

Friday 4th July, 2025

Thank you very much for coming along to our Celebration Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many families join us. I think it is always lovely to celebrate the achievements of the year in such a visual way. Thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in preparing the rooms.

We now only have ten school days left of this academic year which seems incredible to believe - they are ten very busy ones so do keep an eye on the diary as you won't want to miss anything!

Wishing you a lovely restful weekend and a happy final few days of term!

Summer Bonanza

I would like to say a really big 'thank you' to the members of our Parents/Friends' Association and all the other parents and staff who helped to set up, tidy up and run our first-ever primary school Summer Bonanza. It was a wonderful afternoon, with amazing weather too - even going into The Cage of Monsters wasn't too bad - although I must be a very mean and nasty headteacher to have attracted such a crowd; perhaps the company of Skittleman was a bit of an attraction too! Did you like our t-shirts?

Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the event with a very special 'Thank you' to Claire and Helen for organising the event with the support of Freyja, Maggi, Marie and Traci.

It was a wonderful afternoon with an amazing atmosphere; everyone seemed to be having a great time enjoying the different events on offer.

Overall, the Bonanza raised over £8,300 which is a magnificent amount of money and truly reflects not only the hard work put in but also the amount of fun everyone had!

It has been a very successful year for our Parents/Friends' Association and we look forward to formally merging the infant Parents' Association and the junior Friends Association from September.

We are very lucky to be moving into the new year with all key committee positions filled but the committee will need your support so please do consider helping in some way.

We would love to see lots of new faces at our AGM on Monday 15th September at 8.00pm.

Year Group Competition at the Summer Bonanza

Thank you very much for your generous donations for the Year Group tombolas and to the children who helped run the stalls. The results are below:

Year 6 - Yellow - £210.20

Year 5 - Blue - £181.80

Year 4 - Green - £182.10

Year 3 - Red - £203.20

Overall £980.50 was raised on the Year Group stalls alone which is amazing. Well done everyone!

A special well done to Year 6 who have earned themselves a non-uniform day on Tuesday 15th July!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Monday 7th July

- Woodpeckers and Owls visit to Hyde Hall
- Year 6 play - filmed dress rehearsal at 9.30am
- Oak Class to Pensioners' Praise - pm

Tuesday 8th July

- Robins and Kestrels visit to Hyde Hall
- Year 6 Play - Cast A - 1.45pm

Wednesday 9th July

- Lesley Williams - BYT - PSHE workshops - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 5/6 - Hollie and Lisa - Be Challenge Aware - re-visit - 9.30am for Year 5/6 parents - The Dangers of Online Challenges
- Year 6 Play - Cast B - 7.00pm

Friday 11th July

- Wacky Hair Day
- 'Meet the Teacher' - 11.00am - 11.45am

Staffing News

Sadly, at the end of term, we will be saying 'farewell' to Miss Applewhite and Ms Green, two of our Learning Support Assistants, who work part-time in Key Stage 2. They both have a second role which they have decided to make a 'full-time' role which sadly means they have to leave Buttsbury. We would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them continued success in their alternative roles.



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Wacky Hair Day - Friday 11th July

For a suggested donation of £1, the children may come to school wearing their hair in a 'wacky' style! Coloured hair spray is permitted but please be sensible as it tends to leave marks if children lean on things! Please note that, if it is a hot day, the hairspray can tend to 'drip' if the children sweat! Also, please be aware that it needs to be temporary and all trace needs to be gone by Monday. All the money raised is for the Parents/Friends' Association. Donations can be made via ParentPay or in cash.

