

Friday 11th July, 2025

I can't believe we only have one week left of this academic year - it certainly has flown by! As you can see, we've had another busy week, with lots going on across both sites and plenty happening next week too!

I don't usually talk much about academic outcomes as, whilst they are very important, there's so much more to being a pupil at Buttsbury than SATs results. However, data does tell a story and I have attached a summary of this year's data with this newsletter as it's a tale of great success, from EYFS to Year 6, which reflects the hard work of both the children and staff, and, of course, the strong support from home too. Well done, everyone! I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warm weather that is forecast. See you on Monday for a week which will be tinged with emotion as we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children.

Clubs

A reminder that all clubs, other than Treehouse and CAT Club have now finished for the Summer Term. This includes Gym Trail and Handwriting Club.

Most clubs re-start w/c Monday 8th September. We have a few spaces left in our Buttsbury breakfast and tea time club for September - for more details please contact the infant site office (01277 622821) or Mrs Phillips, dphillips@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

Parents' and Friends' Association - PFA

After a bumper year of fundraising, I am delighted to tell you that our Parents' and Friends' Association raised **£42,222.54** this year! Well done to amazing PA and FA teams and everyone who helped at the events this year!

Volunteers

On Tuesday, we were joined by three volunteers from the Saffron Building Society who came to Buttsbury as part of Saffron's community outreach programme.

Whilst with us, Emma, Max and Ian spent time weeding and tidying our wildlife area and flower beds. We are very grateful to them for giving up their time to undertake this tough work. The school grounds certainly look a lot better now!



Wacky Hair Day 2025

Thank you for supporting today's Wacky Hair Day! We saw some fabulous creations and wonderfully imaginative, wacky designs. A great way to have fun at the end of term whilst also raising funds for the Parents' and Friends' Association - £233 so far!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 14th July

- 5B 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.20pm
- Year 2 Graduation BBQ and entertainment (led by Skittleman)
- Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 15th July

- Oak and Birch - Graduation Concert - 9.00am
- Year 3 smoothie making (am) - please can we borrow blenders from Year 3 families?
- Non-uniform day for the Year 6 - for raising the most money on their colour stall at the Bonanza
- Year 3 and 4 Water Pistol Battles
- SEND Drop In sessions - 2.30pm infant site - please contact Mrs Tracey to book a slot. tracey@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

Wednesday 16th July

- Elm and Willow - Graduation Concert - 9.00am
- Year 5 and Year 6 Water Pistol Battles

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

Friday 18th July

Children are allowed to bring in a toy or game to play with during the last day of term. Please be aware that electronic devices, including phones, kindles and iPads, are not allowed. Thank you.

Medication

Could you please collect all medications from the School Office before the end of term so that we can start afresh in September. Please note that any uncollected epi pens/asthma pumps will be sent home with your child. Uncollected medicines, such as Calpol, will need to be disposed of (in a suitable manner).



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'*

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Reception Stars of the Week



Year 1 Stars of the Week



Year 2 Stars of the Week



Above Left - Out of School Success
Above Right - 50 Things

Far Left - Out of School Success
Left - Good Manners Award

Well done to Emmy Atkinson and Chloe Cambridge of Birch class who received their Gold Award at Rainbows – the highest achievement a Rainbow can earn!



Year One Sewing

Year One had a wonderful afternoon on Wednesday, completing the sewing of their bookmarks as part of their Design Technology unit. They have been learning how to do a running stitch to create a lovely finish to the edge of their designs. Thank you to all of the adults who came along to help out during our workshop.



Year One Visit to Hyde Hall

On Monday and Tuesday Year One went on their Summer Term trip to Hyde Hall. The children had a great deal of fun making paper plant pots, drawing flowers with watercolour pencils, making bird nests in the woods and searching for fruit and vegetables.

The volunteers at Hyde Hall were so informative throughout the day and made sure the children and staff had a wonderful time.



Fundraising Venture for the School

Well done to Aadhi Shenoy (Owls) who successfully completed a duathlon on Sunday- he ran 1 km, cycled 2 km, and finished with another 1 km run. He truly enjoyed the experience, and the fundraising element made it even more special for him. Congratulations to Aadhi who raised £209 for the school and thank you to everyone who sponsored him.

