

Thursday 13th February 2025

This week has literally been electrifying! The children and staff have had the most amazing time taking part in STEM week and it has been fantastic to watch the children working together in teams, to transport eggs, build towers, create rainbows, crack the orienteering clues, race planes! I was very envious of the teachers when I saw the amazing fun that everyone was having as I headed off for yet another meeting! Have a super half-term break!

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

World Book Day is celebrated nationally on Thursday 6th March. Every year we invite children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite character from a book (not a film please).

Please ensure that your child wears suitable and safe footwear, as well as a coat if needed.

During the day the children will take part in different activities all centred around books and reading. This year we will be encouraging children to Read their Way. We want to show children they can choose what and how they read and give them the opportunity to have fun with reading. One of our favourite activities is DEAR – Drop Everything And Read! This can happen at any time throughout the day and the staff love to join in too. We will also have paired reading across different classes and our Year 6 children visiting the infant site to read with the Reception children.

We will be enjoying a themed lunch and hope to have dads sharing a book with the children at the end of the day too. As part of the event the children will be provided with a voucher to spend on either a £1 book or to put towards the cost of another book. More information about spending the token is available on the World Book Day website- www.worldbookday.com.

Book Fair 5th and 6th March

3.10pm - 4.00pm held at the Infant Site

As part of World book day, we are very pleased to announce we are hosting another Book Fair on Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March from 3.10pm till 4.00pm in the hall at the infant site. Developing a love of reading is one of our school priorities for this academic year and the Book Fair is a fantastic way to support this. There will be something there for all ages so please come along and help your child choose a book (this event is open to both infant and junior children) and help support the school with a percentage of profits made going towards new books for the school.

Unfortunately we cannot accept any cash payments and would request that payments are made online using QR codes will be available at the Book Fair to enable you to pay via debit/credit card.

World Book Day Lunch

Please find menu attached with this newsletter - please note that Friday 7th March will be the menu that was planned for Thursday 6th March so we still have a roast!

EYFS and Key Stage One Film Nights

Thank you very much to everyone who helped at the Film Nights - staff and parents. The events were a great success, with everyone having a great time and £1,163.22 being raised for the school too!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1 - NEW MENU

Friday 14th February

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

Monday 24th February

- Children return to school

Tuesday 25th February

- SEND Drop In Meetings - 2.30pm - Infant Site - please email stracey@buttsbury-inf.essex.sch.uk to book an appointment or call the infant site office

Wednesday 26th February

- Lesley Williams - BYT - PSHE workshops for Key Stage 2

Friday 28th February

- Film Night - Years 3 - 6 - Paddington in Peru - 5.15pm - 7.30pm

Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents at our meetings on Tuesday, with lots of parents booked in for this evening too. I hope that you found the meeting helpful and that the report was informative. If you have any questions at all, relating to Parents' Evening or progress measures, please don't hesitate to contact me. Don't forget that we have our Maths 'Drop-In' meetings on Monday 3rd March too (Key Stage 2 only).

Farewell

Sadly, we will be saying 'goodbye' to two of our Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Pai and Mrs Quirk, in the first couple of weeks after half-term. Both ladies are stepping back from work to spend more time with their families. We will miss them both and wish them lots of happy times ahead.

New Menus

Please find new menus attached with this newsletter. As before, we have tried to align the infant and junior menus as much as possible but we have kept a few days different still in recognition of the fact that four year olds and eleven year olds have slightly different palates.

Please note that we will start on Week 1.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a HUGE amount of pre-loved uniform that needs a new home! If you would like to purchase any items (at a hugely reduced price) please contact Maggi (vice-chair of the infant PA) on: 07801 896254.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*



STEM WEEK



Reception Classes

The children in Reception have had an amazing week being scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians this week. They have been investigating the question – How can we make a rainbow? They have made rainbows using skittles. They have made a walking rainbow, with varying success! An ice mountain appeared in their classes with rainbow colours all over and they have been building rainbows with various construction and mathematical resources.

A very successful and exciting week was had by all!



STEM Week

It has been a fantastic week filled with inquiry, investigation and engineering! The children have absolutely loved the opportunity to test and experiment throughout the week - including our whole school paper aeroplane competition which saw a plethora of different shaped, sized and weighted aeroplanes flying across our school playground! A few notable favourite moments from the children (and staff!) included designing and launching our egg aircrafts in Years 3 and 4, engineering robotic hands in Years 5 and 6 and making slime in KS1! The school has had a real buzz of energy throughout the week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the different activities planned. Thank you very much to all the staff who helped put this exciting week of activities together!



Year Two

Year Two have enjoyed creating their own inventions to help our environment. They have researched Ole Kirk Christiansen and discovered how he invented LEGO. They had great fun making their own slime and building towers using playdoh and lolly sticks!



