

This week has been our annual Walk to School Week. We started the week with an assembly where we thought about the physical and environmental benefits of walking to school each day. You'll see from the photographs, that as ever, Happy Shoesday was well received by the children (and staff) who were able to wear their favourite footwear for the day. Trainers and slippers were clear favourites! Today, all children who walked to school each day received a Walk to School Week badge as a reward for their efforts. We hope that all of you will continue to walk to school and reduce the number of cars around our school.



Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1

Monday 23rd September

- 3W and 3BW visit to Hyde Hall - usual school timings and school uniform please
- 4C 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.00pm

Tuesday 24th September

- 3P and 3M visit to Hyde Hall - usual school timings and school uniform please
- 4H 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.00pm

Wednesday 25th September

- Year 6 Open Door event - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
- Parent Workshop - 'Reading' and 'SEND Provision' at Buttsbury Junior School - 7.00pm

Thursday 26th September

- Harvest Festivals (details below)

Friday 27th September

- European Day of Languages celebration

Walk to School Week

Bakewell Tarts

Please can we ask that Bakewell tarts are not included in packed lunches as they contain almonds. We are a 'nut free' school due to a number of children and staff having nut allergies. Thank you.

Year 6 'Open Door' afternoon

If you have a child in Year 6, you are very warmly invited to join them in their classroom on **Wednesday 25th September**, from 2.15pm - 3.00pm. You will have a chance to experience life inside a Year 6 classroom and get a flavour of some of their recent activities - you may even have the opportunity to join in! As this is an informal, experiential afternoon, children's books won't be available but there will be lots of work on the display boards for you to enjoy. Please could we ask that you don't bring pre-school children along as the classrooms will be very full and that just one person per child attends. Please could you come in via the external classroom doors rather than the front entrance.

Film Night - tonight - 5.15pm - 7.30pm - 'Wonka'

Don't forget about the film night this evening - the information leaflet is at the back of this newsletter as a reminder of how the evening works. See you later!

School Photographer

All the children had their photograph taken yesterday. The day went very smoothly due to the excellent organisational skills of Mrs Paige, the flexibility of staff and the superlative behaviour of the children.

Photos and purchasing information will follow shortly.

Harvest Festivals - Christ Church

Thursday 26th September

Timings

- Year 4 - 9.00am - 9.30am
- Year 3 - 9.45am - 10.15am
- Year 5 - 10.30am - 11.00am
- Year 6 - 11.15am - 11.45am

Arrival

- Numbers are limited to **two** people per child.
- Doors will be opened as soon as the church is clear from the previous Harvest Festival.

In Church

- There are enough seats for one per family so some people will need to stand; priority will be given to the elderly, expectant Mums and those with mobility issues.
- Please arrange childcare for babies, toddlers and pre-school children if at all possible.
- **The church will be cleared fully between services so please don't leave coats on seats.**

Departure

- Please leave promptly via the Front Door - please don't walk over to the classes

Parking

- **There is no parking available at Christ Church - you will be fined if you park there so please don't!**

Hopefully, we will have four very successful Harvest Festivals - we are really looking forward to seeing you all.

Donations for the **Billericay Foodbank** can be brought into school from Monday.

Thank you, in advance, for following these protocols.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

'Well Done' to all the children who were awarded MERIT certificates this week.

<i>Isla Craswell</i>	<i>Ember Wood</i>
<i>Zachary Russell</i>	<i>Harry Shipway</i>
<i>Theo Clifford</i>	<i>Olivia Murley</i>
<i>Ruby Hill</i>	<i>Noah Gazzard</i>
<i>Rosie Hadassi</i>	<i>Henry Dean</i>
<i>Ruby Ellis</i>	<i>Alannah Cronin</i>
<i>Emily O'Keefe</i>	<i>Alice Brooks</i>
<i>James Bilton</i>	<i>Mahi Dalal</i>
<i>David McConnell</i>	<i>Elliana Wilkins</i>
<i>Kelsie Ridall</i>	<i>Julio Ferreira Melo</i>
<i>Flo Cable</i>	<i>Freya Evans</i>



Core Five

Congratulations to our new 'Core Five' who, along with Miss Watson and Mrs Wilson will drive the work of the School Council this year.

