

It's not often that you start the year as two separate schools and finish the year as a primary school! Looking back, I think the groundwork that went into place over the past three years, really helped to ensure that the opening of Buttsbury Primary School was so smooth that no one even really noticed it happen.

We have had another excellent year; seeing great academic success, sporting achievements, musical accolade, more visits and visitors, as well as awards such as Platinum Games, School Games Award and the International Schools Award.

I am extremely privileged and proud to be headteacher of such an amazing school and have numerous people that I would like to thank. First of all, starting with the most important people in the school - the children! They have once again worked amazingly hard and their wonderful behaviour and thirst for learning, coupled with their sense of fun, make it an absolute privilege to teach them. The staff have worked incredibly hard once again and continued to deliver exciting and innovative lessons whilst also maintaining centrality on children's well-being. I would like to say a particular word of thanks to our Catering Teams - they have had faced some challenges in the past few weeks due to staff sickness, but the teams across the two kitchens have worked closely together to provide support, with a special word of thanks to Corinne (Assistant Cook - junior site) and Tracy (cook - infant site). The trustees have also worked tirelessly, giving up lots of their own time for meetings, training and monitoring. As always, I am particularly grateful to Steve Lague (Chair) and Andy Fry (Vice-Chair) for their ongoing support.

I would like to thank you, the parents, for your loyalty and support, and for the trust you place in our hands. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped this year, whether that be with Parents'/Friends' Association events, as parent readers or on visits. I would also like to thank our Parents' and Friends' Association Chairs - Claire, Helen, Maggi and Tracy and also the committee members. Their sterling work this year has seen many wonderful events organised, for children and parents; and raised £44,000 in the process! Sadly, we also say farewell to four members of staff today - Miss Brown, Miss Lawrence, Ms Green and Miss Applewhite - we wish them all well for the future. We will also be waving 'farewell' to our Year 6 later today; they have been amazing in every way and we wish them all continued success in their new schools. Wishing you all a wonderful Summer - see you in September!

Buttsbury Bulletin

I hope you have had a chance to read the Buttsbury Bulletin which was sent out to you yesterday - if you haven't yet, I'd definitely recommend this high-quality newsletter which is written by our News Team - a group of talented writers in Year 5. I would like to congratulate them on their journalistic talent and thank them for giving up their own time to write their articles and source comments from their peers too. The Summer Bulletin was produced by the new Year 5 News Team - I think they have done an amazing job. Thank you also to Mrs Sherwood who co-ordinates the News Team and edits the Bulletin.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Friday 18th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Parade - 3.30pm

Tuesday 2nd September

- Children return to school - arrival time - from 8.30am – lessons start promptly at 8.40am
- School Dinners - Week 1
- Year 3 start time (just for today) 9.00am

Wednesday 3rd September

- EYFS Coffee Mornings

Monday 8th September

- School clubs start this week
- Key Stage 2 Curriculum Share Meetings - 3.30pm and 4.00pm



Year 2 and Year 6 Celebrations

Buttsbury kept Skittleman (AKA, my brother) busy on Monday. At lunchtime and during the afternoon, the Year 2 children had a 'Graduation BBQ' as they prepare to leave the infant site and move to the junior site in September. There was lots of fun to be had, with Skittleman in fine form, and delicious food too. Thank you to the parents and PA for hosting the event and literally slaving over a hot BBQ!

The Year 6 children had a wonderful leavers' disco in the evening and had a great time; dancing and singing to the various songs, participating enthusiastically in the competitions too. Thank you to the staff who gave up their evening to help at the event and to the Friends' Association for paying for the entertainment and refreshments.



Pre-Loved Uniform

If you would like to purchase any items (at a hugely reduced price) please contact Maggi (chair of the infant PA) on: 07801 896254.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Pride of Buttsbury Award

The Pride of Buttsbury Award was established in April 2011. Nominations are requested from all Buttsbury staff including: teachers, teaching assistants, office, kitchen & midday staff.

Rather than award a child for academic or sporting achievements, this is a community award to recognise one boy and one girl from any year group in the school, who has shown one or more of the following qualities:

Has been there for other people, is kind and thoughtful, always tries their best, supported the community or a member of the community, and keeps smiling through no matter what happens.

This year, as a result of sponsorship from Mrs Dee Horton, former Chair of Governors, Buttsbury Infant School, the award has been extended to include two infant children too.

