

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

I hope that you had a lovely half-term and the dreary weather didn't spoil your plans!

Have you seen the new signs at the school gates? Finally, we are a primary school in the public eye too!

Thank you for all your kind messages and words of encouragement this week, following my fall whilst running which resulted in me breaking two bones in my hand, earning me a plaster cast and sling! I missed the Seville marathon which was last Sunday, relegated to the spectators' bench! It's also my left hand (and I am left-handed) so I can't write a word and productivity is at an all-time low so please bear with me! I can definitely now empathise with the children who have broken bones though!

Fortunately, at the fracture clinic this morning, the plaster was replaced by a splint which is a lot more user-friendly and no more sling so hopefully things will improve!!

On a more positive note, on Wednesday, the teachers had the opportunity to meet with other subject leaders from across the Billericay Community Trust, including secondary school colleagues. The focus for the meetings was assessment, with the teachers having the opportunity to share the good practice seen at Buttsbury whilst also pick up ideas from others schools. The teachers enjoyed visiting other schools across Billericay as different subjects were hosted by different schools - we hosted RE, Foreign Languages and Geography.

Wishing you a lovely restful weekend!



## Next Week's Diary Dates

### School Dinners - Week 2

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

- Maths Set 'Drop In' meetings - 3.30pm - 5.00pm - Years 3 - 6.

A reminder that if you arrive at 4.50pm, you probably will not be seen as the meetings close at 5.00pm)

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 5 visit to West Stow - arrive at school at 7.45am; return at 4.30pm (approx.). Wear school uniform and trainers (if preferred). Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and a piece of fresh fruit or veg for morning snack
- Year 6 Life Expo event at The Baptist Church - allocated class slots throughout the day
- 6R 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.20pm
- Year 3 'Open Door' event at 2.15pm - 3.00pm
- Book Fair - after school - open to all year groups - infant site

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

- World Book Day - including themed lunch
- Book Fair - after school - open to all year groups - infant site

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 5 Life Expo event at The Baptist Church - allocated class slots throughout the day
- Red Rainbow Award Day for any new Red Award winners
- Menu change - roast gammon or veggie option

### Year 3 'Open Door' Afternoon

If you have a child in Year 3, you are very warmly invited to join them in their classroom on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 2.15pm - 3.00pm. You will have a chance to experience life inside a Year 3 classroom and get a flavour of some of their recent activities - you may even have the opportunity to join in! Please could we ask that you don't bring pre-school children/babies along as the classrooms will be very full and just one family member per child too please - for the same reason. Please could you come in via the side gate and sign in once in the classrooms. Thank you.



### World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Don't forget that we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (not a film please). During the day, we have lots of exciting events planned, such as Drop Everything And Read (DEAR), paired reading across different classes (with Year 6 visiting the infants to read with the children there), an inter-house book quiz, themed lunch (see flyer attached) and lots of other book-related activities too! We also hope to have Dad sharing a book with the children at the end of the day too. We also have the Book Fair after school, at the infant site, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, with books for sale, for ages 4 - 11+ so do pop along, especially as the school earns commission on every book sold!

### Film Night - tonight!

'Paddington in Peru' is coming to Buttsbury tonight!

5.15pm - 7.30pm, £6 entry

(which includes refreshments)

Please only bring SMALL pillows and cushions

Please park on the playground to avoid congestion at the front of the school. Thank you.

### Year 5/6 Music Festival Rehearsal

Yesterday, we hosted the second choir rehearsal for the Year 5/6 Music Festival which is on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. This meant welcoming 200 children to the school as well as 30 additional staff members. As you can imagine, this was an operation which required military precision. But, in typical Buttsbury style, everyone stepped up to help, and it was a great success. I would like to thank all the staff for their assistance and congratulate our choir members on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.

*'Maximum Effort for  
Maximum Achievement'*

### Basildon Youth Theatre

On Wednesday, the children in Key Stage 2 had a very exciting and fun-filled time when they had the opportunity to work with Lesley Williams again. They thoroughly enjoyed the drama activities and joined in with the dancing and singing with great enthusiasm. All the workshops were focused on developing this term's PSHE topics in a very lively and thought-provoking way.



### Thank You

Thank you very much to our Parents' and Friends' Association for the lovely books for our reading corners and also for the new signs around the outside of the school.



### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

The theme for Red Nose Day 2025 is Mr Men and Little Miss! Children are invited to dress up as their favourite Mr Men or Little Miss character - or wear red, if they prefer, for a donation of £1, which can be made via Parent Pay or in cash on the day. In line with this, we will be hosting a 'Design your own Mr Men or Little Miss Character' to support Red Nose Day. It will cost 50p to enter the competition and we will be selecting a winner from each year group. An entry sheet is attached with this newsletter - if your child would like to enter, please return their entry, together with 50p, to their class teacher, by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

We will also be selling a limited number of Red Noses for £2.50 during the week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. On 21<sup>st</sup> March, we will also have a special Comic Relief cake for dessert.