Pensioners' Praise

The children in Oak had a lovely afternoon on Monday going to sing at Christ Church for 'Pensioners' Praise'. As part of their monthly service, Oak went to sing four of their favourite summer songs to the pensioners and the pensioners were clearly thrilled to see them. The children sang beautifully, as always, and made us all very proud of them. We hope to return with some new Year 2s to sing to the pensioners in the Autumn. Thank you to Mrs Rhobat for facilitating this event.



Celebration Assembly

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

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| <i>Charlie Leach</i> | <i>George Bradley</i> |
| <i>Zachary Webster</i> | <i>Abi Walker</i> |
| <i>Violet Toll</i> | <i>Ember Wood</i> |
| <i>Amber Branch</i> | <i>Jamie Baker</i> |
| <i>Sophia Christofi</i> | <i>Isabelle Oldland</i> |
| <i>Sophie Sinnott</i> | <i>Archie Pearce</i> |
| <i>Leo McDougall</i> | <i>Florence Barrett</i> |
| <i>Elliana Wilkins</i> | <i>Jessica Reeves</i> |
| <i>Esmae Lazell</i> | <i>Arabella Cranfield</i> |
| <i>Ariana Lazell</i> | <i>Sophie Mackenzie</i> |
| <i>Finley Paton</i> | <i>Ronnie Line</i> |
| <i>Ryan Martin</i> | <i>Jasmine Faris</i> |



Badminton Competition

On Tuesday after school, eight children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the badminton tournament at Mayflower High School. Our eight young badminton players- four boys and four girls - took part in an exciting singles tournament, split into courts for round-robin singles play. Each player brought their A-game, and impressively, everyone secured a top 3 finish on their respective court - a true testament to the high level of talent on display. Well done to all our players!



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

- Summer Aronson James Natusch*
Violet Mills Alice Brooks Oliver Mumford
Rhys Carey Mia Dixon
 Well done to our writing super stars!



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

- Alfie Asfour Oliver Townsend Jasper Wood*
Esmae Lazell Isobelle Sanders Summer Tait
Freddie Beckwith Mollie Parker James Bilton
 Well done to our magical mathematicians!

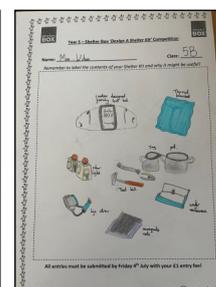
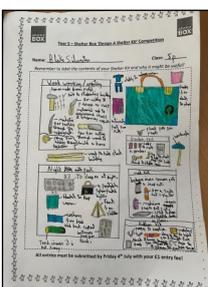


This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:

- Oy Eghiarevba Harry Tungate Austin Ellis*
Olivia Cullen Emelia Giddings Ruby Price
Oscar Beckwith Freya Evans
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

- Alfie Smallman James Lyons Isabella Davies*
Rhys Carey Hetty Fearne
Isabelle Neathercoat Tanvi Kondapalli
Teddy Chapman Amelie Moore



Year 5 Shelter Box Competition

Well done to Blake Silvester who won the Year 5 'Design A Shelter Kit' Competition and to Harvey Perry and Max Wilson who were the Runners Up.



Humankind Café

Some of the Year 3 and Year 4 School Councillors visited the Humankind Café on Tuesday morning to help support the Memory Café which is hosted there on Tuesdays. The children enjoyed interacting with the customers and chatting with lots of different people. I know that they really lifted the spirits of everyone there which is wonderful to hear.

Thank you to Mrs Felton and Mrs Hussey for taking the children and well done to the children for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Lost Property

All lost property will be recycled next Friday so don't forget to check the boxes.

Private Tuition

Mrs Wenham, one of our part-time Key Stage 2 teachers has vacancies for during the Summer and from September. Please contact the junior site office for details. Thank you.



This week's attendance figure is: 96.7%! 🌟

This year's attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Rabbits Class who had the highest attendance this week - 99.6%! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Congratulations to **Darcy Leftwich** received her **RED** award this week. Your non-uniform day is on **Friday 18th July**.