School Development Plan - 2025/2026

As you may recall, on Wednesday 25th June, representatives from all stakeholder groups, across Buttsbury Infant and Buttsbury Junior School met to review the schools' progress in 2024/2025 and identify priorities for 2025/2026. The joint School Development Plan incorporates the ideas and suggestions of all our stakeholders, staff, parents, children and trustees. It also links closely to the Ofsted framework. We hope that our School Development Plan will continue to drive improvement in the schools and help us maintain our status as an outstanding school. Please find a summary of the key aspects of our School Development Plan attached with this week's newsletter. I hope that it is useful to read. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday, we were joined by Glen, from Billericay Library, who visited us to talk about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep up with good reading habits over the summer break. The theme is 'Story Garden!' – encouraging children to experience the thrill of art and craft through the power of reading. To find out more about the Reading Challenge, please visit:
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#online>

Date Reminders

- [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

Key Stage 2 Sports Day - 2025

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to join us for this year's Sports Day! I think you will agree that it was a fantastic day and that there was a lovely atmosphere (asides from the sweltering heat). The children were magnificent - it is always great to see them working together in their House teams, encouraging one another throughout the events and as ever, their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to the staff team for organising and running the day. Congratulations to all the children - you were all amazing but, sadly, there can only be one winner, so here are the results:

Year 3 and Year 4 - Lions
Year 5 and Year 6 - Leopards
And this year's overall winners are the **Lions**
Well done to our winning teams!



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.

Lead School for Music - Filming

This morning, we were joined by the film crew from a professional marketing company who were very busy all morning! They filmed a lesson in Foxes, 5R and 3W, interviewed staff and children and also filmed some children performing. The film will be used by Essex Music Services as part of a promotional video to demonstrate how Buttsbury can support other schools in music.

Buttsbury Primary School - Breakfast and Tea Time Clubs - NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK

In order to book places, you need to have completed the registration form and paid the £10 registration fee. Please contact Mrs Phillips in the School Office - 01277 622821 or dphillips@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk if you need the form re-sending or have any queries. Thank you.

Girls' County Cricket Finals

On Monday, the Y5/6 girls' cricket team represented the school at the Essex County Cricket Final at Billericay Cricket Club. In the first game, we batted first and set a commanding lead. Captain Anna Weddell led from the front in both batting and bowling, by opening both innings and dominating the bowlers, scoring a number of wonderful fours, before taking a wicket with her very first ball. Buttsbury won this game comfortably, in part to some excellent catching by Ella Tennet. In the second game, we batted first again but were restricted to our lowest total of the day; however, we lost narrowly despite great effort. In our final group game, we cemented ourselves comfortably in second place. Finishing second in the group, placed us in the Division 1 play-off. Again, we comfortably won our semi-final, with the girls becoming more confident and improving every match. In the Division 1 final, we batted first and set a good score but unfortunately, we weren't able to hold on and lost by 5 runs. The girls were wonderful throughout, and showed great team spirit and represented the school fantastically. We finished in 6th place overall! Thank you to the parents that helped with transport, to Mrs Prudom for supporting the team on the day, to the large number of family members that came to support and, of course, to Mr Tweedie, our coach!



Key Stage Two - District Sports

On Tuesday, 59 of our most talented athletes went to The Billericay School to compete in the annual District Sports competition. We took part in different events across the morning, including throwing events, standing long jump, vertical jump, sprints, a 600m run and, of course, the relay races against other primary schools across Billericay.

The Year 3/4 team showed a high level of enthusiasm and commitment as for some it was their first time at this event. The Year 5/6 team brought their skills and experience to the competition and all year groups produced some pleasing results.

Buttsbury had many successes throughout the morning with lots of bronze, silver and gold medals being won by both individuals and teams.

Overall, the Year 3/4 team finished in 3rd place and the Year 5/6 team retained their 1st place title! Well done to all of the children that took part. A big thank you to Mrs Barnes, Mrs Lee, Miss Pretty, Mr Nation, Mrs Webb, Mrs Payton, Mrs Weddell & Mrs Walker for helping to supervise the children throughout the day. A special thanks goes to Mr Nation & Mrs Lee who have helped coach the teams over the past few weeks.

