

Friday 13th June 2025

Guess what - it's been another busy week!

As well as lots of school events, we also hosted a Writing Moderation event on Monday which was attended by teachers from all the schools across Billericay. Also on our guest list this week, were headteachers from two other schools who came to Buttsbury to see our super school in action and magpie some ideas to take back home.

We are still waiting for the Ofsted call - well overdue - and really hoping we get it before the Summer, as I think the wait is worse than the inspection!

Have a super weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Year 1 Phonics Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to all the children in Year 1 who completed the **statutory** Phonics Check this week and Year 4 who completed the **statutory** Multiplication Tables Check. They all rose to the challenge and almost seemed to enjoy their tasks! Thank you to all the staff who assisted with the administration of the tests.

The results will be shared with the children's annual report but, please be aware, there is no pass/fail mark for the Year 4 multiplication check. There is a pass mark for the phonics but, please don't worry if your child doesn't pass this year, they can do the test again next June.



Infant Sports Day

We had lovely weather for the infant sports day and the children had a wonderful time taking part in the different events and races! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so successful - staff, parent helpers, Mayflower students and staff, and our Year 6 Work Experience students too. Great team work all round!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Monday 16th June

- Perform Drama Workshops - EYFS/KS1

Tuesday 17th June

- Year 4 Ancient Greek Day in school - please dress up accordingly
- Year 3 visit to Sikh Gurdwarda (temple) - please see reminder sheet for details
- Perform Drama Workshops - EYFS/KS1

Wednesday 18th June

- Key Stage 2 Creative Arts Evening - 7.00pm

Thursday 19th June

- SEND Coffee Morning - Infant Site - Year 6/7 transition - Mayflower staff leading
- KS2 Swimming Gala - pm - William De Ferrers

Friday 20th June

- Key Stage 2 - Class and Group photos

Key Stage 2 - Class and Group Photos Friday 20th June

On Friday 20th June, the school photographers will be with us all day, taking photos of our classes and a variety of groups. Please can you make sure that your child is looking especially smart on Friday. Also, if they have represented the school this year in sport can you also make sure that they have their PE kit/cricket whites as appropriate. Thank you.

PE Kit

Unfortunately, we still have some children without black shorts for PE lessons - it's been warm this week - shorts are so much more comfortable in the heat!



Fathers' Day Sales

Thank you very much for supporting the Fathers' Day sales this week. Thank you to the Parent and Friends' Association for organising the events and to all the parents who assisted with the sale. We hope you like your gifts.

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'*

Basildon Youth Theatre Visit

The Key Stage 2 children had a very exciting and fun-filled day on Wednesday 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. (Lesley will be back before the end of term to work with EYFS and Key Stage 1 children).



Year 5 Bible Explorers

This week, Year 5 were eager to start their Bible Explorers sessions, provided by the School's Ministry Billericay. Each week, the children will have a 40 minute session led by members of the team to learn all about Christianity and the New Testament. This week, we learnt about the birth of Jesus and other parables from the Bible. The children had the opportunity to learn actions and dress up, as well as participating in group discussions. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout the session and we are excited for what the rest of the sessions have to come!



Rotary Club - Corporate Members

On Monday, Mr Graves and I attended a special Rotary Club lunch where Buttsbury was formally welcomed as a Corporate Member. This was a real honour for the school and we were delighted to receive our special badges and plaques for both school sites. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership with the Rotary Club.



Transition Programme

On Monday and Tuesday, Miss Pretty, Mrs Barnes, Miss Watson, Miss McCarty, Mrs Barker and Mrs Wilson visited Year 2 to meet their new classes and teach some of the lessons during the two days. The visits went very well and, as you can see from the photos, the children seem to be every excited about meeting their new teachers and moving across to the junior site.



EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Year One Sharing Assemblies

This week, our Year One children gave their parents an insight into life inside their classrooms when they shared their work during assembly. The children sang and spoke with great confidence and we were all very impressed by their learning, which included algorithms, Pop Art and division!

Well done to the fantastic children and thank you to their teachers and teaching assistants for preparing them so well.

Music Festival

Year Two had a wonderful time attending the Music Festival with other schools from Billericay. They were treated to a workshop and we then performed our songs with percussionists performing alongside.

Well done to all the children for singing with such enthusiasm and to the percussionists for performing brilliantly.

We would also like to say thank you to Karen Fulker from Brightside Primary for organising the Festival.



EYFS Visit to the Sealife Centre

This week Reception visited 'Sea Adventure' in Southend. A great time was had by all, even though there were some very soggy adults at the end of the day! The children enjoyed seeing feeding time for the penguins, a very sleepy shark and some very hungry looking piranhas! After a lovely lunch on the beach, we all had great fun paddling in the sea and having some time exploring the environment.

A much quieter coach ride home followed due to some very sleepy children and adults on board! Thank you to all the parents and staff who came on the visit with us!



Celebration Assembly

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

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| Joe Stone | Emily Cullen |
| Leah Ballestero | Milly Davies |
| Grace Morgan | Cody Windsor |
| Darcy Baglin | Thomas Knight |
| Nyla Baker | Harrison Wooder |
| Archie Alderton | Koen Stephens |
| Ziah Hernandez | Ava Meade |
| Grayson Kemp | Carter Lewis |
| Vihaan Aggarwal | George Willis |
| Gracie Birch | Emilio Gallone |
| Theo Vinicombe | Sophie Moore |
| Dhruv Patel | Poppy Bolt-Emerson |

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
A very special 'Well Done' to **Summer-Rose Smith** who has completed 30 things at home!

