

Friday 27th September 2024

It's starting to feel a bit more like Buttsbury Junior School now with lots of events keeping us very busy! This week, we've had sporting events, class visits, several parent events and a themed day! WOW!

Year 3 parents - I would say it will be quieter next week, but, in general, we do lots and lots of 'extras' above and beyond the normal curriculum so it's best to buckle up in readiness! Have a lovely weekend - our Year 4 choir is singing at the Civic Service on Sunday (3pm at Emmanuel Church) and last year's Core 5 (now in Year 7) are also giving a presentation at the event so there will be definite Buttsbury flavour to the service.



Consent Forms

Please can we ask that consent forms for school visits and events are completed as soon as possible and before the closure date. At present, we are having to contact lots of parents which is not good use of our time and also delays completion of the risk assessment. Thank you.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2 - New Menu
Year 6 Assessment Week Begins

Tuesday 1st October

- Lesley Williams (Basilldon Youth Theatre - BYT) to lead workshops with Year 3 (am)

Friday 4th October

- Isle of Wight payment 3 (£86) due by today
- School discos - Year 3/4 - 5.00pm - 6.30pm;
Year 5/6 - 6.50pm - 8.20pm

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to join us for the Harvest Festival celebrations yesterday.

All four services were delightful and the children's singing was quite spectacular - you could clearly see they were enjoying themselves. Thank you very much to the staff team for preparing the children so well and to Reverend Margaret Fowler for leading the prayers and for her lovely Harvest talk. Thank you also for your generous offerings for the Billericay Foodbank which will be transported there on Monday. We also need to pass on our thanks to the wardens and volunteers at Christ Church who prepared the church for our services and made us feel very welcome, and also to Julian for managing the sound system so professionally!

Billericay
Food Bank 

Parent Workshop

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Wednesday evening - I hope you found it both interesting and enjoyable. Thank you to the leadership team (from both schools) who assisted with the evening - either by presenting or showcasing reading in their year group. All the handouts are on the school's website in

Acting Assistant Year Group Leaders

I am delighted to inform you that, following successful interviews last Friday, Mrs Pretlove (6P) and Miss Hall (4H) have been appointed as Acting Assistant Year Group Leaders. They will support the current Senior Leadership Team (with both Mrs Barnes (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Morris (Year 6 Leader) on maternity leave, the current team is a little stretched) so we are looking forward to Mrs Pretlove and Miss Hall helping us with the smooth operation of the school.

School Council 2024 – 2025

Well done to the following children who were elected, by their peers, to represent the class on the School Council this year:

3W: Ben Farrugia & Tallulah Green
3P: Freddy McQueen & Jasmine Pike
4C: Elodie Wang Gao & Vivaan Mukherji
4LW: Hannah Lister & Oliver Wilson
5T: Summer-Rose Smith & Joe Jackson
5P: Mariah Hands & Jacob Ovel
6B: Amelie Moore & Larry Mitchell
6S: Evie Prudom & Leo McDougall

3BW: Amelie Owen & Zachary Wooder
3M: Holly Fensome & Vincent Pranevicius
4M: Maddie Wallis & Oscar Farley
4H: Asa Taylor & Edward Smith
5R: Jax Evans & Zehra Korkmaz
5B: Pippa Daley & Theo Vinicombe
6R: Grace Brockwell & William McLellan
6P: Charlie Vail & Eloise Higdon

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Amelie Dorman</i>	<i>Rory Hearmon</i>
<i>Joe Stone</i>	<i>Jasmine Pike</i>
<i>Olivia Rose Gamon</i>	<i>Isabella Swift</i>
<i>Emilio Gallone</i>	<i>Amelia West</i>
<i>Daisy Mumford</i>	<i>April Marsh</i>
<i>Blake Silvester</i>	<i>Finley Pike</i>
<i>Ava Pardoe</i>	<i>Zehra Korkmaz</i>
<i>Koen Stephens</i>	<i>Alice Cassidy</i>
<i>Harriet Rocks</i>	<i>George Day</i>
<i>Hannah Sijo</i>	<i>Lara-Mae Austin</i>
<i>Zack Brewer</i>	<i>William Astridge</i>
<i>Archie Coote</i>	<i>Fiorella Gallone</i>

Parents to Lunch

This week we were joined for lunch by the parents and grandparents of children in 4C and 4H for our first 'Parents to Lunch' events of the year. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience as well as the tasty food. Thank you to everyone who came along and to our Catering Team, Middy Assistants and Mrs Hall, for facilitating the event.



