops were run and a big thank you to all the parents who attended.

We hosted the second of our Reception open mornings and our year 6 children were exceptional in offering the parents a tour of the school and providing them with lots information. We had some really complimentary feedback about the children.

Year 1 and Year 5 made educational visits to Arger Fen which has supported the learning they have been doing in class. A big thank you to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for the opportunity to visit. Despite the freezing weather, everyone seemed to really enjoy their time in the woods!

It was a pleasure to finally launch the opening of the library. The children can see how the library has been organised so that they know how to access the books for their age group when they visit with their classes. We have picture books and early chapter books for Reception, Years 1 and 2. We have young fiction for years 3 and 4. We have older fiction for years 5 and 6. In addition to

this we have older picture books and a selection of non-fiction books and author collections. We have a selection of new books and books that are dyslexia friendly by the publisher Barrington Stokes. They use dyslexia-friendly fonts, off-white paper and careful spacing between words to help reduce visual stress.

Following on from the Hedgehog assembly, Alanna, Robyn, Austen and Sophie all joined Shirley Keeble-Fox and the Dedham Vale team to build houses. The children built a fabulous "bug hotel" using recyclable materials to help increase biodiversity in the area by providing a safe place for insects to shelter, hide, and raise their young. The children were awarded "Bug Hotel Hero" certificates in our Celebration Assembly in school for a fantastic job, well done!

The PSA have been exceptionally busy and many thanks indeed for their collective activities. The Candy Cane Lucky Dip stall at the Bures Lights Switch on raised a fabulous £134 and there was lots of excitement and fun had by all! This was followed by the PSA Sweet Shop where they took an amazing £148. The PSA funds the extra things that the teachers would love to have but that the school budget cannot stretch to. Their first grant is going towards two sets of books for Year 6 called The Explorer and Holes. These are for the whole class reading so everyone has access to the same book and the staff feel that these books are fantastic for inspiring writing! There are more book sets planned for the other year groups too and also some playground equipment too. The PSA Disco raised an amazing £861. The PSA have agreed to grant £100 to each Year Group for the class teacher to spend on their choice of little extras for their class which we hope will enhance the school experience for all our children. And finally a massive thank you to all the parents, staff and children who made Elfridges such a huge success ! The children had such a lovely time picking out their gifts and carefully wrapping them up ready to take home. It was such a festive occasion and much thought went into the choosing of their gifts and we hope all will have been enjoyed on Christmas morning. Every child went away with a huge smile on their face. This event was not only great fun for the children but also a fantastic fundraiser for us, bringing in around £850! A big thanks to all the dedicated PSA Elves who gave up their time to help at such a busy time of year!

Some more of Santa's little helpers in the form of some fabulous Year 6 girls were busy too, selling Reindeer food and Elf Poo in the playground after school. Great to see some girl power in action - future young entrepreneurs maybe? They raised an incredibly £104.00 to add to this year's Christmas total!

In the run up to Christmas, our Key Stage One children performed the 'Wiggly Nativity' and Key Stage Two their Christmas concert. Both performances were brilliant and memorable! The children performed brilliantly with such energy, smiles and talent! They brought so much joy to everyone who came to watch. A special thank you to all the dedicated staff for putting the performances together. Their support and hard work helped create such successful performances. And thank you to all of the parents who attended to watch.

Then came the Panto, Beauty and the Beast. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and their ice cream! Thank you to M and M productions. They said our children were an excellent audience with full participation!

In the final week the children were busy making Christmas cards and crafts, and enjoying winter walks as well as some festive themed learning.

Time then for the end of term and a well-earned break.

We do still have spaces available in Years 1 and 4. So if you know of anyone who is looking for a Primary School place for their child or children, please contact the School Office.

Thank you for taking an interest in our School.

Kind regards,

Tim Fairbairn  
Chair of Governors  
7/1/25

