

It's been a scorcher of a week with more sun to come next week which is lovely but can also be a bit challenging in the classroom! We are using the rooms with air conditioning as much as possible and the shaded areas outside so we've had lots of outdoor learning which has been great. Don't forget to send your child with a filled water bottle and apply sun screen before they come in. Year 5 - we will be on the beach in Calais on Tuesday so don't forget to pack the sun cream too!

Fathers' Day Sales

Thank you for supporting the sales - we are pleased to announce that we raised £2,122.13 which is amazing! Thank you again to the Parents' and Friends' Association for organising the event and to all the parents and staff that helped on the day with the sales themselves.

Summer Bonanza

Saturday 28th June: 12pm - 3pm - Junior Site

This is the BIGGEST fundraising event of the year and this year - it will be even bigger as it's for the WHOLE school - EYFS up to Year 6! It is always great fun and raises a huge amount of money for the school. Please do come along on the day and be as generous as you can! Infant parents - please don't be put off because it's on the junior site - it's your event too as we are all one school now.

The Year 6, Skittleman and I will be going into the 'deadly cage' to get pelted with buckets of very cold water so that's worth spending some money on at least — a chance for the children to take their revenge on me after all the hose attacks they have 'endured'. We also still need lots of volunteers to help on the various stalls - please contact a member of the PFA if you can help -

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Celebration Evening

Please join us for our Celebration Evening on Wednesday 2nd July. The evening will be informal and you are welcome to join us at any time between 5pm and 7pm. Each of the classrooms will have a range of children's work on display with a focus on celebrating - so there will be lots of art and craft work as well as the children's topic books. The children's maths and English books will not be available but the children will be bringing them home towards the end of term so you will be able to look at them at your leisure!

Please feel free to visit all our classrooms and see what the children have been doing. Class teachers will be based in their own rooms and will be happy to chat informally. The evening will also provide a great opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and visit their new classroom.

We hope that you will be able to join us and find the evening both helpful and enjoyable. Please note that this event is within the school building - children should not be playing on the field or adventure playground - even if you are supervising them.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 23rd June

- **Sharing Assembly - Badgers - 9.00am**
- **5P 'Parents to Lunch' 12.20pm**

Tuesday 24th June

- **Year 5 day trip to France - arrive at Mill Hill Drive at 6.15am**
- **Sharing Assembly - Hedgehogs - 9.00am**

Wednesday 25th June

- **National Writing Day**
- **Sharing Assembly - Foxes - 9.00am**
- **Key Stage 2 Enterprise Morning**

Thursday 26th June

- **Mayflower Induction Day for Year 6**
- **Year 2 visiting the junior school site for the morning and lunch**
- **Sharing Assembly - Rabbits - 9.00am**

Friday 27th June

- **Book Fair - during the day for KS2 - after school for all parents - junior site Computer Suite**
- **Year 3 and EYFS dental check up - rearranged date**
- **'Share a Story' - EYFS and Key Stage One - 2.30pm**

Saturday 28th June

- **Whole School Summer Bonanza - 12.00pm - 3.00pm**



Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Monday 30th June

Years 3 and 4 - 9.15am start

Years 5 and 6 - 1.15pm start

Children should come to school in their normal uniform - they will change into their PE kit at school. The children will need to bring a named water bottle and a sunhat to wear please. If the weather is likely to be hot, it is advisable to apply sun cream before school. Parents, friends and family are invited to come along and watch. If you would like to sit down, please feel free to bring along a folding chair which you can take from base-to-base with you.

Please stay OUTSIDE the track throughout the events.

Please note that, for safeguarding reasons, photography is not permitted at either event.

Please also note that, if you need to leave early, you will need to contact a member of staff as all the gates will be locked. Thank you.

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'*

School Photos - Junior Site

We had rather a busy day today due to the school photographers being with us, literally from 7am! As well as all the class photos, a multitude of other group photos were also taken which included the choir, the News Team, School Council and countless sports teams! The Year 6 children also had extra photos taken for their commemorative packs. As you can imagine, a lot of organisation was needed and I would like to thank all the staff for their assistance, particularly in the run up to the day itself as lots of names and lists had to be created! I would also like to thank the staff and children for their co-operation during the day itself as it was quite frantic at times! The whole day was scheduled and overseen by Mrs Paige - I would like to thank her for all the time she devoted to this - it is appreciated. Details of how to order photos will follow shortly.