The final decision is made by Mrs Horton and Mrs Stuart (former Chair of Governors - Buttsbury Junior School) who also sponsors the award.

This year, the Pride of Buttsbury was again supported by Ashton White Estate Agents who also provided a small award for our winners and a little gift for all our nominees.

The children nominated for this year's award are:

Olivia Rees	Olivia Cullen	Amelia Maloney
Darcy Shorey	Ruby Warren-Gunn	Anna Weddell
Hetty Fearne	Amelie Owen	Chloe Pierce
Ruby Hill	Laurel Beaumont	Isabella Davies
Ariella Osborne	Thea Jones	April Marsh
Moraya Kemp	Sophie Bush	Finley Pike
David McConnell	Zachary Arnold	Oliver Wilson
Jasper Jenkins	Conchobar Veats	Louie Dixon
Joe Stone	Dominic Senior	Leo McDougall
Ben McIlquham	Leif Emmanuel-Francis	
Rosa Gladwin	Wren Vinicombe	Lillian Wenborn
Maddie Johnson	Aubrey Mears	Evie Thorpe
Teddy James	Joshua Evans	Noah Richardson
William Kwanzambi		

Congratulations to all our nominees!

I understand that the overall decision was very difficult to make but I am delighted to announce this year's Pride of Buttsbury Award winners are:

Anna Weddell - Dedication to all aspects of school life

Maddie Johnson - Kind, caring and thoughtful

Joshua Evans - Polite, friendly and kind

David McConnell - Responsible, reliable and dedicated

Thank you to Heather Stuart (Norsey View Drive Committee) and Mark Reeve (Ashton White Estate Agents), who presented the awards.



Water Pistol Battles - Key Stage 2

This week saw the return of the Buttsbury Battles - all in the name of fun, with water, of course! Everyone had a wonderful time and I am sure many of you who live close by may even have heard the shouts and screams of excitement! We are looking forward to next year already!



Rotary Club Presentation

On Monday afternoon, our Core 5 (Emily, Olivia, Holly, David and Moraya) attended a very special Rotary Club Presentation, with Mrs Barnes and myself, held at The Beauvoir Arms in Downham. They had an extremely enjoyable afternoon, presenting all their successes this year and delving into a delicious meal, courtesy of the Rotary Club themselves. The children were true assets to Buttsbury Primary School, demonstrating a high level of maturity and speaking confidently in front of an audience.

We would like to thank the School Council and particularly the Core 5 this year for their hard work and dedication to their roles - it has been a pleasure working with them!



Year 3 DT Morning

On Tuesday, Year 3 had their DT smoothie making morning. After weeks of researching smoothies, tasting fruit and different products and learning about fair trade, the children were excited to finally create their own smoothies. Year 3 would like to thank all of the adults who helped provide the fruit and blenders and for helping them make their fruity-licious smoothies!

Buttsbury's Got Talent!

Buttsbury's Got Talent - The Final

Buttsbury's Got Talent is back and bigger than ever! Over the past few weeks, talent show fever swept the school, and on Friday afternoon, all of the children were invited to watch the final nine acts perform their routines. All of our finalists performed brilliantly and we were amazed by the vast and diverse talents our children had to offer; from dance routines to playing instruments, singing and even comedy! Every child had the opportunity to vote for their favourite act and the eagerly anticipated results are in! In 3rd place, with his hilarious stand-up comedy routine was Freddie Beckwith in 6P; in 2nd place, with her very impressive performance of 'Fire' by Jimmy Hendrix on the drums, was Emily O'Keefe in 6R; in first place, with an air guitar performance, which blew us all away, was Felix Plummer in 6B. We would like to thank all of the children who took the time to prepare and perform in the audition process, our 16 very talented semi-finalists and our brilliant final 9! We thought you were all truly amazing and thank you to Miss Roe, Miss Brown and Miss Murfitt for helping to make this event such a success!



Headteachers' Awards

Well done to the following children who have all been awarded Headteacher's Awards this half-term:
 Tanvi Kondapalli, Moraya Kemp, Jude Phillips, Amelie Dorman, Vivaan Mukherji, Ethan Feeney, Isobel James, Erin Collins, Luke Richardson-Young, Blake Silvester, Freya Evans, George White, Oliver Wilson and Vincent Pranevicius
 Headteacher's Awards are the most prestigious award a child can receive and children are nominated by their teachers for going 'above and beyond' expectation.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Thank You!

