

I hope you all had a lovely, restful Christmas which, at the same time, was full of excitement and fun for the children. 1st January 2025 was a pivotal moment for Buttsbury as it saw the amalgamation of the Infant School with the Junior School and, hence, the creation of Buttsbury Primary School. Interestingly, Buttsbury Primary School has been in existence before - on the infant site - but it closed in 1959 as it had become too big so it was split into two schools and the junior school children moved across the road. It's ironic to have come full circle!

In terms of day-to-day life, I think there will be very little difference for the children, staff and parents as we have been operating almost as one school for at least a year now. However, there will be some changes, for example, there will now only be one newsletter. I have kept with the junior school format as, in the September parent survey, this seemed to be preferable. I have tried to organise the newsletter into sections so you don't have to read it all if time is tight. I will continue to work on this over the next few weeks but - as before - the box on the right is the most important one as it has all the key dates for next week within it. I have also separated the rewards pages into EYFS/Key Stage One and Key Stage Two - again, for a simpler read. The new website is almost ready to be launched which should help with communication too. We have a new logo - top right of this newsletter - and we have ordered new signage for around the school. We will be changing our email addresses in due course - I suspect this might result in some issues so please bear with us. I also promise not to write as much as this in my weekly summary! As time goes on, we will continue to align the schools more and more - we now have just one Trust Board which is music to my ears as I will have a lot less evening meetings! We are looking forward to seeing the primary school develop its own identity in 2025 and also to a visit from Ofsted as this is almost certainly on the cards! I am looking forward to continuing to develop my role as Headteacher and am delighted to have lost the 'Executive' title - I prefer 'hands on headteacher'!

Sponsored Elf Run/Walk – Reminder for Years 3 - 6

Please can any remaining sponsor money be paid in as soon as possible - and by Friday 17th January at the latest as it would be great to let St. Luke's Hospice (the children's chosen charity for 2024/2025) know how much we have raised. Thank you.

New School Logo

If you look at the top right-hand corner of this newsletter, you will notice we have a new logo. We haven't made huge changes as our amalgamation is not about bringing about change; more about formalising the partnership between the infant and junior schools.

I would like to thank Sarah Samuelson (our IT Technician) for all her technical support with regards to the logo and Jo Dean, one of our parents, who is a graphic designer. Jo took on board the tight specification that we wanted and designed our new super new logo.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 13th January

- 6S 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.20pm
- 'Update Parents' Meetings' for some children - appointments have already been sent out where applicable
- Friends' Association Meeting (KS2) - 8.00pm

Tuesday 14th January

- First Aid workshop for parents - junior site - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday 16th January

- Road Safety sessions - am - 5R and 5P

Friday 17th January

- Road Safety sessions - am - 5T and 5B
- School Discos - Year 3/4 - 5.00pm - 6.30pm; Year 5/6 - 6.50pm - 8.20pm

SEND Drop In Sessions

Below are the dates for our SEND drop-in sessions for this half term. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for you to discuss any concerns or queries regarding your child's needs with our SENCo, Mrs N Robinson.

13th January at 2.30pm (Junior site)

28th January at 2.30pm (Infant site)

10th February at 2.30pm (Junior site)

We warmly encourage you to attend these sessions if you have any questions or would like to seek advice regarding your child's educational journey. Please contact Mrs S Tracey, either by phoning 01277 622821 or by emailing her at tracey@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk to book a slot on these dates.

We would also like to remind you that you do not need to wait for these drop-in sessions to reach out. If you have an urgent query, do not hesitate to contact Mrs N Robinson by either emailing or phoning the school to book an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the sessions.

Opening Car Doors

Please can we ask you to be careful when opening car doors - a child was hit by a door which was opened onto her leg - without the car owner noticing. It was a complete accident but resulted in the child having a very swollen and sore knee. Thank you.

Second Hand Booksale for Years 3 - 6



Monday 13th January - Friday 17th January @ Lunchtimes in the junior school library

BOOKS 50p - £1
MAGAZINES - 20p

PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS NEW BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations and Achievements



