

Friday 9th May 2025

I hope that you enjoyed the extended weekend! It may have only been a four day week but it's felt like a lot longer than that due to the Local Authority Review that we commissioned for yesterday and today, to help us be 'Ofsted' ready. We had three members of the local authority join us over the two days and their visit mirrored an Ofsted inspection as closely as possible. This meant it included: lesson observations, interviews with staff and trustees, learning walks, book looks and lots of meetings with children. It was very intense but went very well. I would like to congratulate our amazing children, staff and trustees for showcasing our school so brilliantly. It's been a tough two days so I would also like to especially thank everyone for their willing participation as it also meant a lot of extra work! Now, we eagerly awaiting the Ofsted call itself - the sooner, the better! We are all looking forward to a restful weekend ahead of the Year 6 SATs next week.

Email Address Changes

Advance Warning - please note that the school email addresses that link to 'inf' or 'jun' will no longer be in use from the end of July. Please can we ask you to start to use the new email addresses from now on - just in case!

Please check our website as the admin email addresses have changed quite a bit. Other than that all the other new email addresses all have @buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk at the end - my new one, for example, is head@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

On the note of emails, if you do not receive a reply from an email, within 24 working hours, please can you call the School Office to check it has been received. Thank you.

Break the Rules Day - Friday 16th May - Years 2 - 6

On Friday 16th May, we will be supporting the Parents and 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
- Writing with a different colour pen or pencil
- Trainers

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!

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 and staff who gave up their Friday evening and helped to support the event! The total raised was £1,143.40 which is fabulous!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 1
Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 12th May

- Reception Classes - dental talks

Wednesday 14th May

- Reception Classes - dental checks

Thursday 15th May

- Year 4 DT Afternoon

Friday 16th May

- Break the Rules Day - Years 2 - 6
- 3.30pm - Year 6 parents to hand in Isle of Wight medications - 6B/6R - 6B; 6P/6S - 6P

Friday 23rd May

- Go Purple Day for Cancer Research UK - wear something purple instead of school uniform for a suggested donation of £1.



Pre-Loved Uniform

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'*

Year 5 Assembly

Yesterday morning, Year 5 treated their parents and grandparents to a highly entertaining assembly which linked to their recent history work on the Anglo-Saxons. The children performed extremely confidently and clearly enjoyed acting, singing and role-play. Well done to all the children in Year 5 who completely captivated their audience and also to all the staff in Year 5, for their super script writing and preparation work with the children.



Year 4 Bikeability

Well done to the following children who all completed their Level 1 Bikeability Course last Friday.

Vinny Cater	Oliver Wilson	Oscar Beckwith
Mark Bowman	Maisie Doyle	Francesca Howe
David Timperon	Bluebell Cole	Amelia Mangan

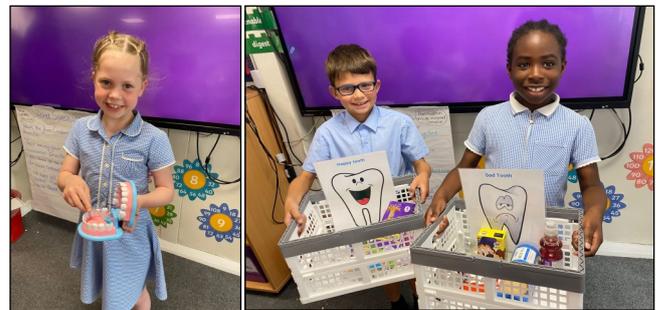
Junior School News

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Pam Crompton to our Admin team. Within her role, Mrs Crompton will be responsible for school dinners, clubs and visits, as well as numerous other things! If you need to contact her, her email address is:

pcrompton@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

RAAC Update

I have been meeting weekly with representatives from the DfE and our surveyors, since September, and made very little progress in terms of the replacement of the RAAC ceilings in the Small Hall and 5R. However, in the past few weeks, the pace has accelerated (with a little nudge from our MP, Richard Holden), and we now have a Grant Offer Letter and the work looks set to start at half-term, with completion due before September 2025. This is very exciting as the rooms have been out of use for nearly two years! I would also like to thank Brad Beadon, one of our Trustees, who has attended a good number of the meetings with me too and helped fight the good cause! Watch this space for an update!



Dental Nurses Visit Year 3

On Wednesday, Year 3 were joined by two dental nurses who talked to them about the importance of cleaning their teeth. The children were actively engaged and participated well throughout. They learnt how to brush their teeth effectively, learnt which food and drink products were good or bad and how to prevent tooth decay. The sessions were very informative and we would like to thank Dental Beauty for helping us to look after our teeth and keep our mouths healthy!



Year 3 Colchester Zoo Visit

On Tuesday, our very excitable Year 3 cohort visited Colchester Zoo to explore the different animal diets 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 Animal Art and some groups even took a ride on the zoo's train to venture into the lemur enclosure! A huge thank you too all of the parent helpers who volunteered to help on the visit, it would not have been possible without you. Additional thanks go to our Year 3 team, both teachers and teaching assistants, for organising and assisting the children during the visit.



EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



EYFS Stars of the Week



Year One Stars of the Week



Year Two Stars of the Week



Out of School Success



Good Manners Award



50 Things to do before leaving Primary School

Changes to the Infant Menu

Week 1

Wednesday 14th May & going forward - please note we have changed jewelled rice to pasta salad.

Thursday 15th May - LUCKY PLATE DAY - please note a change to roast chicken (from gammon) for this week only.

Friday 16th May & going forward - please note we have changed the dessert to jelly & ice cream.

If you go down
to
the woods
today ..



You're sure
of a
big surprise ..

