

Friday 10th May 2024

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. Although we are still eagerly waiting for more than just a glimpse of Summer, it is always lovely to enjoy a three-day weekend!

As you are aware, we are currently consulting on the proposal to amalgamate the infant and junior schools from 1st January 2025 to create Buttsbury Primary School. As part of this process, we are currently consulting with stakeholders and are very keen to hear your views. The following link will take you to the consultation document - <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/school-organisation/buttsbury-amalgamation>

There are also meetings for parents/carers on Wednesday 5th June – 2.00pm in the infant school hall or 6.00pm in the junior school hall – please feel free to attend either meeting. Please note that the meetings are for adults only. Wishing you a lovely weekend - good weather is forecast!

Hair Cuts and PE Shorts

A further reminder that hair should not be shorter than a Number 2 as stated in our uniform section in the school prospectus.

We also still have some children who do not have PE shorts - please can black shorts (not cycling shorts) be brought into school as tracksuit bottoms are not ideal in warm weather.

Break the Rules Day - Friday 17th May

On Friday 17th May, we will be supporting the Friends Association by hosting a 'Break the Rules Day'. Children will be allowed to break any of the following rules, however each rule they break will cost them 50p!

Rules that the children are able to break are:

- Untucked shirts
- Jumpers around waists
- Small** unhealthy snack at break time
- Squash in water bottles
- Trainers or funky footwear

The children are not required to join in. If they wish to only break one rule, then this is perfectly acceptable too.

Please make donations via ParentPay if possible; if not, we are happy to collect cash donations.

Let's see how high my blood pressure goes when I see all those untucked shirts and jumpers around waists!



Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 14th May

- Year 4 DT afternoon

Friday 17th May

- Break the Rules Day
- 3.30pm - Year 6 parents to hand in Isle of Wight medications - 6M/6R - 6M; 6P/6S - 6P

School Disco

Last Friday evening, we once again held our very popular school discos. As always, the children and even some of the teachers threw themselves into the spirit of the evening with some amazing dancing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank the members of the Friends' Association and parents who gave up their Friday evening and helped to support the event! The total raised was £1593 which is a fabulous amount of money!



Year 3 Colchester Zoo Visit

On Tuesday, our very excitable Year 3 cohort visited Colchester Zoo to explore the different animal habitats and to put all of their learning from our topic of Animals (including Humans) to the test! The children had an amazing day out and the weather was kind to us too! The children were eager to discover the whole of the zoo and they certainly kept their group leaders on their toes. As you can see from the photos, the children loved every minute of their visit. The children enjoyed an educational session, which focused on Plants and Animals and some groups even took a ride on the zoo's train to venture into the lemur enclosure.

A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who volunteered to help on the visit and all the staff who assisted with organisation and during the visit itself.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Conchobar Veats</i>	<i>Jeremiah Hernandez</i>
<i>Rhys Carey</i>	<i>Jack Campkin</i>
<i>Lucas Brouse</i>	<i>Jemima Broom</i>
<i>Noah Vasiliou</i>	<i>Alex Trainer</i>
<i>Callum Horton</i>	<i>Emily O'Keefe</i>
<i>Felix Plummer</i>	<i>Sophia Keys</i>
<i>Jasmine Faris</i>	<i>Johnny McQueen</i>
<i>Lola Prior</i>	<i>Mollie Smith</i>
<i>Dominic Senior</i>	<i>Felix Halder</i>
<i>Thea Jones</i>	<i>Finley Paton</i>
<i>Abi Walker</i>	<i>Harry Tungate</i>
<i>Amelie Moore</i>	

Tennis News

After such a wet Bank Holiday, we couldn't have asked for a more glorious, sunny day on Tuesday 7th May. During the morning, Year 3/4 attended the finals of the Plate and Cup tournaments at Billericay Lawn Tennis Club.

The children played superbly and behaviour was exemplary. Results speak for themselves. Buttsbury B Team came 3rd and Buttsbury A Team came 1st in the Plate competition, whilst for the Cup competition, Buttsbury B came 4th and Buttsbury A team came 2nd. The sun continued to shine for the Year 5/6 Tennis Teams - bringing home more medals and certificates! Buttsbury A came 1st, Buttsbury B were 2nd for Cup. Buttsbury A were 1st and Buttsbury B 3rd place for the Plate tournament. The results are a true testament to the fantastic team effort from our players.

A huge well done to all players and a special thank you to all the parents who transported the children and stayed to support them. Thank you as well to Mr Mynard, Mrs Rivas, Mrs Webb and Mrs Hennessey for attending.



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

*Isla Sanders Maddie Stower Sophie Sinnott
Emelia Giddings Hetty Fearn Anna Weddell
Poppy Walsh Amelia Mangan
Well done to our writing super stars!*



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

*Jessica Reeves Poppy Walsh Edie Buick
Louie Parnell Larry Mitchell Kelsie Ridall
Mikael Ali Khan Jessica Pilka Archie Pearce
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

Afternoon Tea

This week, it was the turn of our 'Number 22' children, who excitedly joined us in the Staff Room to share biscuits, cakes and squash! The children really enjoyed chatting about their favourite pieces of work as well as listening to other children sharing their favourite work too.

