

Friday 7th February 2025



The following statement is lifted directly from our school Vision and Values document, 2023, 'Our purpose is to enable every member of the Buttsbury family to have fun, flourish and learn for life'. We saw this embodied, in an unusual way, last Friday evening when 85 Year 6 children all slept over! It The key purpose of the evening was to have fun, but, we also saw great teamwork with clear respect and trust towards each other. Everyone definitely flourished. We also raised £1,051 for the Friends' Association. An unusual event like this, really does tick the 'above and beyond' box and I am grateful to Mr Graves, Mrs Cattini, Mrs Pretlove, Mrs Harris and Mrs Coombs who stayed the night! Thank you also to Helen and Corinne, our school cooks, who joined us early on Saturday morning, to prepare breakfast baps, cookies, fruit and juice! Roll on next year!

Yesterday, some of the Key Stage 2 School Councillors visited the Memory Café, at Mayflower Hall. I also had the opportunity to attend for a short while - it was lovely to see the children engaging so well with the people at the café - they certainly brought a smile to everyone's faces.



Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1
STEM Themed Week

Monday 10th February

- SEND 'Drop In' sessions at junior site - please contact Infant Site office to book an appointment

Tuesday 11th February

- Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th February

- Meeting for Year 4 parents and children re: Danbury residential - 5.30pm via Zoom

Thursday 13th February

- Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Friday 14th February

- School closed for staff training
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Half-Term

Monday 24th February

- Children return to school
- New school dinner menu - WEEK 1

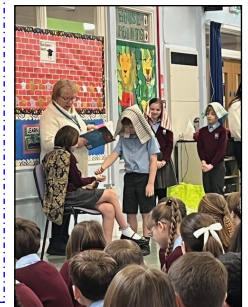
Parents' Evening

Children are encouraged to join you for this term's meetings but please be aware that they should stay with you rather than wander on their own. The bell will ring every ten minutes to help teachers keep to time as this has proved to be very successful in the past. Mrs N. Robinson (our Inclusion Manager) and I will be available without appointment during both evenings - to discuss any issues, concerns or queries that you might have. Please pop to the School Office if you would like to see either of us.

Miss Roe will be based in the library - Junior site
Miss Woollard will be in the Meeting Room - Infant
Mrs Fitzgerald will be in the Rainbow Room - Infant
Miss Olive will be in The Hub - Infant

Schools' Ministry Assembly

On Monday, Sue and Mel, from the Schools' Ministry Team, joined to us to lead our first assembly of the week which focused on the theme of 'Parables'. We also had the lovely treat of Sue's husband, Julian, playing the piano for us on the way in and out of assembly. Assisted by some of our children, Sue and Mel explored the Parable of the Coins and shared the message about the importance of being responsible. It was great to start the week with such a lively assembly and we are grateful to Sue, Mel and Julian for joining us.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Out of School Success

Thank You!
Thank you very much to the Parents' Association for buying these lovely sets of watercolour paints for the children in Year 2.



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Pharmacist Visit

On Wednesday, continuing their work on local community superheroes, Reception had a visit from Bridget, a pharmacist. She told the children all about her job and how she makes sure that patients receive the correct medication to make them better. She also talked about the different types of medication that she prescribes and explained the importance of safety when taking medicine. The children listened attentively and asked some amazing questions!



Visit to Lake Meadows

As part of their Science and Geography units of work, Year One went on a lovely walk to Lake Meadows this morning. They were looking for signs of Winter and discovered that deciduous trees had no leaves, whilst the evergreen trees still had their leaves. They spotted squirrels looking for food and the dull, cold weather also indicated that Winter is most definitely here.

The children in Reception have been solving a mystery!

We have had some toys mysteriously disappear this week and the children have been finding clues in order to try and discover the whereabouts of – Bertie the Badger, Prickles the Hedgehog and Ted. There have also been some intriguing sightings of a person wearing black and white!



EYFS Visitor

EYFS had a visit from an Emergency Care Technician who spoke about her role in supporting paramedics in their job to get people the medical help that they may need. The children learnt how to contact an ambulance using 999 and then discussed the questions they would be asked by the call handler so that help could be arranged for them - this included the children needing to know their home address and/or local landmarks depending on their location, the clothing and equipment that she uses and what it is like to drive an ambulance on blue lights.



Celebration Assembly

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

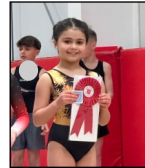
Jude Cavanagh	Maisie Doyle
Nifemi Oladele	Sophie Sinnott
Sienna Kareer	Ava Catchpole
Alex Drew	Ryan Challand
Laurel Beaumont	Miles Daniels
Oliver Mumford	Evan Aarons
Oscar Farley	Mollie Parker
Rory Coshell	Rupert Kehoe
Bobby Taylor	Vinny Cater
Isla Sanders	David Timperon
Oliver Baker	Flo Cable

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to **Olivia Mallett** who has completed 10 things!

Pen Licences

Well done to **Sophie Warden and Thea Robbshaw** who both received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Francesca Howe (4LW)** who achieved her County Grade 2 at the County Gymnastics Gradings on Sunday and was placed 5th on the beam.
- * Congratulations to **Leah Ballestero (3W)** who completed the Winter Reading Challenge.
- * Well done to **Olivia Mallett (3BW)** who has been awarded a distinction in both her Grade 1 modern dance and her Primary classical ballet exams.



Leopards House Assembly

On Wednesday, it was the turn of the Leopard's House Captains, **Abi and Dexter**, to present an assembly to the whole school. Their topic was 'Parables' which followed on from the Billericay Schools Ministry assembly on Monday. It was a very enjoyable and interesting assembly. Well done to **Abi and Dexter** for their research, rehearsals at lunchtimes and for the fantastic assembly.