Year One

During STEM week, Year One read the marvellous story of Ada Twist, scientist. She is a little girl who is very curious about the world and asks lots of 'why' questions. The children have been busy asking their own questions and testing ideas. We explored the weather and made wind socks to test the strength of the wind. We explored construction ideas including how to build the tallest tower and longest bridge. We had lots of fun building a domino run and were amazed by the 'rain cloud in a jar'.



Safer Internet Day

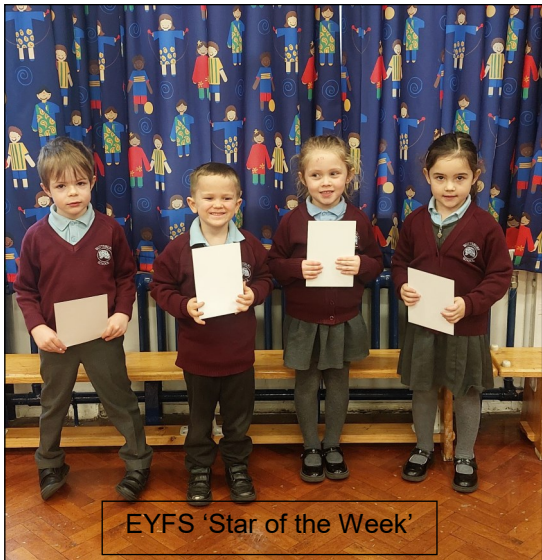
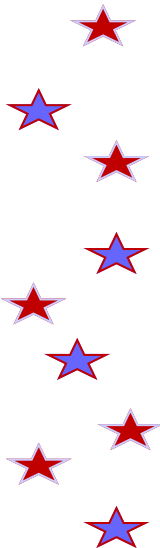
Wednesday 12th February marked 'Safer Internet Day'. As part of our STEM week, each class took part in various activities to help us think about how we can keep ourselves and each other safe on the internet. Year 3 looked at gaming profiles, Year 4 considered our digital footprints, Year 5 found out about scams and phishing and Year 6 learnt about keeping information private on social media.

There were discussions, quizzes and activities to do which will help to keep us safe online.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Out of School Success



Reading Awards

Well done to:

Ariella Osborne	Eden White	Jasmine Pike
Florence White	Elodie Greenhalgh	Oliver Allchurch
Leah Jackson	Lydia Rhobat	Rory Hearman
Anouk Yadav	Buzz Walker	Emily Cullen
Alice Cassidy	Hazel Youngs	Holly Fensome
Jamie Baker	Mollie Parker	Jemima Broom
Ayda Kemal	Ariana Lazell	Jessica Pilka
Charlie Wood	Amelia Mangan	Jessica Reeves
Marley Dowling	George Bradley	Noah Dias
Zachary Webster	Summer Aronson	Ruby Hill
OY Egharevba	Coraline Riches	Evie Smith
Edward Smith	Georgie Harding	Finley Pike
Blake Silvester	David McConnell	Scarlett Metcalfe
Callum Horton	Holly Lague	Sophia Rusu
Callum Lewis	Olivia Rees	Olivia Cullen
Tommy Smith	Lysander Goodman	Ethan Rae
Hannah Sijo		

who all managed to read a book from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **Bronze** Reading badge today in recognition of their commitment to reading.

A very special 'Well Done' to: who all read two books from each genre and received their **Silver** Reading Award yesterday.

Eden White	Florence White	Isobel James
Amy Wells	Holly Pinder	Buzz Walker
Thomas Knight	Karen Pinder	Jamie Baker
Mollie Parker	Willow Harmer	Amelia Maloney
Archie Thomas	Sophie Warden	Marley Dowling
Summer Tait	Tanvi Kondapalli	Dom Senior
Maisie Doyle	OY Egharevba	Lola Obergan
Amelia Hudson	Callum Lewis	Olivia Cullen
Elizabeth Moody	Conchobhar Veats	Oscar Beckwith
Callie Beadon	Anastasia Markelova	Joe Jackson

A super huge 'Well Done' to: who all received their **Gold** reading award yesterday, having read three books from each genre.

Florence White	Isobel James	Holly Pinder
Thomas Knight	George Day	Karen Pinder
Amber Branch	Freya Evans	Oliver Wilson
Tanvi Kondapalli	Gethin Arentsen	Alessia Tutuianu
Amelia Hudson	Callum Lewis	Olivia Cullen
Ava Catchpole	Anastasia Markelova	

Extra special congratulations to **George Day, Elliot Warman, Alessia Tutuianu and Callum Lewis** who received their **Platinum** Reading Award, having read five books in each category.



Key Stage 2 Celebrations

Out of School Success

- * Well done to Amy Wells (3BW) who passed all her musical theatre/dance exams with Distinction!
- * Congratulations to Jamie Baker (4M) who played the lead role in Horrid Henry, at The Brentwood Theatre.
- * Well done to George Day (3M) who was awarded Player of the Match on Saturday when his team won 5-4.