Pen Licence

Well done to **Grace Goodenough** who received her Pen Licence this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Ruby Warren Gunn (6P)** who plays for West Ham United and won the FC Evolution U11 cup on Sunday.
- * Congratulations to **Joshua Small (3M)** who played in his first tennis competition on Saturday and came second in the parent and child Red Ball group.
- * Well done to **Jamie Baker (4M)** who climbed the Yorkshire 3 peaks: Pen Y Ghent, Whernside and Ingleboroug during half-term. Together it's a 24 mile hike climbing heights of over 700m!

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

*Cailin Mitchell Olivia Gamon Chloe Pierce
Charlie Saitch Lola Obergan Max Wilson
Megan Shipton Zack Brewer
Well done to our writing super stars!*



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

*Zach Wooder George Day Soraya Packer
Jasmine Pike Malachi Kwanzambi Ava Pardoe
Freya Anderson Elliott Bacchus Grace La-Rocque
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*

Afternoon Tea

Having had to wait almost a whole year, this week's children arrived very promptly with enthusiastic smiles! Their long wait also meant that they had a wealth of work to choose from so we saw a wonderful variety. We had a lovely Afternoon Tea, with everyone brimming with pride.

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

*Ben Farrugia Dara Omosebi Hazel Youngs
Albie Rangecroft Cameron McGee Pippa Daley
Lysander Goodman Leo Campbell
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

House Points

This week's winning house:

Jaguars



This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Pars Gunay Olivia Brousse
Thea Robbshaw Maggie Dear
Eione Phillips Alessia Tutuianu
Arun Sawhney Bobbi Atkinson*

Top Table

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

**Avijith Kottapalli
Kelsie Riddall
Bodhi Seabrook
Violet Mills**



This week's attendance figure is: 96.1%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

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



Rainbow Awards



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

Cameron McGee **Lilani Luthra** **Patrick Dillon** **Tommy Akinlade**

Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients: Your non-uniform day is on **Friday 27th June**.

Harvey Perry **Clodagh O'Hara** **Bradley Bloomfield** **Ziah Hernandez** **Ashley McSharry**

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

Jude Cavanagh **Noah Dias** **Charlie Partridge** **Noah Cannon** **Dara Omosobi**
Mariia Fedorova **Oscar Turner**

Well done to this week's **SILVER Pot of Gold** winners:

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| Zach Wooder | Amelia Hudson | Anjola Oladele | Dexter Broom | Archie Alderton |
| Evie Smith | Josh Hale | Lola Hurry | Moraya Kemp | Amelie Doyle |
| Koen Stephens | Jacob Ovel | Eduardo Chambers | Isobelle Sanders | Jax Evans |
| Theo Vasileiadis | Coraline Riches | Thomas Chandra | Olivia Storey | Felicity Ginn |
| George White | Arun Sawhney | Sofia Holdgate Lopez | Jack Wilkinson | Jude Goad |
| Teddy Youngs | Megan Shipton | James Rowley | Zehra Korkmaz | Sofia Gross |
| Kaydee Quirk | Edward Smith | Bobby Rowling | Ava Pardoe | Georgie Harding |
| Leo Hughes | | | | |

Congratulations to our first **GOLD Pot of Gold** winners - these children have been on the Recognition Board every week since September ... what an achievement!

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| Felix Duncan | Milly Davies | Olivia Brousse | Zachary Arnold | Florence Fuller |
| OY Egharevba | Daniel Dinsdale | Anouk Yadav | Nyla Baker | Fiorella Gallone |
| Thea Jones | Mine Emosivbe | Emma Booth | Alice Cassidy | Leah Jackson |
| Tanvi Kondapalli | Ethan Feeny | Diego Tyler-Garcia | Zachary Emson | Amelie Owen |
| Dom Senior | Summer Mariner | Ben Farrugia | Annabel Guy | Lydia Rhobat |
| Joshua Small | Grace Morgan | Abi Hau | Thomas Knight | Rory Hearmon |
| Maisie Wallis | Cooper Smith | Seb Stephens | Soraya Packer | Harriet Rocks |
| Chloe Berry | Jasmine Pike | Logan Mariner | Luke Pickering | Vincent Pranevicius |
| Amelie Dorman | Bella Pankhania | Tallulah Green | Karen Pinder | Buzz Walker |
| Emily Porter | Ariella Osborne | Felicity Beaumont | | |



A few more Music Festival photos!



Librarians
 Thank you very much to our outgoing Year 6 librarians - you have done an amazing job!
 Congratulations to our new librarians and good luck in your role - you have big shoes to fill!

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| Rhys Povey | Hannah Sijo | Frankie Moughton |
| Grayson Kemp | Ethan Rae | Lilani Luthra |
| Zehra Korkmaz | Cameron McGee | |
| Oliver Stephens | Jennifer McSharry | |

Fathers' Day Sale



Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket
 Finally, wonderful weather for a cricket fixture! Thursday saw the Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket team play at Mayflower. In the first game, there were several wonderful catches and some great fielding and huge hits during the batting innings. Unfortunately, we lost this game by 4 runs. We won the following games comfortably and the children showed some wonderful team work and a great work ethic in the field. The children represented the school excellently and finished their group in second place. Thanks need to be given to Mrs Webb for escorting the children to the fixture and to Mr Tweedie, our cricket coach.