

As you are aware, we are currently consulting on amalgamating the infant and junior schools and opening Buttsbury Primary School from 1st January 2025. I thought it might be a good idea to give you an informal update about where we are with the process. Firstly, things are looking very positive. The Department for Education (DfE) has approved the proposal, subject to positive consultation outcomes and local authority approval. The initial consultation process in June 2024 was overwhelmingly positive so statutory notice was published on 3rd October (details are on the school website should you wish to review and provide any comments to the Local Authority). This runs for four weeks. We hope to have a final decision from the Local Authority during November. Meanwhile, behind the scenes we are very busy so that, assuming we get a positive outcome, we will be ready to open Buttsbury Primary School on 1st January 2025. It is a very exciting time!

From a parents' perspective, as the two schools are already so closely aligned, I don't think you will notice much change - we will have a new name, new signs, a new logo and a new website. There are no planned changes to school uniform or any other operational element of school life.

I hope this is a helpful summary of where we are currently. Wishing you a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Lions' House Assembly

On Wednesday, Johnny and Anna, the Lions' House Captains, presented an assembly to the whole school about 'democracy'. It was very well researched and shown in an informative style. They even had children joining in a voting style quiz! Johnny and Anna had spent a great deal of time in preparing and rehearsing their assembly in their own time - they should be very proud of themselves! Well done and thank you to Mr Redmill for guiding them!



Year 4 DT Morning

On Tuesday morning, Year 4 successfully completed an ambitious Design Technology project. After several weeks of researching vehicle design, creating a buggy design specification and prototyping, the day to build the buggies had arrived. Thankfully, there were lots of parent volunteers to help us with the tricky measuring, wood sawing and gluing. Every child built their own buggy and really felt a sense of accomplishment. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who helped make it possible. Finally, well done to all the children - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Well-Being Week

Tuesday 22nd October

- Flu immunisations
- Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 24th October

- Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 25th October

- #helloyellow day - wear something yellow instead of school uniform - in support of Young Minds - donations can be made via ParentPay or in cash on the day.

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Half-Term

Thursday 31st October

- Trick or Treaters are welcome to pay a house call to Mrs Robinson between 5pm and 7pm (Stock Road, opposite Mayflower, red Mini)

Monday 4th November

- Children return to school

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th October

Just a few reminders -

- The meetings are for **parents only** - please make your own arrangements for child care.
- To help us to keep to time, the bell will ring every ten minutes. Please don't be offended if the teacher draws the meeting to a close when the bell rings - we can always arrange an additional meeting if more time was needed.
- Front and back gates will be open
- Parking will be available on the playground from 4.30pm.

Thank you, in advance, for your help in ensuring that the evenings run smoothly.

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



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Jasmine Faris</i>	<i>James Lyons</i>
<i>Chloe Hayes</i>	<i>Rosie Taylor</i>
<i>Heath Tanner</i>	<i>Lola Cohen</i>
<i>Evie Prudom</i>	<i>Isabelle Neathercoat</i>
<i>Noah Vasiliou</i>	<i>Mark Bowman</i>
<i>Thomas Dyer</i>	<i>Rosie Hadassi</i>
<i>Jack Wilkinson</i>	<i>Louie Garwood</i>
<i>Jamie Holmes</i>	<i>Archie Williams</i>
<i>Maxwell Green</i>	<i>Olivia Rees</i>
<i>Finley Paton</i>	<i>Jessica Pilka</i>
<i>Bluebell Cole</i>	<i>Anya Farley</i>
<i>Poppy Goring</i>	



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

*Eloise Higdon Zach Phillips Holly Lague
Jude Cavanagh Olivia Storey
Poppy Higgs Freya Evans Benedict Iweka
Well done to our writing super stars!*



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

*Olivia Storey Olivia Rebel Archie Williams
Emilia Escudero Bradshaw Olivia Rees Alannah Cronin
Aaron Barnes Florence Costello Sofia Christofi
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



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

*Ruby Ellis Darcy Shorey Leo McDougall
Summer Tait Alex Drew Emily O'Keefe
Archie Thomas Alfie Asfour
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Chloe Pickering Thea Jones Eloise Mills
Nifemi Oladele Mahi Dalal Georgina Mason
Henry Glover Amber Branch Jacob Hobden*

Pen Licence

Well done to **Noah Gazzard** who received his Pen Licence this week.

Jim Smith Cup

Wednesday afternoon saw the Year 6 Boys' Football Team compete in the Jim Smith Cup group stage at Brentwood Prep. The boys started off in good form with a convincing win 2 - 0 against St Helen's. The second game was a close contest which should have seen Buttsbury three goals up in the first five minutes but the break through didn't come and a late counter-attack saw us concede. The fourth game saw Harley score a thunderous strike from outside the area and although it didn't turn the game against Brightside, it did give them something to smile about. All of the boys worked hard and work great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to the parents who supported with lifts and for coming along to support.



Girls' Football

On Thursday morning, the girls' football team took part in the Mayflower Girls' Football Festival. The B (Blue) team's mean defence and counter-attacking football was the platform for an impressive 4th place finish. The A (Pink) Team demonstrated a masterclass in free-flowing football and went on to win 7 out of 7 matches, finishing 1st overall. The girls were brilliant ambassadors for the school. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the girls.



Afternoon Tea

We hosted another lovely Afternoon Tea on Thursday which was attended by the children who are Number 3 on their class register. Everyone had a great time and the children enjoyed sharing their work, making new friends and, of course, the delicious treats.



House Points

This week's winning house:

Leopards



Top Table

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

**Daisy Mumford
Anya Farley
Isha Sharma
Alesha Mittal
Jack Tribe**



This week's attendance figure is: 97.4%!

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!



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's first **INDIGO** award winners - these children have been in the Recognition Board every week since September!

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

Well done to this week's **VIOLET** award recipients:

Patrick Dillon	Lilani Luthra	Esmay Ramrutton	Bobby Taylor	Masooma Ibrahim
Joshua Hale	Alfie Moclair	Jacob Ovel	Dhruv Patel	Albie Rangelcroft
Frederick Solomons				