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

*Felicity Beaumont Ariella Osborne
Pippa Daley Kaiser Thorby-Mead Amy Wells
Jax Evans Joshua Small Callie Beadon
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Cooper Smith Harry Mann Megan Shipton
Daniel Dinsdale Carter Lewis Olive Craswell
Thomas Chandra Maya-Love Chance Jack Fuller
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Diego Tyler-Garcia Bella Pankhania
Summer-Rose Smith Chloe Berry
Perdie Noble Amelia Hudson Sofia Gross
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Zach Wooder Leah Ballestero Daisy Moughton
Jack Robertson Frederick Solomons
Oliver Stephens Grace Morgan
Harrison Wooder Abi Hau*

Afternoon Tea

This week's invitation was extended to the children who are Number 26 on the class register. As the term progresses, we are seeing a wider range of subjects being chosen to be shared as 'best' work which is wonderful!



House Points

This week's winning house:

Lions

Top Table

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

**Isla Craswell
Laurel Beaumont
Patrick Dillon
Sienna Kareer
Jasmine Faris**



*This week's attendance figure is: 97.4%!
This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.*



A special 'Well Done' to Classes 3M and 4M who had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



'Walk to School' Update

The week was a great success and we are delighted to announce that 6R and 6P were the classes with the highest number of children walking to school each day with 31 children in the class walking every day! In total 415 children walked to school every day which is 34% above national average! Well done everyone!



Film Night

A great time was had by all on Friday at our very successful Film Night which was attended by over half of the school! Thank you to the Friends' Association for organising the event and to the parents and staff who helped during the evening itself.

We raised £920.68 which is fantastic!

This year, the FA's main fundraising focus will be to continue to assist the school in replacing IT equipment, such as the Clevertouch Plus boards in the classrooms, children's laptops and iPads.

Year 6 'Open Door' Afternoon

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to come along to the Year 6 'Open Door' afternoon. I hope that you enjoyed assisting the children to design their pots. Thank you also to the Year 6 staff and children for being so accommodating - as I am sure you can imagine, an additional twenty-five plus adults in the room certainly has an impact!



Parking Issues

Three issues this week -
A driveway blocked on Springfield Road - outside the new house adjacent to the school grounds
Cars parked in the bus stop
Cars parked on the hatching outside the infant school
 Let's aim for no issues next week!

Humankind Café - Billericay High Street

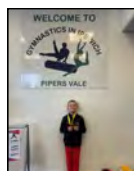
We have established an exciting new link with the Humankind Café, in Billericay High Street. Humankind Café's aim is to combat loneliness and social isolation and connect the community. Once a month, some of our children will visit the café with Mrs Willis and Mrs Felton, to lend a hand by playing with the toddlers whose parents are visiting the café or chatting to café users. They also might even wipe the odd table or two! Yesterday, some of our House Captains went - they had a wonderful time and also made themselves very useful! We are looking forward to the next visit in a few weeks.

Football - 9-a-side Cup

Sunnymede Primary 3 - 1 Buttsbury Junior
 After school Thursday, saw the Year 6 9-a-side football team take the short trip to Sunnymede in the first round of the cup. Before kick off, confidence amongst the boys was high and the game started off fairly evenly. Sunnymede then changed their approach and started to shoot from distance - a slippery ball and wicked deflections resulted in three quick goals. After half-time and playing down hill, Buttsbury had the lion's share of the chances and managed to pull one back through Harley but unfortunately they couldn't do enough to draw level. Well done to the boys for their determined play and thank you to the parents who assisted with transporting the children.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to **George Willis (3BW)** who got a green ECO Blue Peter Badge for making a snail house.
- * Congratulations to **Cameron McGee (5R)** who placed bronze in a regional gymnastics competition on Sunday, qualifying for a place in an upcoming National competition.
- * Well done to **Mikael Ali Khan (4c)** who passed his grading in karate last weekend to red belt at the Yushikai Karate Academy.
- * Congratulations to **Olivia Mallett (3BW)** who passed her Primary Tap Dance Exam with distinction.



