

Friday 3rd October, 2025

Junior Parkrun Record Holders

Junior Parkrun Success!

A huge thank you to all the parents, children, staff, trustees and friends of the school who came along to support the Junior Parkrun on Sunday. Together, we did something amazing – we broke the national record with 434 participants and were only 6 participants short of the world record! As Headteacher, I could not be prouder of our children and families. The energy, encouragement and smiles out on the course made it such a special event, and every runner played their part in helping us reach this fantastic milestone.

What really shone through on the day was the community spirit. Seeing everyone come together – cheering, running, walking, supporting – was a real reminder of what makes our school such a special place.

Thank you once again for making it a day to remember – a record-breaking achievement we can all share and celebrate!



Hair Accessories

We have some rather large bows being worn in hair at present - please could children wear more discreet hair accessories and save the big bows for non-uniform days.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Monday 6th October

- Elm and Birch visit to Billericay Baptist Church and Chalkwell Park
- 'Two Johns' Online safety presentation - 6.30pm - 8.00pm - junior site - **parents/carers only - no babies/toddlers/children**

Tuesday 7th October

- **Year 5 Buggy Making - am**

Thursday 9th October

- PFA Quiz Night - hosted by Skittleman - 7.00pm, infant site

Volunteer Helpers

Do you have a spare afternoon each week to come into school and help? The infant site urgently needs volunteers to help with the Book Bus and the junior site needs volunteers to listen to children read. These are great roles for either parents or grandparents - the pay's not great but there's amazing job satisfaction!

Please contact either School Office if you can help.
Thank you!

Assessment Week

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who admirably rose to the challenge of the various tests they faced this week. We were very proud of their positivity and commitment.



Schools Ministry Billericay Assembly

On Monday, the juniors were joined in assembly by Mel, from the School's Ministry Billericay team. Mel led a lovely, interactive assembly, which used different fruits and vegetables to help us reflect on the meaning of harvest.

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you would like to purchase any items (at a hugely reduced price) please contact Maggi (Co-Chair of the PFA) on: 07801 896254.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Layer Marney Tower

This week, Year 6 prepared for battle... yet quickly learnt that the day's activities were less violent, as Vikings were primarily farmers. The children learnt about the surprising daily life of a Viking, where they created their own weaving based on a common skill of 'spinning', which all Vikings completed on a daily basis. Children then attended and orchestrated their own 'Thing' (similar to that of a court case today), where pupils learnt about rules that Vikings followed. After that, children created their own long ship using clay – they loved getting their hands dirty and designing their own mainsail. Finally, children were ecstatic to hold Viking weapons and armour, which they loved and even got to practise the skill of archery, which Viking warriors would have also perfected. They had a fantastic day which has deepened their existing learning about their history topic 'The Vikings'.



Basildon Youth Theatre (BYT)

Lesley Williams visited on Tuesday to lead PSHE workshops for the children in Years 1, 2 and 3. Some of the children in Year 4 also had the chance to help out with the workshops too. Lesley focused on the importance of friendship, teamwork and trying your best. The children were able to share with Lesley all the exciting things they have learnt so far and how they have settled into their new classes. During the workshop they learnt different sign language actions whilst listening to stories and dancing. The children really enjoyed learning how it was important to respect each other and have fun as a team.



Girls' Football at Mayflower

On Thursday morning, we took 18 very excited girls to play in the Y5/6 Mayflower Football Tournament; for over half of them, it was the first time of playing organised football. The girls played with passion and enthusiasm throughout all of their games, with a smile permanently etched on their faces. With 11 Year 5 playing, the girls gave a great account of themselves with the A team finishing 5th and B team finishing 8th.

Well done on a super morning of football girls and thank you to the parents who assisted with walking the girls.



Parents to Lunch Event

This week 4M were joined by their parents and grandparents for lunch. All of the children were so excited to spend lunch time with their family members. Thank you to everyone who could attend and thank you to our staff in the kitchen and our MDAs for facilitating the event.

Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Year 1 'Stars of the Week'



Year 2 'Stars of the Week'



Out of School Success



Good Manners Award

A few more Parkrun photos!



Year Two visit

Year Two had a lovely time visiting Chalkwell Park and Southend and Westcliff Synagogue. The children all enjoyed a picnic in the park before getting back on the coach to go to the synagogue. Yael, the guide, showed the children The Ark, where the Torah is kept. She showed the pointer that is used when the Torah is read and explained that it is written in Hebrew which is read from right to left. Everyone had a lovely day and Year Two would like to thank the synagogue for having them!



Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Perdie Noble</i>	<i>Emilio Gallone</i>
<i>Daisy Mumford</i>	<i>Fiorella Gallone</i>
<i>Poppy Bolt-Emerson</i>	<i>April Marsh</i>
<i>Jacob Ovel</i>	<i>Arun Sawhney</i>
<i>Edward Smith</i>	<i>Evie Smith</i>
<i>Erin Collins</i>	<i>Grayson Kemp</i>
<i>Frankie Moughton</i>	<i>Spencer Goad</i>
<i>Amelie Dorman</i>	<i>Emily Cullen</i>
<i>Leo Campbell</i>	<i>Chloe Pierce</i>
<i>Luke Pickering</i>	<i>Harriet Rocks</i>
<i>Joshua Small</i>	<i>Austin Charters</i>
<i>Lola Hurry</i>	

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
 Congratulations to **Emmy Blake** who has completed 10 things!

Pen Licences
 Well done to **Jessica Russell, Jay Lythe, Chloe Cambridge, Caelan Hughes and George Boyer** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to **George Day (4H)** who received his Patrick 3 swimming certificate last week.
- * Congratulations to **Timmy Akinlade (4M)** who won a Silver Medal for his team in the EUKF English Championship this Sunday at Clacton.
- * Well done to **Jude (6B)** and **Spencer Goad (4M)** who participated in the Vitality Westminster mile superhero run in London on Saturday morning. It was London's biggest superhero race, making Jude & Spencer now Guinness World record holders.

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

*Teddy Thomas Vince Drury Elodie Greenhalgh
 Megan Shipton Hannah Sijo Ben Farrugia
 Amelie Owen Grace Goodenough
 Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Rhian Powell Perdie Noble Cody Windsor
 April Marsh Alex Metcalfe George Boyer
 Summer Mariner George Day Leo Hughes
 Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



Afternoon Tea

It was back to Year 6 this week. It was lovely to see the children share their best piece of work and listen to others ask thoughtful questions. We were very impressed by the way the children spoke so confidently and knowledgeably about their work.

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

*Thomas Chandra Jack Tribe Jack Fuller
 George White Charlie Munday Leah Ballestero
 Thomas Knight Bella Pankhania
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Malachi Kwanzambi Harriet Rocks
 Asa Taylor Amelia Hudson
 Harrison Wooder Olivia Mallett
 Lola Hurry Evie Smith*

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:

**Georgie Harding
 Sophie Smith
 Ethan Feeny
 Thea Jones
 Rosie Hadassi**



*This week's attendance figure is: 98.0%!
 This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.*

A special 'Well Done' to Elm and Hedgehogs who both had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's **VIOLET** award winners:

Eduardo Chambers
Thomas Chandra
Fred Cronjaeger
Oscar Peplow
James Rowley
Bobby Rowling
Max Wilson
George Vail

Chloe Taylor
Lara Isikgun
Harry Higgs
Luca Clark
Archie Cooté
Henry Glover
Albie McCarthy
Scarlett Welch

Sonny Long
Nancy Ive
Theo Page
Harry Asfour
Rory Knowles
Archie Field
George Costello
Jack Dodge

Eni Omapariola
Dougie Kerr
Ocean Martin
Mila Barrett
Ernie Pattison
Arthur Hitchcock
Florence Tungate
Thomas Dyer

Austin Watts
Albert Amos
Anjola Oladele
Aron Cuka
Cailin Mitchell
Joshua Murton
Florence Farrant
Noah Dias

Buttsbury's WrapAround Care



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Our WrapAround Care is now well established and numbers are gradually rising! As you can see from the photos, there's lots of fun to be had, ranging from playground games to arts and crafts. Each day, the children are served a delicious tea and dessert, prepared by Tracy, the infant site Catering Manager as well as a drink and snack on arrival. The children have decided a re-brand was in order so, from next week, they will be known as Explorers!

If you'd like to find out more about Explorers and how to register your child for some afternoon fun, please look at the WrapAround Care providers section of our website.



Thea's design - above

Mia's design - below



Billericay Foodbank Collection

On Monday, all our Harvest gifts were taken to the Billericay Foodbank. We had managed to amass quite a selection that took a while for Mr Tweedie, our House Captains and me, to load in to the van!

Thank you again for your generous donations.

European Day of Languages

Well done to Mia Dias (3W) and Thea Robbshaw (4H) whose t-shirt designs were chosen as the winners of the European Day of Languages 'Design a t-shirt' competition.