### Cross-Country Competition

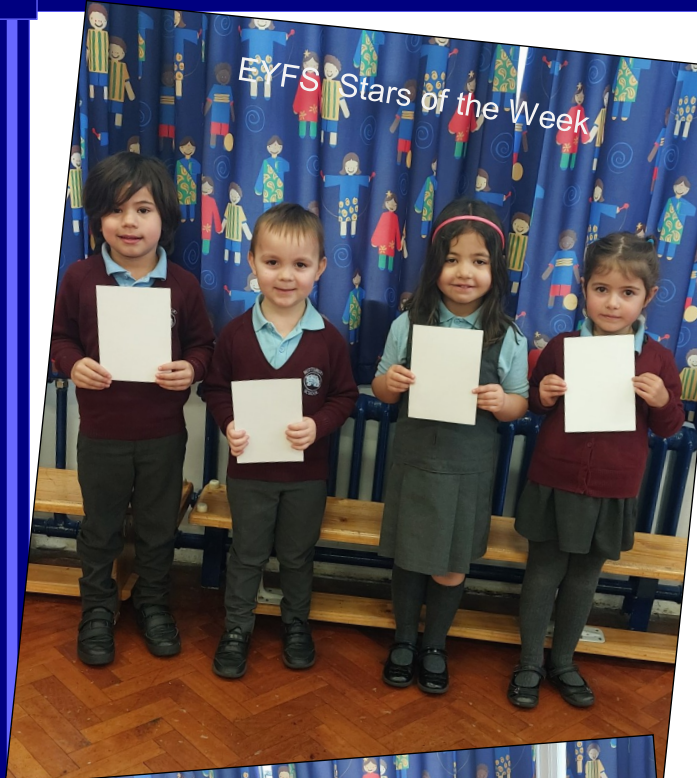
Just before the half-term break, some members of our junior cross-country squad took part in round one of the Billericay Schools' Cross-Country competition at Mayflower High School. In true cross-country spirit, everyone embraced the mud and ran to the best of their abilities, knowing every position counted for their team. Our teams showed great strength with many top ten positions in almost every year group. We had incredible top three positions beginning with Harley Phillips in Year 4, an epic win and third place from Scarlett Metcalfe and Eloise Mills in the Year 6 girls' race and a gutsy second place from Harley Phillips in the Year 6 boys' race. The crucial top two team successes came from the Year 3 girls (1<sup>st</sup>), Year 4 girls (2<sup>nd</sup>), Year 5 boys (2<sup>nd</sup>), Year 6 girls (1<sup>st</sup>) and Year 6 boys (1<sup>st</sup>). These teams will now progress to the next round of the partnership cross country competition in March along with Jude Phillips as an individual runner. With several withdrawals on the day, Chloe McGibbon (Year 5) and Jude Cavanagh (Year 4) deserve a special mention for both stepping in last minute to complete their teams. Thank you for showing great team spirit! Each runner should be very proud of themselves and look forward to representing Buttsbury in the next round of the competition in March and future competitions.

A very big thank you to Mr Nation who trained the cross-country team and the staff who supported on the day (Mrs Lee, Mrs Lough, Mrs Lobb, Mrs Payton and Mrs Webb).



### Year 5 Panathlon Swimming Gala

This morning, nine of our Year 5 children took part in a Panathlon Swimming Gala at the London Aquatic Centre. It was a very exciting day out - especially as they went on the train! The children loved swimming at such an amazing venue and rose to the challenge of healthy competition! It is hard to capture in the written word just how fabulous the day was! Thank you to the staff who assisted with the visit - either by attending the event or providing lifts to the station and back!



**EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations**

**Out of School Success**  
EYFS/Year 1/2: Please send in trophies/medals/certificates on Thursday mornings.



# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Evelina Kiafa</i>	<i>Erin Collins</i>
<i>Bodhi Seabrook</i>	<i>Daisy Mumford</i>
<i>Elliot Bailey</i>	<i>Bella Pankhania</i>
<i>Sonny Hoile</i>	<i>Georgie Harding</i>
<i>Chloe McGibbon</i>	<i>Evie Smith</i>
<i>Kerem Korkmaz</i>	<i>Aron Cuka</i>
<i>Felicity Beaumont</i>	<i>Annabel Guy</i>
<i>Eddie Turner</i>	<i>Blaine Mountford</i>
<i>Brooklyn Nelson</i>	<i>Ethan Rae</i>
<i>Mariah Hands</i>	<i>Harrison Wooder</i>
<i>Henry Fuller</i>	<i>Amelie Owen</i>
<i>Isabel Shearwood</i>	<i>James</i>

**50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School**  
Well done to **George Willis** who has completed **10** things at home.