Pen Licences

Well done to **Flo Cable, Layla Neale, Jessica Pilka, Olivia Tait and Conchobar Veats**, who all received their Pen Licences this week.



European Day of Languages – Friday 27th September

Today, pupils from both Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School greatly enjoyed celebrating the European Day of Languages. The first activity of the day had children take part in an inter-house quiz in their classes, answering 12 language themed questions relating to the origins of words, the different languages celebrities speak, and the most popular languages across Europe.

Later in the day, whilst Years 3 and 4 designed their very own language-themed T-shirts, Year 5 created travel guides and Year 6 conducted research into the many different languages spoken across Buttsbury Junior School. In the afternoon, our Year 2 children were treated to a special visit from Year 5 pupils who used their translation skills to help their younger peers complete a colour by numbers activity that revealed the colours used in the flags of each class' country. Additionally, Year 1 and Year 4 pupils were treated to dance workshops featuring traditional dances from Austria, Denmark, Scotland and Spain. The children had a wonderful time celebrating the cultural and linguistic diversities present across Europe.

Inter-House European Day of Languages Results

Year 3 - **Leopards**

Year 4 – **Jaguars**

Year 5 – **Panthers**

Year 6 – **Lions**

Well done to **Jaguars** who were the overall winners!

T-Shirt Design Competition

Well done to our year group winners:

Year 3: Emily Porter (3M)

Year 4: Elodie Wang Gao(4C)

Congratulations to everyone who took part - the designs were amazing!

Girls' Football

Tuesday afternoon saw the girls' football season kick off in convincing style with a victory at home over St Peter's.

The game started off a cagey affair but it wasn't long before Buttsbury opened the scoring through Georgie.

This then turned into attack after attack with Bonnie, Ella, Alannah, Ruby, Amelie and Scarlett all getting into the score sheet too. After a quiet first half, Alice was much busier in the second half, pulling off some good saves to keep a clean sheet. The girls played some wonderful football together and picked up from where they left off last year. Well done girls and onto the next round of the cup. Thank you to Jamie Weddell for refereeing, to Mr Cronin for supporting with coaching and all of the parents who came along to support.



Year 3 Hyde Hall Visits

Year 3 had an exciting few days at Hyde Hall this week, exploring rocks and soils and identifying their properties and appearances.

The children are now experienced geologists, identifying many different types of rock and can distinguish the differences between igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

The children really enjoyed this fantastic experience and would like to thank all of the staff at Hyde Hall for an exciting, fun-packed day!

We would like to also thank the wonderful Buttsbury staff and parent helpers for making this trip possible.



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's first **VIOLET** award winners - the children below have been on the Recognition Board every week since we returned to school in September!

