

Friday 10th October, 2025

Today saw more visitors to the school, as we welcomed nine members of the Trust Board into the school as part of their monitoring role. During the day, they joined us for assembly, visited classes, enjoyed lunch with the children, listened to children read and interviewed staff about their subject leadership role and safeguarding. They had a very positive day and were very impressed by everything they saw! We are very grateful to them for giving up their time to visit - one of the more exciting aspects of their role! Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Uniform Reminders

Just a few reminders based on things we've seen since coming back to school -

- Children should wear black shoes. Trainers are only permitted if a child has a medical condition, supported by a doctor's note. If the issue is long-term, please provide black trainers
- All children need black plimsolls for indoor PE
- Nail varnish is not permitted
- Loom bands and other bracelets are not allowed

Thank you for your support in helping our children to look smart, learn smart every day.

Good Luck, Miss Pretty

This morning, we said a temporary goodbye to Miss Pretty as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to welcoming her back - and meeting her little one - in the months ahead.



Rotakids

We were joined in our KS2 assembly this morning by Stephen King, Peter Greene and Keith Wood from the Rotary Club. Stephen, President of the Rotary Club, presented our new Rotakids with their badges of honour and the children recited the Rotary Club pledge. We look forward to getting started on our fundraising work.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Wednesday 15th October

- **Harvest Assembly - 9.15am - Owls, Robins, Oak and Birch - max. two people per child please**

Thursday 16th October

- **Harvest Assembly - 9.15am - Woodpeckers, Kestrels, Elm and Willow - max. two people per child please**
- **Harvest Lunch - EYFS, Years 1 and 2**

Friday 17th October

- **Year 3/4 disco - 5.00pm - 6.30pm**
- **Year 5/6 disco - 6.50pm - 8.20pm**

Dog Excrement

If you walk to school, like I do, you will probably know that you often have to dodge piles of dog mess and how horrible it is if you accidentally step in one. It's even worse for the children - especially if they don't notice, and it's then trodden all over the school before anyone spots it! I am sure it's not any of our parents as I know how seriously you take your role as dog owners, but, others are sadly less fastidious.

We are on a 'clean up' the local pavements mission! If you see anything unpleasant on the pavement, as you walk to/from school, please can you report it using website address below.

<https://www5.basildon.gov.uk/report/cleansingfouling>

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Wellbeing Week

The week beginning 20th October will be our annual 'Healthy Schools and Wellbeing' Week. During this week, children will take part in a range of activities and learning, exploring different themes related to wellbeing including mindfulness, nutrition, mental health and fitness. There will be a range of activities including yoga, first-aid and orienteering. Thursday 23rd we will celebrate #HelloYellow Day where children will be allowed to wear yellow in support of Young Minds, a voluntary donation of £1 is welcomed. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting week.

Year 1 and Year 2 Outdoor PE Lessons

Over the past few weeks, we've noticed that the children's black PE plimsolls aren't really ideal for outdoor PE as they don't provide cushioned support, can work their way loose and are not great on wet ground. We would like to suggest that children in Year 1 and Year 2 also have a pair of trainers (ideally with Velcro fasteners) which they can wear for outdoor PE. They would leave them in their PE bag at school. Any colour is fine. Please note - this is a suggestion, not a requirement. Thank you.

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'*



Year 4 Buggy Making
 On Tuesday morning, Year 4 successfully completed an ambitious Design Technology project. After several weeks of researching vehicle design, creating a buggy design specification and prototyping, the day to build the buggies had arrived. Thankfully, there were lots of parent volunteers to help us with the tricky measuring, wood sawing and gluing. Every child built their own buggy and really felt a sense of accomplishment. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers without whom it would not have been possible. Finally, well done to all the children - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Be Aware!



The 2 Johns Online Safety
 This week we had a visit from The 2 Johns who delivered a staff training session and parent workshop about the dangers and risks of the online world. The engaging and eye-opening presentations helped attendees consider ways of protecting and supporting children as they explore the digital world. If you missed the parent workshop, please use the link below to watch a recording of a similar presentation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3LZ3L8YG3X2hDf0DBO0xMiicVdHaqQP3Qwnpe1dyuesZZefP8264c8vpOqqOprMa.vxGYUcbTPEdPZag0>

Lost Property
 The piles are starting to grow! Please can you make sure all items of clothing are named, especially jumpers and cardigans. Thank you!



AIM High Writing Day
 Today, 4 children in Year 6 attended the AIM High Writing Day hosted by Brentwood Preparatory School. The children spent an enjoyable and rewarding day working with the author Cliff McNish whose fantasy Domsday Trilogy was a best-seller internationally, and his ghost novel Breathe was voted in May 2013 as one of the top children's novels of all time. The children loved this experience and were so excited to talk about the workshop on the way home. Well done children for representing our school so brilliantly and thank you to Mrs Walker for accompanying the children.