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

*Jamie Baker Rory Buckle Olivia Cullen
Laurel Beaumont Ellena Boulwood
Thomas Mason Zac Russell
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Theo Clifford Tanvi Kondapalli Olivia Cullen
Isabelle Neathercoat Jorgie Jackson
Mollie Parker Charlie Partridge
Vinny Cater Noah Vasiliou*

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:

**Teddy Youngs
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman
Harry Shipway
Georgie Harding
Emily Wilkinson**



This week's attendance figure is: 96.9%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Classes 4H and 3W who both had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **VIOLET** award recipients:

Jeremiah Hernandez Mia Dixon

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

Jamie Rocks Edie Buick

Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients.

Emelia Giddings Sienna Kareer Julian Hak

They have earned themselves a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 7th June**

Well done to our **Bronze Pot of Gold** recipients this week.

Max Barford	Alice Bennett	Fred Cronjaeger	Alex Fryd
Zachary Mason-Bauchham	Henry Fuller	Emilio Gallone	Joshua Hale
Peony Harlow	Olivia Johnson	Grayson Kemp	Zehra Korkmaz
Carter Lewis	April Marsh	Blair McFadzean	Ashley McSharry
George Morgan	Alex Pierce	Rhian Powell	Ethan Rae
Esmay Ramrutton	Coraline Riches	Oliver Stephens	Olivia Taylor
Will Williams	Max Wilson	Teddy Youngs	Summer-Rose Smith
Oscar Turner	Poppy Bolt Emerson	Jessica Chinnery	Alfie Field
Mariia Federova	Felicity Ginn	Lysander Goodman	Georgie Harding
Mollie Hughes	Cameron McGee	Ava Meade	Alex Metcalfe
Harvey-Thomas Perry	James Rowley	Bobby Rowling	Tommy Smith
Harrison Wooder	Archie Williams	Will McLellan	Olivia Rees
Christiana Christofi	Jessica Payton	Cameron Grindrod	Ben McCreery
Riley Tear	Daniel Tinworth	Clark Williams	Grace Pierce
Fraser Loudon	Amy Clarke	Miller Rutledge	

Well done to our first **SILVER** Pot of Gold recipients this week. To earn their Silver Pot of Gold, children need to earn **FOUR** Rainbow Awards after receiving their Bronze Pot of Gold award.

Marley Dowling	Emel Enver	Olivia Murley	Mollie Parker
Bonnie Atkinson-Lassman	Florence Barrett	Isla Clifford	Violet Costello
Laurel Beaumont	Lauren Crook	Alannah Cronin	Hetty Fearn
Chloe Hayes	Georgina Mason	Ruby Price	Riwaya Atapattu
Esmay Baker	Megan Forder	Olivia Shearwood	Amber Jobbins
Esmay Lazell	Darcy Shorey	Oliver Wilson	Mark Bowman
Noah Gazzard	Charlie Wood	Ralph Pocklington	Thomas Mason
Vinny Cater	Sophia Christofi	Arabella Cranfield	Amber Branch
Iris Balkwill	Maddie Wallis	Rosie Hadassi	Thea Jones
Jessica Reeves	Rosie Taylor	Bluebell Cole	Florence Costello
Rosie Hadassi	Hannah Lister	Amelia Mangan	Emilia Escudero Bradshaw
Andrei Aldea Nicolaescu	Felix Halder	Theo Barnes	Jemima Broom
Lucas Brousse	Freya Dormer	David Golberg	Poppy Goring
Sophie Mackenzie	Violet Mills	Nifemi Oladele	Jessica Pilka
Harry Shipway	Maddison Stower	Elodie Wang Gao	Elliot Warman
Tanvi Kondapalli			



Pen Licences

Well done to **George White, Joe Jackson and Dhruv Patel** who all received their Pen Licences this week.

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

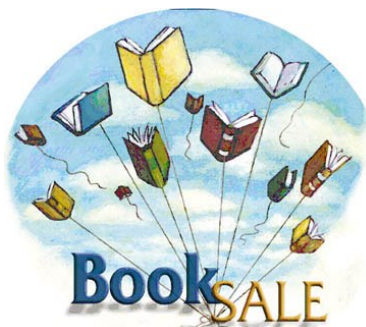
Congratulations to **Finley Paton** who has completed **10** things at home.

Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Sophie Sinnott (5T)** who competed in the **Regional Championships in rhythmic gymnastics** and placed **3rd** in the **Under 12** category.
- * Congratulations to **Vellita Millett (6R)** who was awarded **'Filmmaker of the Week'** at her **PQA** group on **Saturday**.

Year 5 Bible Explorers

This week, Year 5 were joined by Sue and Sally from the School's Ministry for the beginning of their 'Bible Explorers' RE lessons. Sue and Sally will lead all of the Year 5 classes each week on an exciting journey through of the New Testament and the children will have the opportunity to explore the Bible through drama and stories. We are very grateful that Sue and Sally have been able to join us once again for these interesting and engaging sessions.



Second-Hand Book Sale

Where - in the library

When - Wednesday 15th May - Friday 17th May - during lunch time

How Much - All books are 50p - £1