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

Jude Cavanagh Noah Dias Charlie Partridge Preston Mills-Martin Clodagh O'Hara Yasmin Salter

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

Charlie Partridge Noah Cannon Jude Cavanagh Hanna Mitchelson Emelia Giddings Alex Metcalfe
Joe Jackson Alfie Field Noah Dias Zack Brewer

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

Nellie Amos	Zach Wooder	Brooklyn Nelson	Eduardo Chambers	James Bilton	Oliver Townsend
Harry Baker	Amelia Hudson	Grayson Kemp	Thomas Chandra	Grace Brockwell	Charles Vail
Aaron Barnes	Josh Hale	Emily O'Keefe	Sofia Holdgate	Alice Brooks	Samuel Watson
Freddie Beckwith	Jacob Ovel	Sophie Sinnott	Lopez	Olivia Cullen	Ronnie Line
Henry Dean	Johnny McQueen	Archie Williams	James Rowley	Ivy Duerden	James Lyons
Jasmine Faris	Ruby Price	Samuel Hall	Bobby Rowling	Maxwell Green	Ryan Martin
Cameron Grindrod	Albert Sullivan	Eloise Higdon	Teddy Youngs	Sienna Kareer	William McLellan

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
 Well done to **Thomas Knight** who has completed **20** things at home.
 Congratulations to **Amelia Maloney** who has completed **30** things!
 A very special 'Well Done' to **Evie Smith** who has completed **40** things at home!

House Points

This week's winning house:
Jaguars



Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were our outgoing Year 6 Buddies:

Jasper Jenkins
Sophia Rusu
Ella Goodenough
Miller Rutledge
Eloise Mills
Violet Toll
Ben McIlquham
Anna Weddell
Matthew Hughes
Oliver Hughes
Isabelle Oldland
Olivia Rees
Ruby Ellis
Jasmine Faris
Johnny McQueen
Alannah Cronin

Pen Licences
 Well done to **Dougie Kerr, Lola Prior, Rory Atkinson, Archie Thomas and Blaine Mountford** who all received their Pen Licences this week.

Out of School Success
 Well done to **Vivaan Mukherji (4C)** who helped Bilericy Cricket Club U9 team reach The Finals of the Central Essex Cricket Participation Group U9 Soft Ball Cup 2025 and also reached the finals of orange ball Stock Tennis Competition 2025 (2nd time in a row) though straight wins in all 6 round robin matches.

It's Your Move

On Thursday, Year 6 were visited by representatives of the Schools' Ministry, Billericay, who were ready to answer any last niggling questions about the transition to secondary school. Engaged by booklets, the children made the most of these sessions: asking topical questions; sharing their worries (mainly about getting lost) and completing mini activities such as word searches, mazes and anagrams. It was a really enjoyable session, where the children had their minds put at ease. We are very grateful to the Schools' Ministry for their support with the children's transition. They are certainly ready now!



Gateway Radio

This morning, some of our Year 6 children visited Gateway Radio at the Eastgate Centre in Basildon. During their visit, the children had a tour of the radio station and then set to work, creating their broadcasts which focused on road safety and safety in the home. The children then shared their presentations live on the radio, which they were a bit nervous about, but once they were on air they came into their own. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to take part in this event and they really enjoyed themselves. As usual the children behaved impeccably and were a joy to take. The staff at Gateway Radio were very impressed. Thank you to Mrs Dean, Mrs Webb and Ms Carson for accompanying the children.

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I am sure you will agree that the Year 6 play was absolutely fantastic. It is always wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence and enjoyment too! One thing that really struck me was the high quality of the performance, ranging from the wonderful acting, dancing and singing (including several soloists), through to the amazing props and also the highly skilled back-stage crew, including the lighting and sound teams. My thanks go to EVERYONE who helped make the play so successful. The high standards we saw were the result of great teamwork - children and staff alike! However, we do also need to say a very special 'thank you' to Mrs Morris, the show's producer! Thank you also to the Year 6 parents for the amazing costumes! Thank you for coming along to share the children's talents and also for your generous donations towards St. Luke's Hospice.