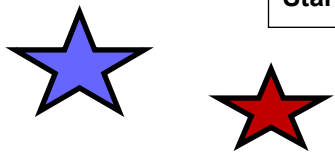
Stars of the Week - EYFS



Stars of the Week - Year One



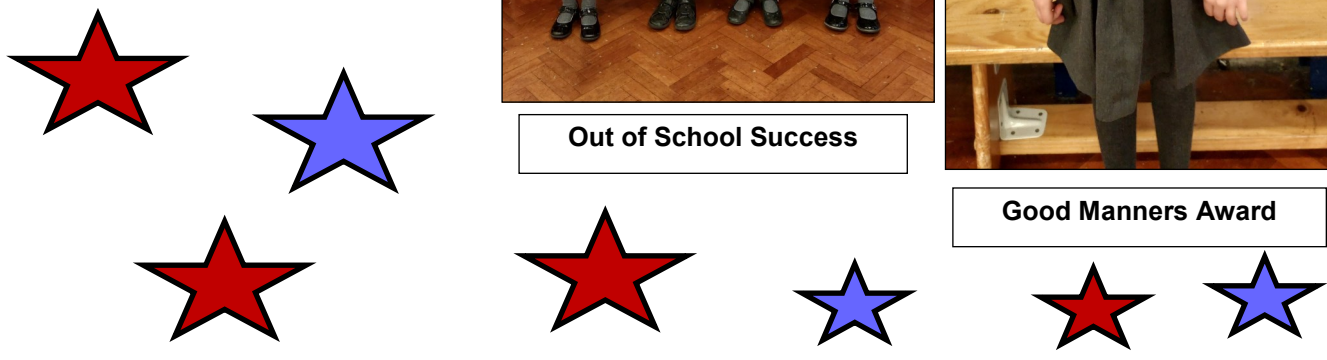
Stars of the Week - Year Two



Out of School Success



Good Manners Award



Key Stage 2 Celebrations and Achievements

Celebration Assembly

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

Zach Phillips	Archie Thomas
Charlie Partridge	Maddie Wallis
Emilia Escudero Bradshaw	Jamie Baker
Louie Garwood	Harley Phillips
Eloise Mills	Ivy Duerdon
Isabelle Oldland	Moudi Tarraf
Evie Prudom	Leo Showell
Callum Lewis	Georgina Mason
Oliver Mumford	Ruby Warren-Gunn
Arabella Cranfield	Iris Balkwill
Elodie Wang Gao	Faith Fenton
Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu	

Pen Licences
Well done to **Ariella Osborne, Emma Booth, Isla Sanders and Hope O'Sullivan** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



- Out of School Success
- * Well done to Joshua Small (3M) who performed as the Sparkly Spaceman in his drama show.
 - * Congratulations to Rory Hearmon (3W) who competed in his first swimming gala with Elites and placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 3rd.
 - * Well done to Dominic Senior (4LW) who was awarded the prize for 1st crew in the Eyott Sailing Club Ship's Bottle race and also achieved his 600m swimming certificate.
 - * Congratulations to Holly Lague (6S) who passed her Grade 2 ballet exam with distinction.
 - * Well done to Summer Mariner (3P) who passed her Grade 1 modern exam with distinction.



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

Dom Senior Rosie Taylor Isla Clifford
Alexandra Burgio Jasper Wood
Aaron Barnes Dougie Kerr Felix Halder
Well done to our writing super stars!



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

Vinny Cater Noah Gazzard Alex Drew
David McConnell Amber Sargant Felix Halder
Masooma Ibrahim Alexandra Burgio Henry Glover
Well done to our magical mathematicians!



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

Sophie Warden Amber Branch Olivia Rees
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman Oliver Townsend
Bluebell Cole Oliver Baker Anastasia Markelova
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Emel Enver Leya Isikgun Jamie Rocks
Noah Vasiliou Isabella Davies
Isabelle Neathercoat Zachary Webster
Ayda Kemal Amelie Moore



Afternoon Tea

This week, we were joined by Number 23 in the register! As usual, the children enjoyed the lovely tasty treats as well as the opportunity to share their work with their peers.



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:

Elodie Greenhalgh
Mark Bowman
Ella Tennet
Isla Sanders
Emel Enver



This week's attendance figure is: 96.9 %!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Kestrels and 6P who both had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards (Years 3 - 6)

Well done to this week's **BLUE** award winners:

Patrick Dillon Noah Webb Louie Omer Leo Showell Lilani Luthra Cameron McGee

Congratulations to this week's **GREEN** award recipients:

Elliot Bailey	Albert Amos	Olivia Johnson	Brooklyn Nelson	Vincent Drury	Gethin Arentsen
Noah Cannon	Aron Cuka	Carter Lewis	Grayson Kemp	Joshua Hale	Mariia Fedorova
Moraya Kemp	Cailin Mitchell	James Wright	Will Williams	Jacob Ovel	Chloe McGibbon
Ben McIlquham	Austin Watts	Alice Bennett	Joe Jackson	Albie Rangepcroft	Ashley McSharry
Nye Arentsen	Joshua Murton	Frankie Moughton	Lysander Goodman	Jacob Dyer	Oscar Turner
Alfie King	Jasmine Dong	Jack Robertson	Tommy Smith	Emelia Giddings	
Arabella Cranfield	Spencer Goad		Alex Metcalfe	Leo McDougall	
Rory Buckley	Felix Halder			Evie Prudom	

Well done to this week's **YELLOW** award winners who have been on the Recognition Board every week since September!

Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu	Milly Davies	Olivia Brousse	James Bilton	Archie Alderton	William Astridge
Mark Bowman	Daniel Dinsdale	Anouk Yadav	Grace Brockwell	Amelie Doyle	Gracie Birch
George Bradley	Mine Omosivbe	Emma Booth	Alice Brooks	Jax Evans	Leo Campbell
Marley Dowling	Ethan Feeny	Diego Tyler-Garcia	Sophia Buffoni	Felicity Ginn	Archie Cootie
Felix Duncan	Olivia Gamon	Ben Farrugia	Olivia Cullen	Jude Goad	Florence Fuller
Thomas Dyer	Summer Mariner	Ruby Brockwell	Ivy Duerden	Sofia Gross	Fiorella Gallone
OY Egharevba	Freddy McQueen	Abi Hau	Poppy Higgs	Georgie Harding	Leah Jackson
Emilia Escudero	Grace Morgan	Seb Stephens	Jacob Hobden	Leo Hughes	Grace La-Rocque
Bradshaw	Ariella Osborne	Logan Mariner	Matthew Hughes	Zehra Korkmaz	Amelie Owen
Noah Gazzard	Isabella Swift	Tallulah Green	William McLellan	Kaydee Quirk	Chloe Pierce
David Golberg	Jasmine Pike	Leah Ballestero	Archie Pearce	Coraline Riches	Isha Sharma
Ruby Hill	Cooper Smith	Felicity Beaumont	Chloe Pickering	Arun Sawhney	Zachary Arnold
Francesca Howe	Eden White	Buzz Walker	Olivia Rees	Megan Shipton	Nyla Baker
Thea Jones	Florence White	Amelie Dorman	Archie Williams	Evie Smith	Alice Cassidy
Tanvi Kondapalli	Bella Pankhania	Holly Pinder	Jasper Wood	Koen Stephens	George Day
Charlie Leach	Harry Fensome	Rory Hearmon	Freya Anderson	Theo Vasileiadis	Zachary Emson
Hannah Lister	Louie Garwood	Lydia Rhobat	Max Barford	George White	Holly Fensome
Nifemi Oladele	Larry Mitchell	Emily Cullen	Kaitlyn Pradeep	Annabel Guy	Perdie Noble
Joey Purkiss	Amelie Moore	Florence Barrett	Charles	Thomas Knight	Oliver Stephens
Dom Senior	Harley Phillips	Isla Clifford	Pippa Daley	Soraya Packer	Noah Vasilou
Oliver Wilson	Zac Russell	Ella Goodenough	Amelia Gabriel-West	Luke Pickering	Elliana Wilkins
Vincent	Abi Walker	Callum Horton	Emilio Gallone	Karen Pinder	Daisy Mumford
Pranevicius	Anna Weddell	Rupert Kehoe	Sophia Golberg	Emily Porter	Theo Vinicombe
Bailey Ramrutton	Chloe Hayes	Holly Lague	Sofia Holdgate	Harriet Rocks	Alex Trainer
Grace Goodenough	Ronnie Line	Callum Lewis	Lopez	Charlie Saitch	Hazel Youngs
Kayn Bowerman	Ruby Warren-Gunn	Scarlett Metcalfe	Evelina Kiafa	Joshua Small	Jennifer McSharry
Samuel Hall	Asa Taylor			Maisie Wallis	Luke Richardson



Road Safety - School Council Initiative

This morning, the School Council representatives from across the primary school worked together to design some road safety leaflets. The children are hoping that pupil voice might deter people from breaking the parking rules - I am hoping that they might have success in an area which I have had none! The children really enjoyed working together - the Year One and Year Two children particularly enjoyed their trip across to the junior site - and have produced some excellent leaflets which I will pop under the windscreen wipers of any cars who are breaking the rules!

Thank you to Mrs Wilson and Miss Olive for organising the joint activity. Good luck children - we hope you have impact!