

Friday 31st January 2025

This morning, Sue Cox, one of our School Improvement Partners, visited and worked with the subject leaders in small groups, helping them to prepare for our next Ofsted inspection - which could be any time now!

The subject leaders were fantastic, demonstrating strong subject knowledge and an excellent understanding of the strengths and areas for development within their area of leadership. It was a very positive visit with the feedback also reflecting the exceptional skill of our leaders.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that have been happening at Buttsbury Primary School this week - as you can see, we have been busy!

Hair Accessories

Just a reminder that hair bows and bands need to be small and discreet - this is particularly an issue in Year 1 and Year 2 where we are seeing lots of headbands which are too big for school. Thank you

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be very difficult to make the decision as to whether or not your child is too ill to come to school. The following link provides guidance which may be helpful to you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

New Website

<https://www.buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk/>

Don't forget to visit our new website to find out all about Buttsbury Primary School!

Thank You!

To the Parents' Association for purchasing all these lovely new phonics books for our children.



Thank you!

Year 6 Giant Sleepover - Friday 31st January

Just a few reminders -

- Children need to arrive at 7.00pm having already had their dinner - the back gate will be open for parking
 - Children need to bring a small inflated mattress or something else to sleep on, pillow and sleeping bag
 - Tooth brush, toothpaste, wash kit and a small towel are also needed
 - Please bring a filled, named water bottle
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- **Please do not bring mobile phones, money, sweets/ snacks**
 - Collection time - after breakfast - 9.30am - the back gate will be open for parking

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 3rd February

- Year 5 day visit to France - first payment (£37) is due today

Wednesday 5th February

- 6B 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.20pm
- 3P and 3BW - Thorndon Park visit
- Year 5/6 choir rehearsal at Brightside (am)

Thursday 6th February

- 3M and 3W - Thorndon Park visit
- **Film Night - Year 1 and 2 - 4.30pm - 6.30pm**

Friday 7th February

- **Year One visit to Lake Meadows (am)**
- **Film Night - Reception - straight after school until 4.00pm**
- **Film Night - Year 1 and 2 - 4.30pm - 6.30pm**

Year 2 - Sharing Assemblies

This week, our Year 2 Classes all had their 'Sharing Assembly' with their parents/carers. It was lovely to see how confident the children were - especially when you consider that they are only 6/7 years old! Magical moments like this are tricky to put into words so I will just say that the assemblies will have won an eternal place in everyone's heart. Well done to all our children - you truly were super stars and thank you to the staff team for preparing them so well and to all the family members who were able to join us.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*



Sponsored Elf Run

This is a final 'shout out' for any remaining sponsor money - we will be closing the ParentPay option at 5.00pm on Monday. Thank you.

Year 4 Bread Making

On Wednesday morning, Year 4 took part in their DT breadmaking morning. After 4 weeks of researching, tasting and evaluating different types of bread, the children designed their own recipes and prepared to create their final product. Lots of parent helpers were on hand to ensure everyone measured accurately, kneaded with vigour and created their dough to take home and bake. We are very grateful for their help. You can see from the photos the fun we had!



Chinese New Year

Mrs Gao, one of our parents, came into school to talk to the Year 1 children about Chinese New Year. The children learnt all about the delicious traditional Chinese food including dumplings and traditional Chinese outfits. The children learnt how to say Happy New Year in Chinese and the hand sign to show this. Mrs Gao explained that it is the year of the snake and she taught the children a snake dance. The date of Chinese New Year changes each year in line with the lunar moon.

This year it started on Wednesday 29th January.

新年快乐 Happy New Year to our Chinese community.



Assessment Week

Well done to all the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who admirably rose to the challenge of the various tests they faced this week. We were very proud of their positivity and commitment. Thank you to the year group leaders and teachers for all the time spent planning the complex timetables and to all the teaching assistants who supported individual children - a very successful week all round.