Rainbow Awards

Well done to this week's VIOLET award winners -

Stanley Dillon
 Liam Evans
 Ethan Hall

Oscar Beckwith
 Alfie Smallman
 Percival Metcalfe

Emily Halleron
 Grace Julian
 Alexander Smith

Jacqueline Fulker
 Isaac Tory-Hill
 Charlie Partridge

Jude Cavanagh
 Rory Buckle

Xenia Puig-Villegas
 Maya Sokolova



Netball report CVL 1
 On Tuesday, 14 of our Year 6 netball team took part in the first of three CVL Netball tournaments, which was held at The Billericay School. They thoroughly enjoyed playing against all the other schools and competing together for the first time as a team. The tournament provided invaluable opportunities for the girls to develop and hone the skills they have been learning in training. All of the children worked hard continuously and, with every match, their confidence grew. Overall, we finished 4th and 8th out of nine teams! We are all very much looking forward to the next tournament in November! Thank you to Mrs Lee, Miss Burt and Mrs Coughlan for assisting with the Netball Club weekly and for overseeing the teams at the tournament. A big thank you also to our parent helpers for supporting the event with transport.

Football Results
 Long Riding 3 - 11 Buttsbury
 On Tuesday afternoon, Buttsbury Girls' team kicked off their Essex County Cup campaign with an impressive away victory. Buttsbury showed that they meant business by racing into a quick lead. As the half progressed, the game became more competitive with the first half finishing 6-3 to the good. In the second half, the girls continued to hone their shooting skills going on to score five more goals. Well done on an impressive team performance. Goal scorers: Lola (5), Ella (5) and Freya (1) Thank you to the parents who assisted with travel. Thank you also to the PFA who funded the lovely new kit that the girls are wearing.



Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



50 things to do at home



Out of School Success



School Bags and Toys
Please can we remind you that children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 should use the school Book Bag. We've noticed lots of rucksacks coming in and the cloakrooms aren't big enough to store them. Please can we also ask that 'Labubu' key rings are not brought in as they are very big and take up a lot of space. Thank you.



Reception, Year One and Year 2 'Stars of the Week'



Perform Workshop

This week, all of the children in Key Stage 1 had the chance to take part in a 'Perform' drama workshop, starting with Reception yesterday. The children were greeted by Merlin the Wizard, who was feeling sad because his little assistant cat, Twinkle-toes, had gone missing. The children helped find Twinkle-toes and set off on an adventure to the castle, with magic dust to help make their wishes come true.

The children had a brilliant time and enjoyed taking part in the drama workshop.



Quiz Night

Last night, the infant hall was awash with parents and staff, for the annual quiz night, hosted by the infamous Skittleman. As usual, it was a different style of quiz - with the focus on fun rather than Mastermind depth knowledge! Everyone had a great time, enjoying the delicious curry provided by Jeevs' kitchen, as well as the opportunity to spend a relaxing evening with friends. We also raised quite a lot of money for the school - amount TBC! Thank you to the PFA for organising the event and to everyone who came along.



Year 2 Visit

Birch and Elm enjoyed their trip to Chalkwell Park and Billericay Baptist Church. We enjoyed the lovely sunshine during our picnic in the park before heading to the church. In line with our RE learning, we learnt how Christians use light to celebrate throughout the year. A fun day was had by all!

Harvest Lunch - Infant Site - Thursday 16th October

This special lunch will be roast gammon with a special Harvest cookie for dessert.

Celebration Assembly

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

Tomas Mason	Olivia Murley
Jeremiah Hernandez	Luke Welch
Henry Faux	Penelope Webster
Heidi Scott	Arthur Beadle
Kumail Jeevaji	Kelsie Ridall
Amelia Mangan	Vinny Cater
Flo Cable	Archie Thomas
Ayda Kemal	Felicity Tracey
Jack Dodge	Oliver Sullivan
Mila Barrett	Tilly Giles
Matthew Billins	Sophie Warden
Oliver Wilson	Summer Tait

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
A very special 'Well Done' to **Vihaan Aggarwal** who has completed **20** things at home!

Pen Licences

Well done to **Megan Smith, Daisy Moughton, Teddy Temple, Emma Lamming, Amelie Moore, Elsie Dowling and Kishan Lythe** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Out of School Success

Well done to **Seb Stephens (4M)** who completed a road cycling sportive of 20 miles today. The course was designed for adults and he faced windy conditions but he made it round in 2 hours.

Congratulations to **Charlie Wood (5M)** who won the Big Trophy for his football skills, defending and speed on Sunday.



Year 3 Basketball Tournament

Today, 16 of our Year 3 basketballers attended a festival held at St Martin's organised by Brentwood Fire. All of the children showed great team work and excellent resilience. It all came down to the final game for Buttsbury 1, who finished the tournament in 2nd place. They were pleased to receive their silver medals. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the transport.

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

Sophia Christofi Luca Clark Amelie Moore
Emmy Atkinson Mikael Ali Khan Marley Dowling
Ariana Lazell Alexander Smith
Well done to our writing super stars!

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

Henry Glover Ernie Pattison Ayda Kemal
Emmy Blake Thea Jones Rosa Gladwin
Benedict Iweka Maya Sokolova George Costello
Well done to our magical mathematicians!



Afternoon Tea

The children once again enjoyed sharing their favourite pieces of work and getting to know children in other year groups. This week, the Year 5 children joined us!

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

Rosie Taylor Esa Ahmad Elmeri Hughes
Rhys Carey Jemima Broom Charlie Partridge
Sophia Smith Owen Ridall
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu Stanley Dillon
Felicity Tracey Ariana Lazell Chloe Taylor
Isaac Tory-Hill Dominic Senior
Rhea Rai Violet Mills

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:

Heath Tanner
Daniel Dinsdale
Jacob Spinks
Leo Campbell
George Willis



This week's attendance figure is: 97.9%!
This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.



A special 'Well Done' to Foxes, Oak, Elm, 3BW and 6R who all had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!