Key Stage 2 - Enterprise Morning

Wednesday 25th June will be our annual Enterprise Morning. Enterprise morning sees the children turn into entrepreneurs as each class competes against each other to earn the most money for our chosen charity, St. Luke's Hospice. All children will be involved in setting up and running their own games, competitions and craft stalls. If your child would like to take part in the fun of visiting other stalls, please allow them to bring in some money. We would recommend no more than £5 - ideally in coins rather than a note.

Memory Café Visit

Yesterday, some of the Key Stage Two School Councillors visited the Memory Café, at Mayflower Hall. The children had a great time interacting with all the people they met and definitely brightened the afternoon for everyone there. Our children always create a wonderful impression when they venture out into the community and it's always lovely to read the positive feedback following our visits. Thank you to Ms Tutton and Mrs Felton for accompanying the children.



Cancer Research UK - Go Purple Day

On Monday, David Cianciola, from Cancer Research UK, came to school to collect a cheque for £579 which was how much we raised from our Go Purple Day. He also collected the Candle of Hope bags which had been beautifully decorated by Year 5. Over the past five years, Buttsbury has raised over £19,000 for Cancer Research UK which is phenomenal! Thank you everyone!



Date Reminders

- [Monday 30th June - Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9.15am; Year 5/6 - 1.15pm](#)
- [Wednesday 2nd July - Celebration Evening - 5.00pm - 7.00pm](#)
- [Friday 4th July - reports sent home \(Y6 - 8th July\)](#)
- [Tuesday 8th July - Year 6 Play - \(1.45pm - Cast A\) and Wednesday 9th July - \(7.00pm - Cast B\)](#)
- [Friday 11th July - Wacky Hair Day and 'Meet the Teacher'](#)
- [Monday 14th July](#)
[Year 2 Graduation BBQ - lunchtime onwards and afternoon entertainment provided by Skittleman](#)
[Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm](#)
- [Tuesday 15th July - 9.00am - Birch and Oak Graduation Assembly](#)
- [Wednesday 16th July - 9.00am Willow and Elm Graduation Assembly](#)
- [Thursday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am](#)
- [Friday 18th July - Last day of term - 'Grab a Bag' lunch](#)
[Year 6 Leavers' Parade at 3.30pm](#)

Year 3 Gurdwara Temple Visit

On Tuesday, our enthusiastic Year 3 students visited the Guru Nanak Marg Gurdwara Temple in Gravesend, to explore a real-life place of worship and apply their learning from our Sikhism topic. The children had an amazing day and were in awe of the magnificent temple. A highlight of the visit was the fantastic experience in the temple's Langar where the children were offered a vegetarian meal made by all the wonderful volunteers. The children enjoyed it that much that they wanted seconds!

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out; this visit wouldn't have been possible without you. Additional thanks go to our Year 3 team, both teachers and teaching assistants, for organising and supporting the children during the visit. Lastly, we extend our gratitude to the Guru Nanak Marg Gurdwara Temple for welcoming us and giving us a day to remember!



Pupil Voice Event

Monday morning saw two Year 6 and two Year 2 children represent Buttsbury at the BCT Pupil Voice event at South Green Infant School. The morning was an opportunity to share and discuss actions that have taken place across the schools in our town to help reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainability. Between all of the schools in attendance, there were over 40 different actions and it helped to highlight that lots of little actions can make a significant difference. The photographs of our representatives showcase some of their actions.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Out of School Success
Well done to the 1st Buttsbury Rainbows for winning the Division Rainbow Competition and proudly bringing home the President's Shield at the weekend!



- 1 - EYFS Stars of the Week
- 2 - Year 1 Stars of the Week
- 3 - Year 2 Stars of the Week
- 4 - 50 Things to do before leaving primary school
- 5 - Out of School Success



Good Manners Award



Perform Drama Workshop

The Infant children were treated to an immersive Jungle workshop this week. Their mission was to rescue a white lion. They packed their backpacks and explored the jungle, taking photographs of the different animals and eating a crocodile's banana pie.



Key Stage 2 Celebrations

Creative Arts Evening

This is an evening designed to showcase the creativity of our children. Invited to perform were Key Stage 2 children who have passed Grade 1 or above in an instrument, as well as Grade 3 + dancers and some children who show particular talent in acting, to recite some poems.

The standard of performance was absolutely incredible and what also impressed me was the variety of instruments that the children played, the different styles of dancing and also the vast range of music that we heard. It really was a fabulous evening and a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their talents.