Swimming Gala - Round 1

On Tuesday, eight children from each year group competed at Billericay School in the Billericay Consortium Swimming Gala. It was a very exciting morning which, for many of the younger team members, was the first time they had represented their school. The teams had been training very hard under the expert coaching of Elites Swim School and it certainly paid off, with our team scooping many first place wins including almost all the relay races too. Both our teams finished in first place overall! This means that both teams now go on to represent the Billericay Family (along with Quilters) at the next stage of the competition which is at William De Ferrers School on Thursday 19th June (pm). Congratulations to all our swimmers - you were amazing and made me very proud! Thank you to Alex and Will (Elites Swim School) and to the staff who assisted at the gala or training sessions. Thank you also to the children's parents who have been extremely supportive of the gala preparations and training sessions - 7.45am training sessions are not the easiest!

STEM week - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Week

We are pleased to announce that the week beginning 10th February is our ever-popular STEM week! All the children from EYFS up to Year 6 will be embarking on a range of different STEM based activities including engineering a bridge out of paper, creating a tool to pick up a ping pong ball, making slime and a paper aeroplane competition just to name but a few! The children will also have the opportunity to go across the two sites and work collaboratively on some scientific investigations. To help make this week a success, please can Year 3 and 4 children bring in recycled materials (cardboard tubes, large empty plastic bottles etc.) to create their own egg aircraft! Thank you!

Houses of Parliament Outreach

This week, Key Stage 2 had an assembly from Kelly Stroud, a member of the Houses of Parliament Outreach team.

Kelly led an interactive and very educational (for both children and staff) assembly about what parliament is, who MPs and Lords are and how laws are made. The children participated with great enthusiasm and surprised us with lots of their existing knowledge.



Children in Reception have enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year this week and have been tasting some delicious Chinese food!



School Council Visit to The Chantry Centre

On Monday afternoon, despite the heavy rain, the Year 4 and Year 6 School Councillors had a wonderful opportunity to visit The Chantry Centre and meet with the Chair of Billericay Town Council: Cllr Mark Thomas. The children asked a range of insightful questions and were very interested to discover the role and responsibilities of our local representatives. They were particularly surprised to learn that they are unpaid roles, filled by volunteers who want to give back to their community. The Councillor Thomas is interested to hear back from us with any project ideas for the future benefit of Billericay. Moreover, our councillors were inspired to join the Billericay Youth Council in the future. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising the visit and to Ms Carson and Mrs Payton who accompanied the children with Mrs Wilson.



EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Reception - Stars of the Week



Year One - Stars of the Week



Good Manners Award



Year Two - Stars of the Week



50 Things - 10 Completed!



Out of School Success!



Reception Classes - Doctor and Firefighter visits

The Reception children have continued to find out about some of the amazing community superheroes that are closer than we thought! They were lucky enough to have two visits this week one on Tuesday from Dr Pankhania, who told the children all about his job and how he takes care of people.

On Wednesday from Mr Latham, a firefighter who explained how he is brave and saves people who may be in danger.

Once again, the children were impeccably behaved and asked some fantastic questions.

Special Lunchtime Visitors

On Wednesday, we were joined for lunch by PCSO Lauren Bryant and PCSO Mark Webster as part of their community support work. Mark and Lauren are regular lunchtime guests at the junior site so it was lovely to extend the invitation to the infant site as well. After a lovely lunch, Mark and Lauren visited the Reception Classes and listened to some of the children read. It was brilliant for the children to see their topic of 'Super-Heroes' come alive by spending time with police officers!



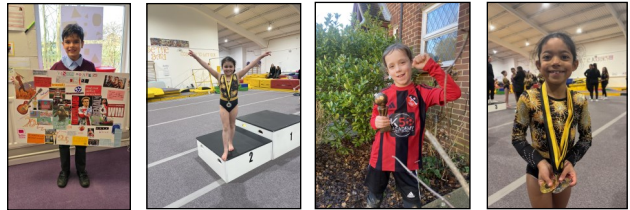
Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Leo Hughes</i>	<i>Arun Sawhney</i>
<i>Ashley McSharry</i>	<i>Abi Hau</i>
<i>Anouk Yadav</i>	<i>Austin Watts</i>
<i>Ethan Feeny</i>	<i>George Boyer</i>
<i>Marcel Hernandez</i>	<i>Ava Meade</i>
<i>Preston Mills-Martin</i>	<i>Alice Bennett</i>
<i>Frederick Solomons</i>	<i>Dhruv Patel</i>
<i>Emily Lycett</i>	<i>Theo Vinicombe</i>
<i>Jennifer McSharry</i>	<i>Thea Robbshaw</i>
<i>Thomas Knight</i>	<i>Karen Pinder</i>
<i>Oliver Allchurch</i>	<i>Caelen Hughes</i>
<i>Grace La-Rocque</i>	

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
Well done to **Oliver Allchurch** who has completed **10** things at home!
Congratulations to **Vivaan Mukherji** who has completed **20** things!