Year 3/4 Author Visit

This morning, the author Tom Mitchell visited the Year 3 and 4 children. He has written numerous books including 'How to Rob a Bank', 'That Time I got Kidnapped', 'How to Stop the End of the World, The First Kid in Space and 'When Things Went Wild'. He explained to the children how he became an author and shared his passion for reading and writing with us. These types of author visits are always very popular with the children because it gives them lots of creative ideas for writing and inspiration to read even more than they already do! Did you know that well over 100 children purchased Tom's latest book which he signed for each and every child? Thank you to the highly recommended Chicken and Frog independent book shop in Brentwood who facilitated today's visit and to Mrs Cattini and Mrs Crompton for organising the logistics!



Mayflower Guys and Dolls

On Tuesday morning, the whole of Year 5 was invited to watch the Mayflower Summer Production of 'Guys and Dolls Junior'. Despite the very warm weather, the children enjoyed a morning of amazing singing, dancing and acting from the very talented students of Mayflower High School and some of the staff also enjoyed seeing a few familiar faces of ex-Buttsbury pupils too!

The show was fantastic and the children returned to school thoroughly delighted about their morning at Mayflower which gave them the opportunity to see all of the wonderful opportunities offered at the school. Thank you, to the Mayflower staff and your exceptionally talented cast, we had a wonderful morning and wish you the best of luck with the rest of your run!



One-to-One tuition

Places available for private tuition with Mr Yaxley (an experienced tutor and teacher at the school) in the 2025-26 school year, for either maths, English or 11+. Please contact the junior site School Office to be put in touch.



EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



EYFS - Stars of the Week



Year 1 - Stars of the Week



Year 2 - Stars of the Week



50 Things to do ...



Good Manners

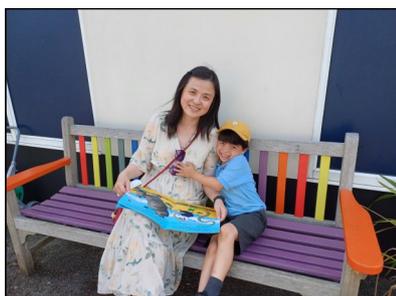


Out of School Success ... it's been a busy week!



Share a Story

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to the 'Share a Story' afternoon for our younger children. Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Buttsbury and taking time to share a book is a wonderful opportunity for both adults and children to spend time together, enjoying a new story or learning new facts. We were very lucky with the weather, making the afternoon perfect.



Year Two Visit to the seaside!

Year Two had a wonderful time on our school trip this week. We started the day carrying out some Geography field work in Old Leigh. The children discovered that there's a lot of cafes and restaurants but no parks or hotels! We then got back onto the coach to visit Chalkwell Beach. After eating our lunch, we paddled in the sea and built sandcastles with our buckets and spades. The sun shone for both days, and a great time was had by all. We would also like to say a big thank you to the parents who accompanied us on our visits.

Celebration Assembly

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

Amelie Dorman	Buzz Walker
Olivia Brousse	Lara Austin
Hanna Mitchelson	Ethan Feeney
Zachary Mason-Bauckham	Archie Cote
Bella Pankhania	Lola Hurry
Taylor Gibson	Rhian Powell
Jacob Ovel	Henry Smith
Joshua Small	Soraya Packer
Max Barford	Perdie Noble
Alex Pierce	Arun Sawhney
Zehra Korkmaz	Harvey Perry
Fiorella Gallone	Grace La-Rocque

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
A very special 'Well Done' to **Leah Ballestero and Olivia Mallett** who have completed 30 things at home!

Pen Licences
Well done to **Maya Love Chance** who received her Pen Licence this week.

- Out of School Success
- * Well done to **Henry Dean (6P)** who passed his **BROWN** belt in karate during the weekend.
 - * Congratulations to **Kelsie Ridall (4C)** who performed at the Summer Bonanza with Bailar Dance Company.
 - * Well done to **Charlie Wood, Jack Campkin and Oliver Baker (all in 4H)** who play for Perry Street Whites football team and played in the Intersports football tournament on Sunday, winning the whole tournament for their age group!
 - * Congratulations to **Zachary Webster (4LW)** who competed in the Hutton Tennis Club orange ball tournament for the U9's on Saturday and received the Runner-Up trophy.
 - * Well done to **Chloe Berry (3M)** who donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, after growing it for years.
 - * Congratulations to **Mollie Parker (4M)** has completed all 7 swimming stages with Elites and is now off to pre-club!