Chair: Emily O'Keefe
Vice-Chair: David McConnell
Secretary: Holly Lague
Treasurer: Olivia Cullen
PR/Events: Moraya Kemp

Well done children and good luck in your roles!



This week's 'Writers of the Week' are:

Elizbeth Moody Mollie Parker Elodie Wang Gao
Marley Dowling Johnny McQueen
Ivy Duerden William Stafford
Well done to our writing super stars!



This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are:

Thea Jones Theo Clifford Leo McDougall
Masooma Ibrahimy Oliver Hughes
Mikael Ali Khan Rhys Carey Jamie Collyer
Well done to our magical mathematicians!



This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:

Moraya Kemp Ellena Boulwood Chloe Hayes
Zachary Webster Archie Pearce Leo Showell
Vivaan Mukherji Faith Fenton
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Grace Brockwell Leya Isikgun Amber Sargant
Jack Wilkinson Oscar Beckwith Emily Wilkinson
Theo Barnes Noah Vasiliou
Well done to our times table super stars!



Afternoon Tea

This week, it was the turn of our 'Number 31' children, who excitedly joined Mr Graves and me in the Staff Room to share biscuits, cakes and squash!

The children really enjoyed chatting about their favourite pieces of work as well as listening to other children sharing their favourite work too.

House Points

This week's winning house:
Lions



Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were:

Louie Dixon
Arlo Spencer-Nimmo
Ethan Rae
Sophia Rusu
Summer Mariner



This week's attendance figure is: 97.8%!

This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3M who had the highest attendance this week - 99.7%! Congratulations!



Communication

Just a reminder that the Year Group emails are for non-urgent messages/queries as they are not monitored all the time. If you would like your child's class teacher to call you, for example, please use admin@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk as this will result in a quicker response.

School Uniform

Please can I remind you that, unless your child has a medical condition which requires them to wear trainers, all children should wear black shoes to school. Please can I also remind you that the only earrings that are allowed are small studs - at the moment, we are seeing quite large studs and hoops. Thank you for your support.



Music Mark School

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded a Certificate of Recognition for our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all young children and young people. Our music lessons are delivered by a specialist music teacher, we offer a huge range of instrumental lessons and have two choirs, which over a quarter of our school are members of. It's great to have this recognised and be named as a Music Mark School.

Secondary School Applications for September 2025 A reminder for Year 6 parents

I have been asked by Essex Schools' Admissions to remind Year 6 parents that the closing date for applications for parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in September 2025) is 31st October 2024.

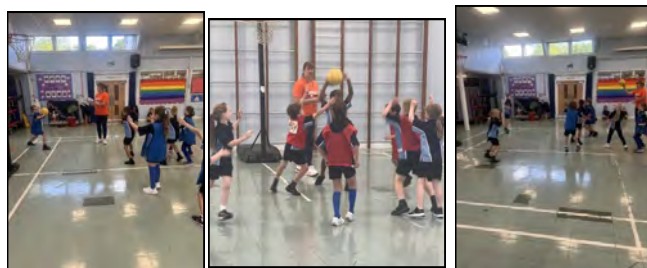
Applications should be made via their website:
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please note that you have to register on the site and create your own log in - the Local Authority will not send you any information directly.

Basketball Taster Sessions

The children in Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in taster basketball sessions with Alex Potter, one of the coaches who provides our before and after school clubs. The children had a great time and really enjoyed learning new skills.

If your child would like to join one of our basketball clubs, further details can be found on our school website.



Part-Time Midday Assistant

There is a vacancy at Buttsbury Infant School for a midday assistant to support a child with Special Educational Needs, on a one to one basis. If you are interested in this role, please contact Mrs Marven, at the infant school - 01277 622821 or admin@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk for details of how to apply.

Diary Date Change

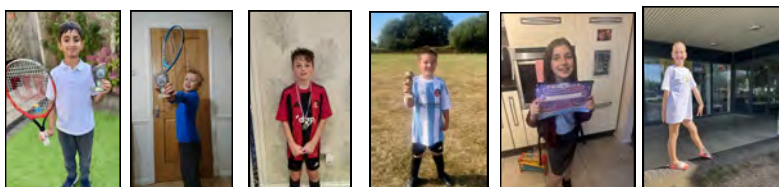
Please note that the class/group photos which were booked for Thursday 19th June 2025 will now take place on **Friday 20th June**. This is due to the Partnership Swimming Gala being scheduled for 19th June. This event involves lots of children from across each year group making it nigh on impossible to organise group photos.

Parent Workshop - Wednesday 25th September 2024 - 7pm

It's not too late to book a place at the workshop
Please return your slip to the School Office by Monday.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to Vivaan Mukherji (4C) who won Stock Tennis Club's 2024 orange ball (8-11 years) competition on Saturday.
- * Congratulations to Dominic Senior (4LW) who was runner up in the Stock Tennis Club red ball tournament on Saturday.
- * Well done to James Lyons (6P) who he received 'Player of the Match' and scored two goals for his team Perry Street Vikings.
- * Congratulations to Zachary (4LW) who was awarded 'GOAT of the Game' for the first match of the season with his team Perry Street Blacks for "a really strong performance".
- * Well done to Kelsie Ridall (4C) who completed Stage 4 in her swimming during the Summer holidays.
- * Congratulations to Asa Taylor (5B) who was awarded 6th Place at the South Essex Gymnastics Club Women's Artistic Competition.



European Day of Languages – Friday 27th September

Next Friday, Buttsbury Infant and Junior Schools will be celebrating the European Day of Languages with a wide array of language and culture-based activities. This year's theme is 'Languages for Peace', so it seems only fitting that we take the opportunity to host a crossover event between Year 5 and Year 2 pupils, in which our Year 5 pupils will visit the infant school to help their younger peers complete some fun linguistic activities that will allow them to put to good use the kind and inclusive attitudes that we promote at all times at Buttsbury. Children across all year groups are invited to dress in the colours of the country that their class will be studying for the day, details of which class teachers have shared with the children. Please be advised that there is absolutely no need to buy any new clothing or accessories for the day – if you do not have any clothing that matches the colour of your child's country for the day, you could simply make a wristband in the colours of the flag for your child's class country. No uniform items need to be worn. We are all greatly looking forward to celebrating the European Day of Languages with the children!

Pen Licences

Well done to **Lola Cohen** and **Sophie Mackenzie** who both received their Pen Licences this week.

Film Night

Wonka

**Friday 20th September - Main Hall
5.15pm - 7.30pm**

Cost: £6 - please pay on the door, with correct change if possible.

The playground will be open for parking - please try and use this as Norsey View Drive gets very congested.

Please form a queue on the front path of the school - please don't let your children run around on the grass whilst waiting. Entry is via the Front Door.

If you can take coats home with you, that is really helpful.

Children can bring a small cushion or a pillow with them to snuggle on whilst they watch the film but they need to be able to carry them as parents will have to say 'farewell' at the door.

No mobile phones are permitted.

Please do not bring food, drinks etc. from home.

Please hand in epi pens at the Front Door if applicable.

During the film, included in the entry price, children will be able to have:

**A fizzy or soft drink
Plus two of the following—
Popcorn, Sweets or chocolate bar**

Therefore, no additional money is needed.

Squash and water will be provided free of charge throughout the evening.

At the end of the film, we will operate a one-way system for collection - all children need to be collected by an adult. Please form a queue at the Front Door, then you will be directed into the Hall to collect your child. You will then go out via 6B.

Members of the teaching staff are present throughout the discos as well as parent volunteers.

Thank you, in advance, for your support with the above and also to all the helpers who have offered to come along and assist.