To our Parents and Friends Association who have all of the Year 2 children a special graduation gift - a lovely commemorative key ring and some yummy sweets!

50 Things to do before leaving Primary School - right



Good Manners Award



Out of School Success

Reception Above Left; Year 2 - Above Right; Year 1 - Below Right



Stars of the Week



Parents to Lunch

On Monday, the parents of children in 5B joined us for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the tasty meal and also the opportunity to experience a school lunchtime! Thank you for Mrs Crompton, our Catering Team and our Midday Assistants for facilitating the event - especially at such a busy time of year!



Catering Assistant Vacancy - Junior Site

We have a vacancy for a catering assistant at the junior site - exact hours at to be confirmed - but likely to be 12.00pm - 2.00pm, term time only.

No experience is needed - if you are interested, please contact Mrs Byfield, in the Junior Site Office, to find out more - 01277 623217 or

adminjun@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk, Thank you.

School PE Kit

If you are purchasing new PE shorts, just a reminder that they should be black and not blue. Also, please note that they should be traditional school PE shorts, not cycling shorts and definitely not very short dance shorts please. Thank you.

Parking in Chestwood Close

Unfortunately, we have received complaints from residents in Chestwood Close regarding parking. If you do park in this road, please can you take care not to block driveways. Thank you.



50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

Congratulations to **Marley Dowling and Amelia Hudson** who have completed 20 things!

A very special 'Well Done' to **Sophia Rusu and Johnny McQueen** who have completed all 50 things at home!

Out of School Success

- * Well done to some of our children in Year 3 and Year 4 who took part in a friendly basketball tournament last week and had a great time playing against other schools, with the Year 4 team coming 2nd overall.
- * Congratulations to Emily Lycett (5P) who came 6th in the world with her street dance group. What an amazing achievement!
- * Well done to Ryan Martin (6P) who has been progressing through the 'Learn to Skate' course at Riverside Ice Rink in Chelmsford. He has just completed the final grading, Level 8 on Saturday!
- * Congratulations to Jamie Baker, Jake Cannon and Heath Tanner (Year 4) who all took part in a production of 'The Little Mermaid' last weekend.
- * Well done to Dara Omoebi (3P) who has passed her Junior Yellow Belt in Karate-Do and her 10 Metres distance award in swimming.
- * Congratulations to Joshua Small (3M) who performed really well in the end of term show and was then awarded the Ruby challenge with distinction at his drama class.



Reading Awards

House Points

This week's winning house:

Panthers

Well done to

Jaguars

who were the winning house overall this half-term and enjoyed extra break time yesterday.

Grab a Bag Lunch

Thank you very much to our Catering Teams and Midday Assistants for our super 'Grab a Bag' lunch today. A lovely way to end the term!

This year's attendance figure is: 96.8%!

This year's attendance target is 97.0%. (We nearly made it)

A special 'Well Done' to Class 4M who had the highest attendance this year - 97.9%! Congratulations!

Reading Awards

Well done to:

Mrs Robinson
Joshua Murton
Esmae Lazell
Violet Mills
Eione Phillips

Amelia-Rose Hewitt
Diego Tyler-Garcia
Mikael Ali Khan
Sophia Christofi
Freya Anderson

George Boyer
Arlo Spencer-Nimmo
Kelsie Ridall
Sophie Mackenzie

who all read a book from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with a **BRONZE** Reading badge today in recognition of their commitment to reading. It took me a whole year to read 8 books - but I made it - one of the toughest challenges I've completed in years!

Further congratulations to:

Miss Watson
Summer Mariner
Joshua Murton
Zachary Arnold
Finley Paton
George Bradley
Eione Phillips

Ariella Osborne
Jack Fuller
Seb Stephens
Violet Mills
Thea Jones
Coraline Riches

Bella Pankhania
Rory Hearmon
Joshua Small
Sophie Mackenzie
Francesca Howe
Freya Anderson

who have achieved their **SILVER** award by reading two books from each genre.

And a huge WELL DONE to:

Bella Pankhania
George Willis
Seb Stephens
Zachary Arnold
Ayda Kemal
Summer Aronson
Summer-Rose Smith

Cooper Smith
Jack Fuller
Alice Cassidy
Jessica Reeves
Finley Paton
Noah Gazzard
Lola Obergan

Ariella Osborne
Joshua Murton
Emily Porter
Mollie Parker
Sophie Warden
Zachary Webster
Luke Richardson Young

who have achieved their **GOLD** award by reading three books from each of the eight genres.