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

Spencer Goad Tommy Smith Isobel James
Milly Davies Elsie Ive Maisie Wallis
Tommy Akinlade George White
Well done to our writing super stars!



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

Noah Webb Sophia Gross Darcy Baglin
Ziah Hernandez Aron Cuka Oliver Stephens
Freddy McQueen Teddy Youngs Marcel Hernandez
Well done to our magical mathematicians!



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

Seb Stephens Harry Mann Cody Windsor
Frederick Solomons Zachary Arnold
Oscar Peplow Evie Smith Noah Webb
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Zach Emson Harrison Wooder
Grace Goodenough Lilani Luthra
Holly Pinder Callum Ovel George Boyer
Kaydee Quirk Tommy Akinlade



Photos from our author visit



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:

Archie Williams
Grace Morgan
Callie Beadon
Cameron Grindrod
Zach Russell



This week's attendance figure is: 96.9%

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Owls Class and 5B who all had 100% attendance! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Well done to **Joey Purkiss** who achieved his **YELLOW** award this week.

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

Timmy Akinlade Summer Tait Alfie Moclair Alesha Mittal Bobbi Atkinson

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

Cailin Mitchell Alexandra Burgio Caelen Hughes Joshua Murton Austin Watts
Aron Cuka Albert Amos George Willis

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

<p>Elliot Bacchus Emily Lycett Harrison Wooder Max Wilson Alexander Fryd Oliver Mumford Ruby Price Zara Wakerley Amelia Walton Ruby Warren Gunn Isobel James Ember Wood</p>	<p>Maisie Doyle David Golberg George Boyer Darcy Baglin Louie Dixon Henry Smith Reuben Hilborne Maggie Dear Jacqueline Fulker George Day William Astridge Gracie Birch</p>	<p>Evan Aarons Lewis Eggleton Oscar Farley Mollie Smith Oliver Sutton Laurel Baumont Kayn Bowerman Alannah Cronin Lauren Crook Miles Daniels Vira Fedorova Olivia Mallett</p>	<p>Anjola Oladele Leah Ballestero Thomas Laughland Leif Emanuel-Francis Ruby Ellis Hetty Fearn Chloe Hayes Nancy Jack Georgina Mason Daisy Moughton Isha Sharma</p>	<p>Jospeh Borg Ava Catchpole Ryan Challand Amy Clarke Anastasia Markelova Eloise Mills Elizabeth Moody Amelie Moore Felix Plummer Arlo Spencer-Nimmo Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep</p>
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Year 5 Buddies - September 2025
Congratulations to the following children who went through an intensive recruitment process to be successfully selected as our new Year 5 Buddies.
Good luck in your new roles!

Thomas Mason	Jamie Baker	Rosie Taylor
Amber Branch	Poppy Goring	David Timperon
Hope O'Sullivan	Jake Cannon	Conchobar Veats
Thea Jones	Maisie Doyle	Rosie Hadassi
Oyemwenosa Egharevba		



Some photos from Celebration Evening

County Netball Final

On Wednesday morning, our Buttsbury A team took part in the County Final Netball tournament, which was held at Basildon Sporting Village. The girls thoroughly enjoyed playing against the 9 other schools who also made it through within the county.

Overall we finished in 3rd place! This is such a fantastic achievement and the girls should be extremely proud of themselves! They were excellent role models for our school and each of them received a bronze medal which they wore with great pride! Thank you to Miss Pretty, Mrs Lee and Mrs Coughlan for assisting with the Girls Netball Club weekly and for overseeing the teams at all their tournaments.

A big thank you to Mrs Weddell, Mrs Atkinson-Lassman and Mrs Toll for supporting the event with transport too. A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came out to support the girls at the netball tournament!

