

Friday 12th September 2025

On Saturday, my husband was sitting in Billericay library, waiting for me whilst I was at the photography presentation. In the fifteen minutes that he was there, he told me that three children approached the desk - all three from Buttsbury! What a great accolade and clearly an example of how much we value reading at Buttsbury! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend - see you on Monday!

Parents and Friends' Association AGM - Monday 15th September

Please do come and join us for this important meeting, at 8pm, in the Meeting Room (junior site). We would love to welcome new faces to the committee so please do come along if you can and help us with events like Film Nights and Discos. Everyone is welcome!

Parking Issues

Please can I ask you to park with consideration - last week, I received complaints from residents who live on Westbourne Gardens, who had their driveways blocked. One resident also mentioned the parent being a little rude when they were asked to move. I completely appreciate that drop off/pick up is a challenge at present but let's try to avoid complaints if we can please. Thank you.

School Photographer

All the children had their photograph taken yesterday. The day went very smoothly due to the excellent organisational skills of Mrs Paige, the flexibility of staff and the superlative behaviour of the children.

Photos and purchasing information will follow shortly.

Snacks and Packed Lunches

Infant children are provided fresh fruit/vegetables at break time - funded by the government.

Children in Years 3 - 6, sadly, don't have this funding, so, if they would like a snack (which I would advise as it is a long morning) they need to bring it in from home please. Just a reminder that the only snacks allowed at break time are fresh fruit or fresh vegetables.

With regards to packed lunches, we tend to leave this to parents' discretion to provide a balanced lunch for their children. However, sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed.

Don't forget - we are a NUT FREE school - so no peanut butter, no Nutella and no pesto (unless it's nut free) please.

Walk to School Week

Just a reminder that next week, as part of our commitment to encouraging active, healthy lifestyles, we are running our own 'Walk to School' week. We would love to see even more of you walking to school or perhaps dropping your child off a little further away from the school and walking the rest of the way. We will be rewarding individuals and whole classes for making that extra commitment to walking when travelling to school. We thank you for your support with this!

Happy Shoesday

As part of our 'Walk to School' week campaign, on Tuesday of next week (16th September), we are encouraging the children and staff to come to school in shoes that make them feel happy. The children can walk to school in their favourite pair of trainers, sandals, flats - any shoes that they are happy to walk in. Of course, the shoes do need to be flat to ensure the children's safety and comfort.

It is infant photo day - but - don't worry as the photos are portraits so shoes won't be seen!

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Walk to School Week

Monday 15th September

- Curriculum Share meetings - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3.30pm and 4.05pm in classrooms
- Parents and Friends' Association AGM - 8.00pm - Meeting Room - junior site - accessed via the staff car park

Tuesday 16th September

- Happy Shoes Day
- Individual photos - Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2 and infant siblings
- Year 3 walk to Lake Meadows (pm)
- Danbury Meeting for Year 4 parents and children - via Zoom - 6.00pm

Wednesday 17th September

- Phonics Information Evening - Infant Site - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 18th September

- 5M and 5B - Museum of Power visit
- 4C 'Parents to Lunch' - 12.00pm

Friday 19th September

- 5T and 5LM - Museum of Power visit
- Year One - Toys Workshop in school
- Film Night - Key Stage 2 - 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Mayflower Road Show

Thank you very much to the Year 6 children and parents who were able to join us for the Road Show on Wednesday evening - it was great to see so many of you! I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to find out more about Mayflower High School in a more personalised setting which provided an excellent opportunity to ask specific questions. I am grateful to Mr Lee and Mrs Cooke, and the Mayflower students for affording us this unique opportunity.

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'*



Memory Café Visit

Yesterday, some of our Year 6 children 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 Mrs Payton and Mrs Felton for accompanying the children.



Photofold Photography Competition

On Saturday, Pippa Daley (6R) was presented with her Highly Commended certificate, by Councillor Devlin, at Billericay library. All the children's photos are still on display if you want to pop in and take a look.



Fun Spelling Activities - Key Stage 2

During the first lockdown, Jamie Jones, who is now in Year 11 at Southend High School for Boys and his Mum created a very exciting way to practise your weekly spellings. They set up an online database with all the weekly spellings and created online features to help with learning, such as flashcards, word puzzles and a spelling pyramid worksheet. The website proved to be very popular and lots of children are still using the resources to practise their most recent spellings. Jamie and his Mum have updated the site to include all of this term's spellings which will be available from next week. It's a brilliant resource and I'd really encourage you to visit the site and try some of the different activities. The link is below - <https://www.spellingsonline.co.uk/> We are very grateful to Jamie and his Mum for continuing to provide this wonderful resource.



Congratulations to our new House Captains -

Lions (**Red**) - Harvey Perry & Hannah Sijo
 Leopards - (**Yellow**) Amelia Gabriel-West & Zachary Mason-Baucham
 Panthers (**Blue**) - Edward Smith & Ava Pardoe
 Jaguars (**Green**) - Ella Tennet & Michael Reason
 The children are looking forward to collecting the House Points which are totalled each week and announcing the results during our assembly on Friday, as well as their many other duties.



Basketball Taster Sessions

The children in Year 3 had the opportunity to take part in taster basketball sessions with Alex Potter, one of the coaches who provides our before and after school clubs. The children had a great time and really enjoyed learning new skills. If your child would like to join one of our basketball clubs, further details can be found on our school website.



Key Stage 2 Merits

There are no Key Stage 2 merits this week as Year 6 were in the hall, taking part in their Shakespeare workshop.



Pen Licences

Well done to **Jasmine Carter** and **Percy Metcalfe** who both received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **Evie Smith (6R)** who achieved a Distinction in her ISTD Grade 2 Modern Exam she took at the end of the summer term.
- * Congratulations to **Annabel Guy (4H)** who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Billericay library.
- * Well done to **Michael Reason (6S)** who won the Under 14 Stableford competition at the Essex Golf Union's Garon Park GC Junior Open, on Saturday, scoring 39 points and winning £80!
- * Congratulations to **Olivia Mallett (4P)** who has been awarded her Shark 2 certificate in swimming. This certificate focuses on advanced water safety and rescue techniques
- * Well done to **Leah Ballestero (4M)** who achieved "Distinction" on her Tap Exam this summer.



Afternoon Tea

This week we welcomed four children from each of our Year 5 classes. They enjoyed chatting to their peers about their work and also liked the lovely cakes and biscuits on offer!



House Points

This week's winning house:

Panthers



Top Table

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

Ella Tennet
Darcy Baglin
Maya Sokolova
Chloe Cambridge
Leo Hughes

This week's attendance figure is: 98.4%! We are smashing it!

This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to **Badgers, Elm, Willow, 5B and 6S** who all had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!