If your child would like to perform next year, all children who play an instrument, Grade 1 or above, are welcome to take part, regardless of where they have their lessons. Children who have passed Grade 3 + in dancing are also invited to perform.



Well done to George Day, (3M) who received his Patrick 2 certificate for swimming.



Out of School Success

- * Dominic Senior (4LW) had a great time at the Chelmsford and District Boys Brigade Battalion event on Friday. Across the 3 events for Junior section Dominic came 1st in the individual cyclo-cross and was also on the winning team, his team also won the tug-of-war and he got a bronze medal in the cross country - a very successful evening.
- * Well done to Alessia Tutuianu (5P) who took part in a Stanford Warriors Ju-Jitsu competition. She won a silver medal for continuous fighting and a bronze medal for grappling.
- * Congratulations to Elliana Wilkins (6S), Florence Barrett (6S), Jasmine Faris (6P) and Maddie Wallis (4M) who all starred in 'Annie' at The Billericay Theatre last week with Elliana taking the title role. Mrs Sherwood and I went along and both thought the show would not be out of place in the West End, it was that good!
- * Well done to Ariana Lazell (4H) and Esmae Lazell (4C) who performed in their dance school's show "Dancing Through Life" at the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch over the weekend.
- * Congratulations to Rory Atkinson (4C) who has been awarded Cub of the Month at Cubs, 3rd Billericay Scouts.
- * Well done to Ariella Osborne (3P) and Amy Wells (3BW) for taking part in three dance shows at Queens Theatre with Adagio School of Dance at the weekend.



*This week's attendance figure is: 97.4%!
This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*



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



AIM High Writing Day

On Wednesday, eight children in Year 3 attended the AIM High Writing Day, hosted by Brentwood Preparatory School. The author Stephen Davies gave the children a thoroughly enjoyable masterclass on how to approach story writing. Firstly, they created a character inspired by photos, then they designed a monster focusing on appearance, smell and sound. The children learned how to slowly reveal the monster to create suspense. Also, how to use the mantra, "What could possibly go wrong?" to stimulate ideas. The children loved this experience and were so excited to share the stories they wrote. Well done children for representing our school so brilliantly!



Year 4 Ancient Greek Day

On Tuesday, Year 4 took a "Portal to the Past" to Ancient Greek times. They solved a tricky Stomachian puzzle; played a game thought to be devised by Archimedes; learned about how democracy began; completed a quiz; learned about Ancient Greek warriors and how battles were fought; and competed in a mini Greek Olympics! The children learned so much through such active involvement and we are very grateful to Ian from "Portals to the Past" for running the workshop for us. Many thanks also to all our parents who helped their children with costumes. They looked fabulous - it really helped to make our day a runaway success.



Mini-Olympics

On Thursday, children from Elm and Oak classes had an exciting morning out at Mayflower High School, where they took part in a Mini Olympics event alongside children from other schools. Representing Canada, our students competed in 12 different activities ranging from skipping races. Despite the scorching weather, the children showed great enthusiasm and energy throughout the morning. Their excellent behaviour and team spirit were widely praised by Mayflower students and staff, who commented on how wonderful and well-mannered they were. Well done to all our young athletes for representing our school so brilliantly and thank you to the parents and staff who accompanied them.



House Points

This week's winning house:
★ **Panthers** ★

Shelter Box Visit

On Thursday, Year 5 had a presentation from Michael, a volunteer from Shelter Box. The children learnt about how international aid is raised and distributed to countries in crisis after a disaster and what goes inside a shelter box. They also heard stories about people who have been displaced due to natural disasters and conflict, and how Shelter Box has helped transform their lives. Year 5 were amazed at all of the brilliant and brave work that the charity does. Next week, Year 5 will be organising a fundraiser to support the amazing work that Shelter Box does. If anyone would like to know more about what they do or to donate please visit www.shelterbox.org.



Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were:
Timmy Akinlade
Sophie Mackenzie
Sophie Sinnott
Jasper Jenkins
Frankie Moughton

Rainbow Awards



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

James Davies **Jamie Collyer** **Alfie King**

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

Archie Coote **Jack Cronin** **Oliver Allchurch** **Sophie Bush** **Leo Campbell**

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

Sophie Warden	Alex Drew	Sofia Buffoni	Isabel Shearwood	Rhys Povey
Zachary Webster	Violet Toll	Harry Ekers	Jack Campkin	Dhruv Patel
Cody Windsor	Harry Tungate	Peter Fallouh	Teddy Chapman	Frederick Solomons
Jamie Rocks	Ben McIlquham	Jorgie Jackson	Ruben Skehill	Chloe Pickering
Moudi Tarraf	Archie Pearce	Sofia Keys	Isabelle Oldland	Olivia Rees
Jasper Wood				

Congratulations to this week's **GOLD** Pot of Gold winners:

Oliver Baker	George Bradley	Jamie Baker	Jude Phillips	Bonnie Atkinson-	Freya Anderson
Jemima Broom	Marley Dowling	Theo Barnes	Zach Phillips	Lassman	Pippa Daley
Flo Cable	Rosie Hadassi	Ellena Boulwood	Harry Shipway	Florence Barrett	Amelia Gabriel West
Jake Cannon	Francesca Howe	Amber Branch	Darcy Shorey	Isla Clifford	Emilio Gallone
Mia Dixon	Charlie Leach	Lucas Brousse	Maddie Stower	Rory Coshell	Jennifer McSharry
Freya Evans	Hannah Lister	Sophia Christofi	Heath Tanner	Violet Costello	Alex Pierce
Faith Fenton	Oliver Wilson	Theo Clifford	Rosie Taylor	Isabella Davies	Oliver Stephens
Henry Glover	Grace La-Rocque	Lola Cohen	Maddie Wallis	Jacob Dyer	Theo Vinicombe
Felix Halder	Amy Wells	Austin Ellis	Olivia Gamon	Ella Goodenough	Holly Fensome
Willow Harmer	Amber Sargant	Layla Faris	Jamie McSharry	Rupert Kehoe	Grace Goodenough
Ayda Kemal	William Stafford	Leya Isikgun	Violet Mills	Holly Lague	Blaine Mountford
Ariana Lazell	Alex Trainer	Amber Jobbins	Olivia Murley	Callum Lewis	Thea Robbshaw
Sophie Mackenzie	Noah Vasiliou	Thomas Mason	Mollie Parker	David McConnell	Hazel Youngs
Amelia Maloney	Elliana Wilkins	Jonny McConnell	Elliot Warman	Leo McDougall	Charlie Saitch
Albie McCarthy	Evie Prudom	Archie Thomas	Scarlett Welch	Scarlett Metcalfe	Jeremiah Hernandez
Finley Paton	Luke Richardson	Alfie Thompson	Charlie Wood	Isabelle Neathercoat	Olivia Tait
Jessica Pilka	Sophia Rusu				

Dynamos Girls Cricket

On Tuesday, Buttsbury hosted the Dynamos Cricket tournament. With the winner of St. Peter's, South Green and Buttsbury going to the Y5/6 Girls finals day, there was everything to play for. The Buttsbury girls played the second game of the afternoon against St Peter's (victors in the opening game). Batting first, they posted a solid score, to back it up with skipper, Anna Weddell taking 3 wickets in the first over or the innings. The platform was set and the girls continued to bowl well and take regular wickets, eventually winning 107-73. In the following game against South Green, Buttsbury batted first again and posted a commanding score of 101. The bowling, again, backed up the performance with the bat meant we restricted South Green to only 63. Combined with the wickets taken, the final score was 121-63. The girls fully embraced their opportunity and played fantastically. Thank you to the parents who came to support the team and to Mr Tweedie, our intrepid coach. The team has now qualified for the County Finals on 30th June which sadly clashes with Sports Day but we're sure the children won't mind, given the prestige of the Counties!



Our Super Swimmers!

Swimming Gala - Partnership Final at William de Ferrers

Yesterday, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Swimming Teams competed in the Partnership Final at William de Ferrers School. The teams had been eagerly training for the event (which they qualified for in January) at Mayflower High School and it certainly paid off! Our swimmers swam with great determination and we won a good proportion of the individual events as well as most of the twelve relays! I was incredibly proud to see the true grit which they showed as some of the races were won in the final few metres. The overall results showed that both our Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 team finished in **FIRST PLACE!** Sadly, there is no County Swimming Final this year so that's as far as we can go which is a shame, having won the counties every year for the last 10 years (bar the COVID year).

Thank you also to Alex and Will (Elites Swimming) for assisting with the training and to all the staff who supported the team by either supervising at the training sessions or at the gala itself.