Joseph Borg	Thomas Mason	Bonnie Atkinson-	Hope O'Sullivan	Jacqueline Fulker	Louie Parnell
Dexter Broom	Jonny McConnell	Lassman	Lola Prior	Joshua Small	Archie Pearce
Noah Cannon	Violet Mills	Florence Barrett	Jessica Reeves	Bailey Ramrutton	Chloe Pickering
Alex Drew	Olivia Murley	Kimberley	Kelsie Ridall	Maisie Wallis	Olivia Rees
Ava Catchpole	Mollie Parker	Brathwaite	Isla Sanders	Holly Fensome	Jamie Rocks
Ryan Challand	Jude Phillips	Isla Clifford	Alfie Smallman	Arlo Nimmo-Spencer	Sophie Sinnott
Amy Clarke	Zach Phillips	Rory Coshell	David Timperon	Charlie Saitch	Moudi Tarraf
Harry Fensome	Harry Shipway	Violet Costello	Conchobhar Veats	Louie Dixon	Archie Williams
Jamie Holmes	Darcy Shorey	Mahi Dalal	Poppy Walsh	Hazel Youngs	Vihaan Aggarwal
Moraya Kemp	Mollie Smith	Isabella Davies	Freya Anderson	Thea Robbshaw	Oliver Allchurch
Violet Toll	Maddie Stower	Jacob Dyer	Thomas Chandra	Karen Pinder	Nye Arentsen
Harry Tungate	Oliver Sutton	Emelia Giddings	Kaitlyn Charles	Ella Tennet	William Astridge
Anastasia Markelova	Heath Tanner	Ella Goodenough	Pippa Daley	James Wright	Gracie Birch
Eloise Mills	Rosie Taylor	Callum Horton	Amelia West	Callie Beadon	Leo Campbell
Larry Mitchell	Maddie Wallis	Jasper Jenkins	Emilio Gallone	Summer-Rose Smith	Archie Coote
Elizabeth Moody	Elliot Bailey	Rupert Kehoe	Sofia Holdgate	Olivia Taylor	Jack Cronin
Amelie Moore	Isla Bloomfield	Holly Lague	Jennifer McSharry	Erin Collins	Vira Fedorova
James Natusch	George Boyer	Callum Lewis	Sophie Moore	Ethan Rae	Florence Fuller
Harley Phillips	Milly Davies	David McConnell	George Morgan	Lara-Mae Austin	Jack Fuller
Felix Plummer	Daniel Dinsdale	Scarlett Metcalfe	Daisy Mumford	Mollie Hughes	Fiorella Gallone
Zac Russell	Mine Emosivbe	Charlie Murray	Perdie Noble	Grace Ivimy	Caelan Hughes
Miller Rutledge	Ethan Feeney	Isabelle	Alex Pierce	Harry Mann	Leah Jackson
Abi Walker	Olivia Rose Gamon	Neathercoat	Oliver Stephens	Hannah Sijo	Isobel James
Anna Weddell	Elodie Greenhalgh	Evie Prudom	Theo Vinicombe	Nellie Amos	Alfie King
Jack Wilkinson	Marcel Hernandez	Luke Richardson	Teddy Youngs	Harry Baker	Grace La-Rocque
Ember Wood	Amelia-Rose Hewitt	Sophia Rusu	Poppy Bolt-	Aaron Barnes	Olivia Mallett
Albert Amos	Sonny Hoile	Amber Sargant	Emerson	Laurel Beaumont	Alesha Mittal
Leah Ballestero	Lola Hurry	William Stafford	Ben Ferris	Freddie Beckwith	Daisy Moughton
Felicity Beaumont	Summer Mariner	Alex Trainer	Henry Fuller	Kayn Bowerman	Amelie Owen
Emma Booth	Freddy McQueen	Noah Vasilou	Taylor Gibson	Alannah Cronin	Chloe Pierce
Ruby Brockwell	Jamie McSharry	Elliana Wilkins	Mariah Hands	Lauren Crook	Isha Sharma
Olivia Brousse	Grace Morgan	Oliver Baker	Amelia Hudson	Miles Daniels	Amy Wells
Maya-Love Chance	Ariella Osborne	Jemima Broom	Elsie Ive	Henry Dean	George Willis
Aron Cuka	Callum Ovel	Rory Buckley	Avijith Kottapalli	Ruby Ellis	Zach Wooder