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

*Oliver Wilson Jacob Hobden Kelsie Ridall
James Natusch Albert Sullivan Ayda Kemal
Jonny McConnell Ariana Lazell
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Ellena Boulwood Isabelle Oldland
Mahi Dalal Jasper Jenkins Leo Showell
Ella Goodenough Vivaan Mukherji
Theo Barnes Dexter Broom
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

Afternoon Tea

The children really enjoyed sharing their own work and also looking at other children's and passing on words of congratulation to their peers.



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:

**Noah Gazzard
Olivia Rees
Logan Mariner
Diego Tyler-Garcia
Ava Pardoe**

This week's attendance figure is: 96.9%

This year's attendance target is 97.0%

A special 'Well Done' to Class 3W who had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

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

Preston Mills-Martin Jackson Rawlings Sonny Hoile Dara Omosemi

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

Noah Dias	Leonardo Parente	Oliver Hughes	Ava Meade	Moraya Kemp	Grayson Kemp
Charlie Partridge	Tommy Smith	Isabelle Oldland	Teddy Soar	Ben McIlquham	Will Williams
Dhruv Patel	Blair McFadzean	Frankie Moughton	Malachi Kwanzambi	James Wright	Carter Lewis
Frederick Solomons	Brooklyn Nelson	Jack Robertson	Lysander Goodman	Alice Bennett	Olivia Johnson
Zachary Mason-Bauchham					

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

Summer Aronson	Marcel Hernandez	James Bilton	Harry Fensome	Nellie Amos	Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman
Rosie Hadassi	Amelia-Rose Hewitt	Grace Brockwell	Louie Garwood	Harry Baker	Florence Barrett
Emily Wilkinson	Freddy McQueen	Sophia Buffoni	Jamie Holmes	Aaron Barnes	Isla Clifford
Chloe Berry	Jamie McSharry	Olivia Cullen	Elizabeth Moody	Laurel Beaumont	Rory Coshell
Maggie Dear	Callum Ovel	Ivy Duerden	James Natusch	Freddie Beckwith	Isabella Davies
Holly Fensome	Poppy Bolt-	Poppy Higgs	Felix Plummer	Alannah Cronin	Jacob Dyer
Grace Goodenough	Emerson	Jacob Hobden	Zac Russell	Lauren Crook	Ella Goodenough
Reuben Hilborne	Ben Ferris	Matthew Hughes	Ember Woods	Miles Daniels	Callum Horton
Blaine Mountford	Henry Fuller	Sophia Keys	Vira Fedorova	Henry Dean	Jasper Jenkins
Henry Smith	Taylor Gibson	William McLellan	Isobel James	Ruby Ellis	Rupert Kehoe
Kaiser Thorby-Mead	Mariah Hands	Emily O'Keefe	Grace La-Rocque	Jasmine Faris	Holly Lague
Lizzy Sheehan	Elsie Ive	Archie Pearce	Olivia Mallett	Hetty Fearn	Callum Lewis
Isabelle Neathercoat	Avijith Kottapalli	Chloe Pickering	Chloe Pierce	Cameron Grindrod	David McConnell
Freya Anderson	April Marsh	Olivia Rees	Amy Wells	Eloise Higdon	Scarlett Metcalfe
Max Barford	Lola Obergan	Sophie Sinnott	Rory Buckley	Nancy Jack	Evie Prudom
Kaitlyn Charles	Finley Pike	Archie Williams	Arabella Cranfield	James Lyons	Sophia Rusu
Pradeep	Rhian Powell	Bobby Rowling	Perdie Noble	Ryan Martin	Amber Sargant
Pippa Daley	Michael Reason	Oliver Stephens	Eione Phillips	Georgina Mason	William Stafford
Amelia Gabriel-West	Blake Silvester	Asa Taylor	Alex Pierce	Johnny McQueen	Charlie Vail
Emilio Gallone	Jack Tribe	Theo Vinicombe	Amelia Walton	Oliver Mumford	Zara Wakerly
Evelina Kiafa	Alessia Tutuianu	Albert Sullivan	Samuel Watson	Ruby Price	
Jennifer McSharry	Harrison Wooder	Oliver Townsend	Daisy Mumford		

Year 3 Caveman Visits – Thorndon Park

Year 3 had an exciting Caveman Day this week at Thorndon Park to enhance their fantastic knowledge and understanding of the Stone Age. They are now experienced Stone Age den builders, mammoth hunters, and cave artists. The children were even lucky enough to light their own fires! The children really enjoyed this fantastic experience and would like to thank all of the staff at Thorndon Park for an exciting, fun-packed day! We would like to also thank the wonderful Buttsbury staff and parent helpers for making this trip possible!



Parents to Lunch

On Wednesday, the parents of children in 6B joined us for lunch. They thoroughly enjoyed their delicious meal and the opportunity to join us during lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped facilitate this event.



Schools Games - Orienteering Festival

Yesterday, 40 children from Year 4 took part in a range of orienteering activities led by our School Games Organiser, Katherine Jaggard, and our School Sports Co-ordinator, Rachel McSweeney. The children had a really enjoyable morning and loved taking part in team building games, navigational activities and also used the orienteering course which was installed in the junior school grounds, three years ago. The children were able to apply their mathematical knowledge to complete the course cards given to them. We would like to thank Katherine and Rachel for running this wonderful event. Thank you also to Mrs Hughes and Miss Applewhite for overseeing the teams throughout the morning.