Well done to the children below who read at least FIVE books in each category to achieve their **PLATINUM** Award:

Abi Hau
Oscar Beckwith
Dom Senior
Lysander Goodman
Jennifer McSharry

Leah Ballestero
Oy Egharevba
Harvey Perry
Amelia Hudson
Callum Horton

Thomas Knight
Nifemi Oladele
Callie Beadon
Ben Ferris
Luke Richardson Young

We also introduced a very special award last year - the **DIAMOND** reading award for children who have read over 80 books this year, across all eight genres.

Well done to this year's recipients -

Rhys Carey
Oliver Wilson

Vivaan Mukherji
Bradley Bloomfield

Archie Thomas
Alessia Tutuianu

Thank you very much to Mrs Cattini for co-ordinating the awards - they definitely seem to be promoting a love of reading - and to parents and staff for encouraging the children to read a wide range and variety of books.

Rainbow Awards



Congratulations to this week's **RED** award recipients:

Sonny Hoile

Noah Webb

Well done to **Leonardo Parente and Alfie King**, this week's **Bronze Pot of Gold** recipients:

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

Jack Fuller

Sophie Bush

Rory Buckle

Dara Omosebi

Vihaan Aggarwal

Archie Coote

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

Olivia Johnson
Carter Lewis
Fred Cronjaeger
Bodhi Seabrook
Teddy Youngs
Teddy Thomas
Jude Goad

Frankie Moughton
Jack Robertson
Will Williams
Lysander Goodman
Tommy Smith
Jax Evans
Felicity Ginn

Sophie Warden
Zachary Webster
Isla Bloomfield
Dhruv Patel
Frederick Solomons
Archie Alderton
Amelie Doyle

Jacob Hobden
Oliver Hughes
Sophia Keys
Chloe Pickering
Zehra Korkmaz
Kaydee Quirk
Coraline Riches

Sophia Buffoni
Harry Ekers
George Willis
Sofia Gross
Georgie Harding
Leo Hughes
Arun Sawhney

Megan Shipton
Edward Smith
Evie Smith
Koen Stephens
Theo Vasileiadis
George White

100% Attendance

This morning we presented **353** children with 100% attendance awards for the Summer Term.
This is an amazing number of children so well done to them all!

Academic Year

The following children have not only achieved 100% attendance this term but also for the whole of the academic year! Congratulations to them all!

Aydan Aparisi
Henry Faux
Hattie Hodges
Rory Knowles
William McGee
Noah Mumford
Hazel Pentecost
Sophie Smith
Amelie Owen
Callum Lewis
Rory Atkinson
Jemima Broom
Willow Harmer
Jamie Baker
Daisy Mumford
Mariia Fedorova
Evie Smith
Olivia Storey
Samuel Hall
Emily O'Keefe

Kian Ballestero
Wren Vinicombe
Stanley Hodges
Aniyah Luthra
Henry Miller
Myles Omer
Rhea Rai
Vihaan Aggarwal
Zachary Emson
Isabella Swift
Oscar Beckwith
Teddy Chapman
Sophie Mackenzie
Theo Barnes
Poppy Bolt Emerson
Georgie Harding
Dexter Broom
Freddie Beckwith
Charlie Vail
Olivia Cullen

AJ Emosivbe
Edward Guy
Rosalie Ibanez Garcia
Harry Mallett
Amber Moore
Korede Omopariola
Effie Shorey
Bobbi Atkinson
Reuben Hilborne
Seb Stephens
Vinny Cater
Freya Evans
Scarlett Welch
Emilio Gallone
Amelia Hudson
Lilani Luthra
Noah Cannon
Ruby Ellis
Zara Wakerly
Luke Richardson-Young

Joshua Evans
Chloe Taylor
Stanley James
Porter Mason
Amelie Moore
Noah Packer
Megan Smith
Archie Coote
Thomas Knight
Emily Cullen
Louie Omer
Felix Halder
Sophie Warden
George Morgan
Finley Pike
Edward Smith
Alex Drew
Hetty Fearn
Peter Fallouh

Well done also to Chloe Taylor and Henry Miller who have completed three whole years in the infant school without having a single day off!