Headteacher's Awards

Headteacher's Awards are the highest accolade achievable and are awarded to children who 'demonstrate exceptional commitment to a cause or activity showing the child has gone above and beyond normal expectations'. This half-term, Heateacher's Awards have been presented to:

Hannah Sijo	April Marsh	Thomas Mason
Conchobhar Veats	Sophie Warden	Noah Gazzard
Elizabeth Moody	Olivia Cullen	Jasmine Pike
Charlie Wood	Asa Taylor	Miles Daniels
Abi Hau	David McConnell	

Well done on being selected for this coveted award!



Gold Reading Awards



Platinum Reading Awards



Bronze Reading Awards



Silver Reading Awards

★ House Points ★

This week's winning house:

LIONS

This half-term's winning house:

JAGUARS

The children in **JAGUARS** house will have 20 minutes extra lunch break on

Friday 28th February



This year's attendance figure is so far is: 96.6%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to 3M who have the highest attendance this year so far - 97.7%! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

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

James

Bobbi Atkinson

Louie Omer

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

Rory Buckle
Alex Metcalfe

Noah Cannon
Harry Tungate

Jack Cronin
Oliver Sutton

Zack Brewer
Joe Jackson

Alfie Moclair
Rhys Povey

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

Joey Purkiss
Sophie Warden
Zachary Webster
Maisie Doyle
Olivia Taylor
Lara Austin
Mollie Hughes
Grace Ivimy
Summer-Rose Smith
Daisy Moughton
Isabel Shearwood

Isla Bloomfield
George Boyer
Elodie Greenhalgh
Lola Hurry
Ella Tennet
Callie Beadon
Hannah Sijo
Harry Mann
Ava Pardoe
Jack Fuller
Caelen Hughes

Anjola Oladele
Maya-Love Chance
Francesca Ginn
Emelia Giddings
Lucas Brousse
Austin Ellis
Layla Farris
Violet Mills
Olivia Murley
Leo Campbell
Archie Coote

Thomas Chandra
Sophia Golberg
Sophie Moore
Teddy Thomas
Elliot Bacchus
Jessica Chinnery
Peony Harlow
Amelia Hudson
Emily Lycett
Harrison Wooder

Joseph Borg
Ryan Challand
Violet Toll
Anastasia Markelova
Eloise Mills
Ewan Muller
Erin Collins
Ethan Rae
Vihaan Aggarwal
Gracie Birch

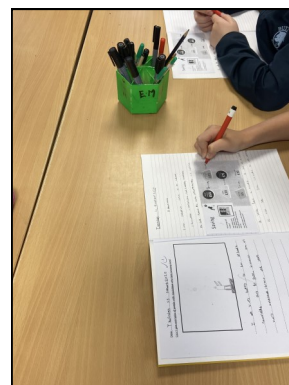


Afternoon Tea

As ever, the children eagerly waited to make their way to the staff room for this week's afternoon tea. They talked with great enthusiasm about their work and also posed lots of relevant questions to their peers whilst enjoying sampling the different treats on offer.

Financial Education Lessons

Year 6 have been fortunate to have Mrs Bloomfield (Santander Bank) come in to visit their classes and deliver lessons on 'Managing Money in a Digital World'. The topics covered were: savings; digital money and identity theft. The children took part in an activity whereby they had to work out how many weeks it would take to save for various items, given an amount of weekly pocket money. They learnt about different digital payment methods; identifying theft and good passwords was a big part of the teaching. They all tried to create a safe password, which was more difficult than they thought. The children have learnt a great deal from these sessions and we thank Mrs Bloomfield for her input.



RSPCA Special Award

On Wednesday, Derek Yapp, from the RSPCA, joined us for our assembly. During his visit, Derek spoke to the children about the work of the RSPCA. However, the main reason for his visit was to present a special award to Leif Emanuel-Francis (5R) in recognition of all the hard work he had put in to raise money for the RSPCA by selling home-made Christmas cards. It was lovely to see Leif receive this special award. We were also joined by a film crew from BBC Look East who interviewed Leif and also filmed the school during assembly - it was screened that evening - Buttsbury is famous again!



Essex U11's Girls Cup

Monday after school saw the girls' football team take on Rayleigh Primary in the semi-final of the Girls' cup. The match started slowly for Buttsbury but it didn't take long before the girls' football started to shine through with the ball being passed around the opposition. Two goals in quick succession opened up the scoring for Buttsbury with Bonnie firing a shot across the box and Amelie converting a cross from close range. Rayleigh clawed one back from a corner but Buttsbury had an instant reply to restore the two goal lead from Scarlett. The second half saw Rayleigh have the lion's share of the ball but Buttsbury's counter attacking kept them on their toes. They did manage to score a second but it wasn't enough and Buttsbury went on to see the game out and progress through to the final! Well done girls! Amazing!



**BELIEVE IT OR NOT SPRING
IS NEARLY HERE!**

**BUTTSBURY
EASTER TRAIL**

**SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
11AM-1.30PM**

**JOIN US FOR SOME
EARLY EASTER FUN!**

**MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW AFTER HALF TERM**

**THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION**