

Another exciting week has flashed by and I cannot believe we only have 3 weeks until the end of term!

I think the highlight of the week in the junior site had to be our Enterprise Morning! The children had spent a lot of time planning their games and activities and, I could tell how excited they were to get started as half the school was lined up on the playground, ready to lead in, five minutes before the end of break! The whole school was a hive of activity - the children raised over £1,500 in just 40 minutes! The Apprentice, eat your heart out - and the buzz of excitement literally filled the school!

Next week, we will be opening the books for our new Wrap Around Care - only parents/carers who have returned a registration form and paid the £10 fee will be sent booking details so, if you would like to book sessions but have not returned the form, please send it in first thing on Monday. See you at the Bonanza tomorrow - it's going to be hot!

### **Summer Bonanza - tomorrow: 12.00pm - 3.00pm**

Don't forget to come along to our biggest fund-raising event of the year! There literally is something for everyone. This is our first-ever combined Summer fete so we hope to raise at least the same amount of money overall as last year!

### **Celebration Evening - REMINDER**

Please join us for our Celebration Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Buttsbury will be taking over Junior Park Run. It's held at Lake Meadows Park, at 9.00am and we're going for a record number of participants.

Allegedly, the world record is 432; a local primary school holds the second place, with 217 participants, in July 2023. With over 850 children on role and lots of younger siblings too, I think we can smash it! So, put the date in your diary! We'll also need lots of volunteers - Mayflower mustered 73 last Saturday at Park Run - there's another goal for us!

### **Next Week's Diary Dates**

#### **School Dinners - Week 1**

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

- Sports Day - Year 3/4 - 9.15am; Year 5/6 - 1.15pm
- Girls' County Cricket finals
- Oak and Willow classes - visit to Chalkwell beach
- SEND Drop In Sessions - Junior Site - please contact Mrs Tracey - [tracey@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk](mailto:tracey@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk) to book a slot
- EYFS - September 2025 induction meeting - 5.45pm

#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

- District Sports at Billericay School
- Elm and Birch classes - visit to Chalkwell beach
- Year 5 to watch 'Guys and Dolls' at Mayflower High School (am)
- EYFS - September 2025 induction meeting - 1.45pm

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

- Celebration Evening - 5pm - 7pm

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

- Reserve Sports Day - Key Stage 2

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

- Reports sent home (Year 6 on 8<sup>th</sup> July due to SATs results not being available before then)
- Year 3/4 Author Event am - The First Kids in Space - Tom Mitchell

### **Key Stage 2 Sports Day - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. It is going to be very hot, so please 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'*

### All Change!

Yesterday morning, 101 of our Year 6 children went to visit Mayflower High School and our new 'Year 3' children came to visit in their place! It was lovely to 'officially' welcome our new Year 3 children for the first time - we are looking forward to them joining us in September - but it was also sad that our Year 6 weren't with us although they had a very exciting time at Mayflower and came back today full of excitement!

### Une journée en France

On Tuesday, our Year 5 children went to France for the day to embed their linguistic skills, experience the French culture first-hand and have a lovely time at Blériot Beach, just outside Calais. It was an amazing day which definitely made the early start (we left at 6.15am) worthwhile. The children had a wonderful time chatting to shopkeepers in Cité Europe and getting to grips with using euros when purchasing bits and pieces to either bring home or enjoy with their lunch.

The weather made the beach visit more interesting as it was very windy which gave a whole new meaning to the 'sand' in 'sandwich!' The children didn't mind at all though - it just made the beach all the more exciting! Thank you very much to all the staff and parent helpers who came on the visit - it was a great day!



### Date Reminders

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Play - (1.45pm - Cast A) and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - (7.00pm - Cast B)
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Wacky Hair Day and 'Meet the Teacher'
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 2 Graduation BBQ - lunchtime onwards and afternoon entertainment provided by Skittleman  
Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - 9.00am -  
Birch and Oak Graduation Assembly
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 9.00am  
Willow and Elm Graduation Assembly
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term -  
'Grab a Bag' lunch  
Year 6 Leavers' Parade at 3.30pm

### School Development Plan 2025/2026

On Wednesday, the staff spent the evening, alongside the trustees, working together to reflect on progress, across the school, since September 2024. It was wonderful to see so many stakeholders working together, chatting informally about what's good about our school and how we can make it even better!

During the evening, we considered areas to develop which will be included in our new School Development Plan. We have also incorporated the main ideas suggested by children, parents and staff, via the recent questionnaires. It was a very positive evening and I now have plenty of ideas to include in our new School Development Plan. Once it is written, I will send you a summary of the key areas which we will be focusing on.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to Tracy Burrett (Infant Catering Manager) for preparing the delicious refreshments, helped by Sabina Springer, (Assistant Infant Catering Manager).

Thank you for your continued support.

### Mrs Dee Horton - A sad farewell but not goodbye

At the end of the SDP evening, we held a special and heartfelt presentation for Dee, who, after 17 incredible years as Chair of Governors at Buttsbury Infant School and 28 years as a dedicated governor, has decided to step back from the Trust Board when her term of office concludes in July. We took this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to Dee for her dedication, wise leadership and the countless hours she has devoted to supporting the school and wider Trust. Her passion for education and genuine care for the wellbeing of every child have left a lasting legacy.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Dee for the unwavering support she has shown me as Headteacher. Her encouragement, sound advice and belief in our shared vision have meant so much to me and have made a real difference in my leadership journey since working together over the past three and a bit years.

We are grateful for everything Dee has done — she has made a remarkable difference, and we wish her all the very best for the future. Do not be a stranger, Dee!

# EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations

## EYFS Sharing Assemblies

This week, our EYFS 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 - even more impressive when you consider that they are only 4 and 5 years old!

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



50 things to do before leaving school



Out of School Success



Good Manners Award



Reception Stars of the Week



Sports Day Winners



Some photos from National Writing Day - right



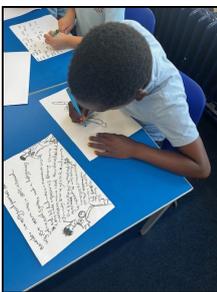
Year One Stars of the Week - left





### Parents to Lunch

On Monday, we welcomed the parents and grandparents of children in 5P to lunch, It was a lovely occasion with everyone enjoying the delicious food as well as the company. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation, especially our amazing catering team, who are currently one person short.



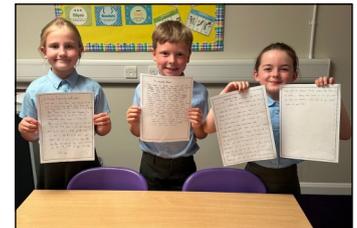
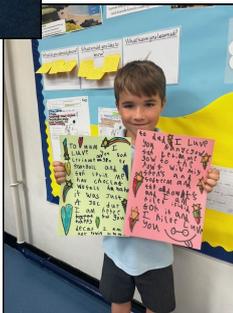
### Schools' Ministry Billericay Assembly

On Monday, we were joined by the Schools' Ministry team, who delivered an engaging assembly on the theme of change. With the help of some talented actors, the story of Joseph was retold, and the messages from the story - about how Joseph navigated change - were reflected upon. The assembly came at an ideal time, as all the children are preparing for changes at the end of the school year.



### National Writing Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated National Writing Day. The children were encouraged to use their imaginations to complete a variety of different writing activities: Some children wrote and illustrated their own books and some wrote poems. We had a variety of comics being created and information texts being written, too! It was wonderful to see the children being so creative. We definitely have some future authors in our midst!



Children in KS2 were exposed to advice from well-loved authors such as Michael Morpurgo and given inspiration by poets. The children were then shown stimuli to respond to in any style of writing of their choice. This was a hugely popular task as all of the children enjoy being given full control over their writing without constraints. Later on, the children looked at writing as art with some classes learning calligraphy and some enjoying the pleasures of creating bubble writing.



### Enterprise Day

Wednesday morning was an opportunity for entrepreneurial spirit to be unleashed throughout Key Stage 2. The school was filled with a range of exciting games, competitions, and activities designed to generate money from each group's £5 start-up budget. Old favourites like cup pong and "What's in the Box?" were back, but the influence of Luke Littler has taken hold - there were plenty of darts variations to try. In total, the children raised an impressive £1,857, with 6S raising the most: £283. All money raised will be donated to St Luke's Hospice. Thank you to parents for your continued support.



# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Dom Senior</i>	<i>Summer Aronson</i>
<i>Ruby Hill</i>	<i>Ben McIlquham</i>
<i>Larry Mitchell</i>	<i>Amelie Moore</i>
<i>William McLellan</i>	<i>Grace Brockwell</i>
<i>Harry Ekers</i>	<i>Jeremiah Hernandez</i>
<i>Luca Evans</i>	<i>Evan Aarons</i>
<i>Freya Evans</i>	<i>Archie Thomas</i>
<i>Poppy Walsh</i>	<i>Conchobhar Veats</i>
<i>Isla Sanders</i>	<i>Freddie Beckwith</i>
<i>Charlie Vail</i>	<i>Zara Wakerley</i>
<i>Alex Trainer</i>	<i>Sophia Rusu</i>
<i>Isla Clifford</i>	



## Out of School Success

- \* Well done to Amber Branch (4M) who has achieved her Bronze Brownie award at 1<sup>st</sup> Buttsbury Brownies.
- \* Congratulations to Lucas Brousse (4M) who won a bronze medal in the JKA England National Karate Championships for his Kumite.
- \* Well done to all the children who took part in the Bailar Dance Show - I was delighted to be able to come along and see the show on Saturday night - what an amazing array of talent and hard work!
- \* Congratulations to Henry Dean (6P) who represented his dojo, Yushikai, at the national karate championships and won a gold medal in the Kata.
- \* Well done to Callum Horton (6S) and Freddie Beckwith (6P) who, together with their team, Hannakins U11 Scorpions won their football tournament on Sunday.
- \* Congratulations to Timmy Akinlade (3W) who participated in the English Karate Club Championships in Clacton last weekend and won a Bronze Medal in his category.
- \* Well done to the Perry Street Spartans (all year 4 boys) were invited to take place in their first Billericay Colts football tournament on Sunday. They showed tremendous strength and teamwork and came a very respectable second.
- \* Congratulations to Amber Jobbins (4M) who swam her first competitive gala for Brentwood on Sunday at the London Aquatic Centre, winning a bronze medal.

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

*Francesca Howe Elizabeth Moody Violet Costello  
Olivia Rees Darcy Shorey Flo Cable  
Elodie Wang Gao Oliver Townsend  
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Mia Dixon Lauren Crook Joseph Borg  
Elliot Warman Sophie Warden Archie Pearce  
Jamie Baker Harry Ekers Oliver Hughes  
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



## Afternoon Tea

This week was our final Afternoon Tea for 2024/2025, attended by children who had missed their day for some reason. Hotel Buttsbury is now closed until September 2025.

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

*George Bradley Ava Catchpole Emily O'Keefe  
Layla Faris Jack Campkin Hope O'Sullivan  
Hetty Fearne Callum Horton  
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

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

*Noah Dias James Lyons Eni Omopariola  
Amelia Maloney Jonny McConnell  
Hetty Fearne Larry Mitchell  
Isabelle Neathercoat*

## House Points

This week's winning house:

**Lions**

## Top Table

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

**Malachi Kwanzambi  
Elliot Bailey  
Sebastian Stephens  
George Day  
Anna Weddell**



*This week's attendance figure is: 97.2%*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%*

A special 'Well Done' to Oak Class and 4H who had the highest attendance this week - 99.7%! Congratulations!



# Rainbow Awards



Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients: Your non-uniform day is on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Yasmin Salter**

**Francis Hoile**

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

**Rory Buckle**

**Hanna Mitchelson**

**Alesha Mittal**

**Bobbi Atkinson**

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

Marcel Hernandez  
Vince Drury  
Will Williams  
Malachi Kwanzambi  
Lysander Goodman

Ewan Muller  
Oliver Hughes  
Jack Robertson  
Brooklyn Nelson  
Grayson Kemp

Ava Meade  
Teddy Soar  
Olivia Johnson  
Carter Lewis  
James Wright

Caelan Hughes  
Tommy Smith  
Zachary Mason-Bauchham  
Alice Bennett  
Frankie Moughton

Congratulations to this week's **GOLD Pot of Gold** winners who have now completed all the **Rainbow** awards.

Mikael Ali Khan  
Alfie Asfour  
Rory Atkinson  
Iris Balkwill  
Oscar Beckwith  
Rory Buckley  
Rhys Carey  
Vinny Cater  
Bluebell Cole  
Florence Costello  
Arabella Cranfield  
Freya Dormer  
Emel Enver  
Anya Farley  
Julio Ferreira Melo  
Poppy Goring  
Benedict Iweka  
Anouk Yadav  
Ruby Brockwell  
Maya-Love Chance

Summer Aronson  
Mark Bowman  
Thomas Dyer  
Emilia Escudero  
Bradshaw  
Ruby Hill  
Nifeme Oladele  
Emily Wilkinson  
Max Barford  
Sophia Golberg  
Evelina Kiafa  
Sophie Moore  
George Morgan  
Daisy Mumford  
Perdie Noble  
Hope O'Sullivan  
Isla Sanders  
Esmae Lazell  
Dougie Kerr  
Pars Gunay

Elodie Greenhalgh  
Amelia-Rose Hewitt  
Freddy McQueen  
Isabella Swift  
Vira Fedorova  
Olivia Mallett  
Isha Sharma  
Poppy Bolt-Emerson  
Henry Fuller  
Taylor Gibson  
Mariah Hands  
Avijith Kottapalli  
April Marsh  
Lola Obergan  
Rhian Powell  
Blake Silvester  
Holly Pinder  
Emily Cullen  
Vivaan Mukherji  
Eni Omopariola

Harry Fensome  
Louie Garwood  
Jamie Holmes  
Larry Mitchell  
James Natusch  
Harley Phillips  
Zac Russell  
Miller Rutledge  
Abi Walker  
Anna Weddell  
Jasper Jenkins  
Conchobhar Veats  
Poppy Walsh  
Elodie Wang Gao  
Alfie Smallman  
David Timperon  
Alessia Tutuiuanu  
Spencer Goad  
Kerem Korkmaz  
Joe Stone

Ella Tennet  
Callie Beadon  
Summer-Rose Smith  
Olivia Taylor  
Erin Collins  
Ethan Rae  
Lara Austin  
Mollie Hughes  
Grace Ivimy  
Hannah Sijo  
Harry Mann  
Lola Prior  
Jessica Reeves  
Kelsie Ridall  
Amelia Mangan  
Joshua McCarthy  
Eione Phillips  
Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu  
Francesca Ginn

## Pen Licences

Well done to:

**Bella Pankhania, Olivia Gamon, Mine Emosivbe, Dara Omosobi, Summer Mariner, Matty Rose, Daniel Dinsdale, Jamie McSharry, Jasmine Pike, Lola Hurry, Dom Senior, Rory Buckle, Elodie Greenhalgh, Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu, Anouk Yadav, Timmy Akinlade, Aron Cuka, Jeremiah Hernandez, Oliver Sutton, Mia Dixon, Albie McCarthy and Ruben Skehill**  
who all received their Pen Licences this week.

## 50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to **Cooper Smith and Rory Hearmon** who have completed **20** things at home!  
A very special 'Well Done' to who **Olivia Mallett** has completed **30** things at home!

## Year 5 Modroc Morning

On Thursday morning, Year 5 spent the morning in the hall working on their modroc sculptures. The children have been learning about Edgar Degas, a French Impressionist artist, who was famous for his sculpture of ballerinas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The children have designed their own sculptures in a position linked to a sport that is significant to them, such as gymnastics, football and swimming. The children had a great time and we look forward to sharing our final outcomes with you at Celebration Evening.



## Book Fair

We held a book fair at the junior site today, Phil Isles works hard to secure a wonderful variety of books to offer for sale at very reasonable prices. He made a point of bringing over books suitable for all ages from EYFS to Year 6. It was lovely to see our children take their time selecting books they are interested in reading. In addition, as a result of today's purchases, the commission has allowed us to replenish a fantastic number of books in our class libraries.

Thank you so much to everyone who sent money in with their children to purchase books for them to enjoy reading, you have also contributed to the reading opportunities we offer the children in our school. Don't forget the sale is on after school for both Infants and juniors - with parents please (pushchairs will need to be left outside due to space).

We look forward to welcoming the book fair back again next academic year.