Congratulations to **Bella Pankhania and Olivia Mallett** who have completed **20** things at home!

A very special 'Well Done' to **Chloe Berry** who has completed **30** things at home!

### Pen Licences

Well done to **Summer Tait, Emilia Escudero-Bradshaw, Jake Cannon, Finley Paton, Heath Tanner, Maddie Stower, Darcy Baglin, Kelsie Ridall, Nye Arentsen, Zach Wooder, Archie Coote, Buzz Walker and Leah Ballestero** who all received their Pen Licences this week.

### Out of School Success

- \* **Olivia Mallett (3BW)** competed in the Essex All Stars Dance competition during half-term and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her solo tap dance and 3<sup>rd</sup> in her solo lyrical dance.
- \* Well done to **Ruben Skehill (4H)** who participated in the IBJJF International championships last weekend, which is the elite of Brazilian jiu-jitsu. He submitted all his opponents, including the current European champion from Switzerland.
- \* Congratulations to **Zachary Webster (4LW)** who achieved his mile swimming badge last Thursday. It took him 43 mins to complete the 70 length swim.
- \* Well done to **Felix Halder (4H)** who has passed his Level 1 NICAS climbing qualification at Rock Hub, Basildon Sporting Village.

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

*Teddy Thomas Jasmine Pike  
Coraline Riches Leah Ballestero Jack Tribe  
Soraya Packer Will Williams Isobel James  
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

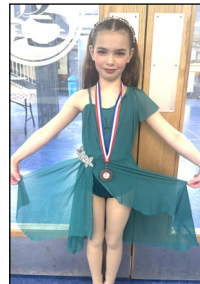
*Oscar Turner Poppy Bolt Emerson Cailin Mitchell  
Annabel Guy Callie Beadon Buzz Walker  
Oliver Allchurch Holly Pinder George White  
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

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

*Bobby Rowling Cooper Smith  
Ava Pardoe Holly Pinder Vince Drury  
George Day Callie Beadon Archie Coote  
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

*This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:*

*Amelia Hudson Reuben Hilborne  
Freya Anderson Isha Sharma  
Ben Farrugia Joshua Murton  
Lysander Goodman Bobbi Atkinson*



### Out of School Success

Years 3 - 6: please email a short summary/photo to [head@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@buttsbury-jun.essex.sch.uk) - please write - Out of School Success - Name - Class - in the email header.

## House Points

This week's winning house:

**Panthers**

### Top Table

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

**Ruben Skehill  
Leo Showell  
Clodagh O'Hara  
Joshua Small**



*This week's attendance figure is: 96.8%!*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*

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

# Rainbow Awards

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

Yasmin Salter      Clodagh O'Hara      Alexandra Burgio      Lilani Luthra

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

Summer Tait      Ashley McSharry      Alex Metcalfe      Alesha Mittal      Alfie Field      Zack Brewer  
 Joe Jackson      Ziah Hernandez

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

Sophie Warden	Alexander Fryd	Dexter Broom	Jack Campkin	Evan Aarons	Cailin Mitchell
Cody Windsor	Sofia Holdgate-Lopez	Alex Drew	Teddy Chapman	Lewis Eggleton	Austin Watts
Gethin Arentsen	George Morgan	Amy Clarke	Ruben Skehill	Jeremiah Hernandez	Joshua Murton
Mariia Fedorova	Bodhi Seabrook	Isobelle Sanders	Lara Austin	Mollie Smith	Albert Amos
Darcy Baglin	Max Wilson	Olivia Storey	Mollie Hughes	Ella Tennet	Aron Cuka
Bailey Ramrutton	Zach Wooder	Jack Wilkinson	Grace Ivimy	Callie Beadon	Erin Collins
Thea Robbshaw	Jasmine Dong	Vince Drury	Hannah Sijo	Summer-Rose Smith	Ethan Rae
Edward Turner	Thomas Laughland	Josh Hale	Harry Mann	Olivia Taylor	Albie Rangelcroft
Arlo Spencer-Nimmo		Jacob Ovel	Jacqueline Fulker		

Well done to this year's first **RED** award recipients who have been on the Recognition Board every single week since September!

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

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. They now start working on their Pots of Gold - which are more challenging to achieve as they need 6 stickers instead of 3!



### Afternoon Tea

As ever, the children were very excited to make their way into the staff room (usually off-limits) and take their places on the comfy staff chairs! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the sweet treats as well as sharing one another's work.