Emily Cullen	Bella Pankhania	Flo Cable	April Marsh	Jasmine Faris	Isabelle Oldland
Jasmine Dong	Jasmine Pike	Jack Campkin	Lola Obergan	Hetty Fearne	Vincent Pranevicius
Amelie Dorman	Cooper Smith	Jake Cannon	Finley Pike	Cameron Grindrod	Jasper Wood
Ben Farrugia	Isabella Swift	Teddy Chapman	Rhian Powell	Samuel Hall	Emily O'Keefe
Francesca Ginn	Eden White	Mia Dixon	Michael Reason	Chloe Hayes	Emel Enver
Spencer Goad	Florence White	Freya Evans	Blake Silvester	Eloise Higden	Anya Farley
Tallulah Green	Cody Windsor	Faith Fenton	Kaiser Thorby-Mead	Ronnie Line	Elodie Wang Gao
Pars Gunay	Andrei Aldea-	Henry Glover	Jack Tribe	James Lyons	Joshua McCarthy
Abi Hau	Nicolaescu	Felix Halder	Alessia Tutuianu	Ryan Martin	Vivaan Mukherji
Rory Hearmon	Mark Bowman	Willow Harmer	Harrison Wooder	Georgina Mason	Eni Omopariola
Kerem Korkmaz	George Bradley	Ayda Kemal	Archie Alderton	Johnny McQueen	Zac Emson
Thomas Laughland	Jude Cavanagh	Ariana Lazell	Amelie Doyle	Oliver Mumford	Benedict Iweka
Logan Mariner	Marley Dowling	Sophie Mackenzie	Jax Evans	Ruby Price	Dougie Kerr
Joshua Murton	Maisie Doyle	Amelia Maloney	Felicity Ginn	Albert Sullivan	Esmae Lazell
Anjola Oladele	Felix Duncan	Albie McCarthy	Jude Goad	Oliver Townsend	Julio Ferreira Melo
Holly Pinder	Thomas Dyer	Layla Neale	Sofia Gross	Charlie Vail	Sophia Keys
Seb Stephens	Oyenmwenosa	Finley Paton	Georgie Harding	Zara Wakerly	William McLellan
Joe Stone	Egharevba	Jessica Pilka	Leo Hughes	Amelia Walton	Alice Cassidy
Diego Tyler-Garcia	Emilia Escudero	Olivia Rebel	Zehra Korkmaz	Ruby Warren-Gunn	Harriet Rocks
Buzz Walker	Bradshaw	Ruben Skehill	Ava Pardoe	Samuel Watson	Alice Cassidy
Anouk Yadav	Noah Gazzard	Olivia Tait	Harvey Perry	James Bilton	Harriet Rocks
Jamie Baker	David Golberg	Archie Thomas	Kaydee Quirk	Grace Brockwell	Jorgie Jackson
Theo Barnes	Rosie Hadassi	Alfie Thompson	Coraline Riches	Alice Brooks	Sienna Kareer
Ellena Boulwood	Ruby Hill	Elliot Warman	Arun Sawhney	Sofia Buffoni	Grace Goodenough
Amber Branch	Francessca Howe	Scarlett Welch	Megan Shipton	Jamie Collyer	Edward Turner
Lucas Brousse	Thea Jones	Charlie Wood	Edward Smith	Olivia Cullen	Florence Costello
Sophia Christofi	Tanvi Kondapalli	Mikael Ali Khan	Evie Smith	Ivy Duerden	Arabella Cranfield
Theo Clifford	Charlie Leach	Alfie Asfour	Koen Stephens	Harry Ekers	Freya Dormer
Lola Cohen	Hannah Lister	Rory Atkinson	Theo Vasileiadis	Peter Fallouh	Oliver Wilson
Lewis Eggleton	Nifemi Oladele	Iris Balkwill	George White	Maxwell Green	Amelia Mangan
Austin Ellis	Joey Purkiss	Oscar Beckwith	Harry Brooks	Poppy Higgs	Amber Jobbins
Layla Faris	Dom Senior	Francesca Brown	Soraya Packer	Jacob Hobden	Poppy Goring
Oscar Farley	Sophie Warden	Rhys Carey	Reuben Hilborne	Francis Hoile	Oliver Hughes
Jeremiah Hernandez	Zachary Webster	Vinny Cater	Zachary Arnold	Matthew Hughes	Henry Smith
Leya Isikgun	Emily Wilkinson	Bluebell Cole			