Teddy Bear Festival

On Thursday morning, Rabbits and Badgers classes walked to Mayflower school to take part in the 'Teddy Bear Festival'. The children had great fun practising their aiming, balancing, running and throwing skills with a little help from their furry friends! Thank you to all of the staff and students at Mayflower for hosting us.

Class Photos

The infant children all had their class photos taken on Tuesday. Details of how to order photos will follow in due course. Thank you to Mrs Marven, for organising the logistics of the morning and facilitating the photos.

Parent Trustee

Mrs Eloise Reilly, one of our trustees, who was originally elected as a parent governor at Buttsbury Infant School, prior to joining the Trust Board of Buttsbury Primary School, has stepped down from her role. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment during her time as a governor/trustee.

Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Ruby Brockwell</i>	<i>Seb Stephens</i>
<i>Francesca Ginn</i>	<i>Ariella Osborne</i>
<i>Jasmine Pike</i>	<i>Sonny Hoile</i>
<i>Kaydee Quirk</i>	<i>Megan Shipton</i>
<i>Koen Stephens</i>	<i>Joshua Small</i>
<i>Jacqueline Fulker</i>	<i>Chloe Berry</i>
<i>Olivia Mallett</i>	<i>Leo Campbell</i>
<i>Caelen Hughes</i>	<i>Eduardo Chambers</i>
<i>Thomas Chandra</i>	<i>Amelia Gabriel-West</i>
<i>Elsie Ive</i>	<i>Kaiser Thorby-Mead</i>
<i>Jack Tribe</i>	<i>Hanna Mitchelson</i>
<i>Brooklyn Nelson</i>	<i>Frankie Moughton</i>



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Callum Horton (6S), Freddie Beckwith and Harry Baker (6P), who, together with their team Hannakins Scorpions, won the U11 cup final, on Saturday, with a 5-3 victory. Freddie also was 'Man of the Match'.
- * Congratulations to Ruby Warren-Gunn (6P) who plays for West Ham United U12 team and beat West JPL Warriors U12 girls' team in the cup final.
- * Well done to Sophie Sinnott (6R) who competed at the SEGC in house competition and came first in her age group.
- * Congratulations to Isobel James (3BW) who has achieved Stage 4 at Elites swimming and has now moved on to Stage 5.

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

Logan Mariner Oscar Turner
George Day Amelie Owen George Morgan
Jessica Chinnery Preston Mills-Martin
Well done to our writing super stars!



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

Florence Fuller Grace Goodenough Chloe McGibbon
Vincent Pranevicius Henry Fuller Jessica Chinnery
Spencer Goad Jacqueline Fulker Kaydee Quirk
Well done to our magical mathematicians!

Afternoon Tea

This week, it was the turn of our 'Number 32' 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:

Buzz Walker Mine Emosivbe Jax Evans
Annabel Guy James Davies
Emilio Gallone Carter Lewis
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

House Points

This week's winning house:
Panthers

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Tallulah Green Lola Hurry Joshua Small
Tommy Akinlade Holly Pinder
Eden White Amelia Hudson
Alexander Fryd Harrison Wooder

Top Table

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

Perdie Noble
Ariella Osborne
Zach Webster
Gethin Arentsen
Jack Wilkinson



This week's attendance figure is: 97.2%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

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



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to this week's **YELLOW**, **GREEN** and **ORANGE** award recipients:

Leif Emanuel-Francis
Lilani Luthra

Patrick Dillon
Cameron McGee

Bradley Bloomfield
Chloe McGibbon
Ashley McSharry

Harvey Perry
Esmay Ramrutton

Alfie King
Ziah Hernandez

Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients: Your non-uniform day is on **Thursday 22nd May**

Timmy Akinlade

Mariia Fedorova

Oliver Allchurch

Oscar Turner

Jack Cronin

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

Sophie Warden
Archie Alderton
Jude Goad
Teddy Youngs
Teddy Thomas

Moraya Kemp
Isobelle Sanders
Olivia Storey
Harry Tungate
Ben McIlquham

Vihaan Aggarwal
Jack Fuller
Caelen Hughes
Isabel Shearwood

Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep
Fred Cronjaeger
Alex Fryd
Sofia Holdgate-Lopez

James Rowley
Bodhi Seabrook
Josh Hale
Jacob Ovel

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.

George Bradley
Marley Dowling
Felix Duncan
OY Egharevba
Rosie Hadassi
Francesca Howe
Thea Jones
Tanvi Kondapalli

Larry Mitchell
Harley Phillips
Miller Rutledge
Anna Weddell
Florence Fuller
Fiorella Gallone
Leah Jackson
Jasmine Pike

Milly Davies
Daniel Dinsdale
Mine Emosivbe
Ethan Feeney
Olivia Gamon
Summer Mariner
Grace Morgan
Dom Senior

Freya Anderson
Pippa Daley
Amelia Gabriel West
Emilio Gallone
Jennifer McSharry
Alex Pierce
Oliver Stephens

Asa Taylor
Theo Vinicombe
Ariella Osborne
Bella Pankhania
Cooper Smith
Isabella Swift
Hannah Lister



Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament

On Thursday afternoon, 20 children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a tennis competition which was held at Mayflower High School. The competition comprised of teams from Buttsbury Primary and teams from Stock.

The results were:

Plate (3 & 4's)

1st Buttsbury A; 2nd Buttsbury C; 3rd Stock ; 4th Buttsbury B

Cup (1 & 2's)

1st Buttsbury B; 2nd Buttsbury A; 3rd Stock

The children played really well and had a fun afternoon.

All our teams have qualified for the final which will be held at Billericay Tennis Club on Thursday 5th June.

Well done to all our players and thank you to Mrs Hennessey and Mrs Felton for accompanying the teams and to Mr Mynard, our coach.