Pen Licences
Well done to **Arabella Cranfield** who received her Pen Licence this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Vihaan Aggarwal (3BW)** who completed a wonderful Vision Board of all his hopes and dreams.
- * Congratulations to **Francesca Howe (4LW)** who participated in the Celebrate Gymnastics in-house squad competition and won silver for Beam, silver for Vault and silver for Floor, in her age category.
- * Well done to **Arlo Spencer-Nimmo (3M)** who was selected as 'Man of the Match' for his football team, Perry Street U8 Greens on Sunday.
- * Congratulations to **Nyla Baker (3M)** who competed in a gymnastics competition on Sunday winning 5 medals!, one gold, two silvers and two bronze.

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

*Esmay Ramrutton Lydia Rhobat Thomas Knight
Jackson Rawlings Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep Chloe Berry
Hannah Sijo George Willis Poppy Bolt-Emerson*
Well done to our writing super stars!

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

*Jax Evans Ben Farrugia Holly Fensome
Zack Brewer Daisy Moughton Elodie Greenhalgh
Perdie Noble Grayson Kemp Reuben Hilborne*
Well done to our magical mathematicians!



Afternoon Tea

The children, as ever, displayed impeccable manners and enjoyed sharing their work and meeting new friends.

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

*Lilani Luthra Albert Amos Clodagh O'Hara
Erin Collins Isobel James Amelia Hudson
Alice Cassidy Bodhi Seabrook*
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Oliver Stephens Annabel Guy James
Elliot Bacchus Joe Stone Thomas Knight
Daisy Mumford Evelina Kiafa
Diego Tyler-Garcia*

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:

**Alfie Asfour
Heath Tanner
Olivia Johnson
Henry Dean
Spencer Goad**



☹️ *This week's attendance figure is: 96.9%!*

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Class 4H who had the highest attendance this week - 100%! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

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

Alexandra Burgio Alesha Mittal Summer Tait

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

Jude Cavanagh	Gethin Arentsen	Spencer Goad	Vincent Drury	Jack Campkin	Cody Windsor
Dexter Broom	Mariia Fedorova	Jasmine Dong	Josh Hale	Teddy Chapman	Nye Arentsen
Alex Drew	Oscar Turner	Aron Cuka	Jacob Ovel	Felix Halder	Caelen Hughes
Amy Clarke	Elliot Bailey	Joe Stone	Albie Rangepcroft	Ruben Skehill	Mollie Smith
Isobelle Sanders	Jack Wilkinson	Austin Watts	Evan Aarons	Joshua Murton	Lewis Eggleton
Thomas Laughland	Olivia Storey	Cailin Mitchell	Jeremiah Hernandez	Albert Amos	Oscar Farley

Congratulations to this week's **ORANGE** award recipients - these children have been on the Recognition Board every week since September!

Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu	Archie Alderton	Olivia Brousse	Ava Catchpole	Luke Richardson	Mikael Ali Khan
George Bradley	Amelie Doyle	Anouk Yadav	Larry Mitchell	Alex Trainer	Alfie Asfour
Marley Dowling	Jax Evans	Emma Booth	Amelie Moore	Noah Vasilioi	Rory Atkinson
Felix Duncan	Felicity Ginn	Diego Tyler-Garcia	Harley Phillips	Elliana Wilkins	Iris Balkwill
Thomas Dyer	Jude Goad	Ben Farrugia	Miller Rutledge	William Astridge	Oscar Beckwith
OY Egharevba	Sofia Gross	Ruby Brockwell	Anna Weddell	Florence Fuller	Rhys Carey
Emilia Escudero	Georgie Harding	Abi Hau	Abi Walker	Fiorella Gallone	Vinny Cater
Bradshaw	Leo Hughes	Seb Stephens	Milly Davies	Leah Jackson	Bluebell Cole
Noah Gazzard	Zehra Korkmaz	Logan Mariner	Daniel Dinsdale	Amelie Owen	Florence Costello
David Golberg	Kaydee Quirk	Tallulah Green	Mine Emosivbe	Isha Sharma	Freya Dormer
Ruby Hill	Coraline Riches	Leah Ballestero	Ethan Feeney	Oliver Baker	Emel Enver
Francesca Howe	Arun Sawhney	Felicity Beaumont	Olivia Gamon	Jemima Broom	Anya Farley
Thea Jones	Megan Shipton	Buzz Walker	Summer Mariner	Flo Cable	Julio Ferreira Melo
Tanvi Kondapalli	Edward Smith	Amelie Dorman	Grace Morgan	Jake Cannon	Elodie Wang Gao
Charlie Leach	Evie Smith	Holly Pinder	Ariella Osborne	Mia Dixon	Poppy Goring
Hannah Lister	Koen Stephens	Rory Hearmon	Bella Pankhania	Freya Evans	Benedict Iweka
Nifemi Oladele	Theo Vasileiadis	Lydia Rhobat	Jasmine Pike	Faith Fenton	Dougjie Kerr
Dom Senior	George White	Emily Cullen	Cooper Smith	Henry Glover	Esmae Lazell
Oliver Wilson	Jude Phillips	Kayn Bowerman	Isabella Swift	Willow Harmer	Amelia Mangan
Jamie Baker	Zach Phillips	Samuel Hall	Eden White	Ayda Kemal	Joshua McCarthy
Theo Barnes	Harry Shipway	Chloe Hayes	Florence White	Ariana Lazell	Vivaan Mukherji
Ellena Boulwood	Darcy Shorey	Ronnie Line	Zachary Arnold	Sophie Mackenzie	Eni Omopariola
Amber Branch	Maddie Stower	Ruby Warren-Gunn	Nyla Baker	Amelia Maloney	Hope O'Sullivan
Sophia Christofi	Heath Tanner	Jonny McConnell	Alice Cassidy	Albie McCarthy	Lola Prior
Theo Clifford	Rosie Taylor	Mollie Parker	George Day	Finley Paton	Jessica Reeves
Lola Cohen	Maddie Wallis	Luke Pickering	Zachary Emson	Jessica Pilka	Kelsie Ridall
Austin Ellis	Harriet Rocks	Karen Pinder	Annabel Guy	Olivia Tait	Isla Sanders
Leya Isikgun	Charlie Saich	Emily Porter	Thomas Knight	Archie Thomas	Alfie Smallman
Amber Jobbins	Joshua Small	Vincent Pranevicius	Soraya Packer	Alfie Thompson	David Timperon
Thomas Mason	Maisie Wallis	Scarlett Welch	Poppy Walsh	Elliot Warman	Conchobhar Veats
	Hazel Youngs	Charlie Wood			

The Great Buttsbury Spelling Bee

Today, each class battled it out to find their Spelling Bee champions. The spellings tested included every single homework spelling since the beginning of September. All classes declared their C1, C2 and C3 winners on Friday 24th January. Each of these class champions received a well-deserved winner's certificate.

Today, we held the second Year Group Spelling Bee Championship where each class champion competed against each other to find the year group champions. The competition was fierce and the standard exceptionally high.

After some long battles, we are delighted to announce our overall gold medal winners.

Year 3 champions: **Blaine Mountford & Amelie Owen**

Year 4 champions: **Jack Campkin & Jemima Broom**

Year 5 champions: **Harvey Perry & Eduardo Chambers**

Year 6 champions: **James Bilton & Archie Pearce**

We are now looking forward to our next spelling bee later in the year when we test every single homework spelling for the whole year!

Thank you to Mrs Cattini for organising this exciting event.



Dodgeball County Final

On Wednesday, our Year 6 Dodgeball team took part in an extremely competitive series of matches in the Essex County Finals, held at Shenfield High School. The team competed against a range of schools from across Essex, all of which were schools who had won their local area competitions. The children demonstrated excellent resilience and teamwork and all played exceptionally well. The team finished in 7th place overall, meaning they are the 7th best dodgeball team in the whole of Essex!

Thank you to Mr Mynard for coaching our Dodgeball team and providing them with lots of support both in training and during the tournament and also to our parent helpers who assisted us with transport and to Miss Roe, our team manager.

A fantastic effort was shown by all – well done Buttsbury!