

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

Lots has been happening in school this week, as you'll see from the length of this newsletter! You'll also notice some 'News from the Infant Classes' - I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things the children have been doing. Have a lovely weekend! Next week is 'Well-being Week' - a perfect way to end a very busy half-term.

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Miss Pretty and her fiancé on the safe arrival of baby Lilly, on Sunday. Although she arrived a little earlier than expected, both Mum and baby are doing very well!



### **Financial Audit**

As an academy, we are (quite rightly) subject to a high level of scrutiny regarding our finances. We recently had our annual full audit (a whole week long) undertaken by Edmund Carr accountants. I am pleased to say that the visit went very well and we had no action points at all - pretty much unheard of, particularly when you consider that we merged all our accounting and personnel systems when we amalgamated in January.

This reflects the extremely conscientious and robust work of our Finance Officer, Mrs Gilchrist. I would like to thank her for the excellent work she undertakes and also thank the Admin Teams for supporting her within her role.

### **Well-Being Week – Reminder**

Next 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 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, which can be made in cash on the day or via ParentPay. There is no need to wear any uniform items - don't buy anything new though as a home-made yellow wristband is absolutely fine.

### **Halloween Discos Tonight**

Year 3/4: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Year 5/6: 6.50pm - 7.20pm

Please see information sheet attached to this email for further details.

### **Exciting News and Fond Farewell to Mrs Coombs**

We are delighted to share that Mrs Coombs, our much-loved EYFS Leader, has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at a school in Burnham-on-Crouch. This is a wonderful and well-deserved promotion, and we are so proud of her achievement.

Please join us in thanking Mrs Coombs for her outstanding contribution to our school and in wishing her every success in her new role.

### **Next Week's Diary Dates**

School Dinners - Week 2

### **Well-Being Week**

#### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

- 4P 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.00pm
- Book Fair - infant hall after school - open to all year groups

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

- 'Reflection Space' at Baptist Church - Year 5 pm
- Parents' Evening: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

- 'Reflection Space' at Baptist Church - Year 3 - am; Year 6 - pm
- Book Fair - infant hall after school - open to all year groups

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

- #HelloYellow Day - details below
- 'Reflection Space' at Baptist Church - Year 4 am
- Parents' Evening: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

- School closed for staff training
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
**Half Term**

#### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

- Trick or Treaters are welcome to pay a house call to Mrs Robinson between 5pm and 7pm (Stock Road, opposite Mayflower, red Mini)

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Children return to school



### **Parents' Evening**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Just a few reminders -

- The meetings are for **parents only** - please make your own arrangements for child care.
- To help us to keep to time, the bell will ring every ten minutes. Please don't be offended if the teacher draws the meeting to a close when the bell rings - we can always arrange an additional meeting if more time was needed.
- Front and back gates will be open
- Parking will be available on the junior site playground from 4.30pm.

Thank you, in advance, for your help in ensuring that the evenings run smoothly.

### **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'*

# Reception/Key Stage 1 News

## Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assemblies and Harvest Lunch

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children delighted us with their wonderful Harvest Assemblies. The children spoke confidently, sang with enthusiasm and shared the true meaning of Harvest through thoughtful words and joyful music. We were also joined by Rev'd Fowler, who concluded the assemblies with a final prayer.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the assemblies - especially to Mrs Rhobat, who taught the children all the songs so beautifully. We are also very grateful to our families for their generous donations, which will be taken to Anvil House to support those in need. The celebrations continued with a delicious Harvest Lunch, lovingly prepared by our fantastic catering team - thank you for making it such a special day for everyone!



**Happy Harvest!**



## News from Reception

This week, Reception have been reading the book, We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio. The children have been thinking about how they are all wonders and how their differences make them special. The children have had the opportunity to play with puppets this week in continuous provision to act out stories about being different and special. The children told stories of dragons who wanted to make friends and bees who looked different to their friends. The use of puppets supports fine motor control, communication and language skills along with turn taking and strengthening friendships.



## Mrs Dulson

Sadly, we will be saying 'farewell' to Mrs Dulson, who leads The Hub provision at the infant site, at half-term. Mrs Dulson is leaving us to pursue a career within the special school sector. We wish her well in her new career path and would like to thank her for all her hard work at Buttsbury.

## Nativity Costumes

Does anyone have any nativity costumes that are no longer needed? If so, we would love them for the Christmas play - please just drop them into the office. Thank you.

## News from Year 1

In English this week, Year 1 have been looking at rhyming words. In our class novel, the Boy Bear has trouble hearing. All through the story he thinks people are asking 'Can bears ski?' Instead, they are asking 'Can you hear me? We discussed how the words 'ski' and 'we' rhyme. We looked at which words rhyme by listening to the ending sound. We then tried to write some rhyming sentences with the words.



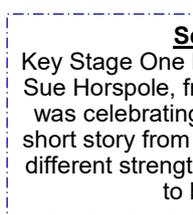
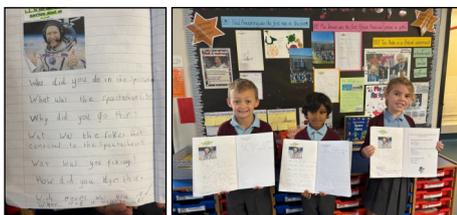
## News from Year 2

Year Two have thoroughly enjoyed their History topic, 'Come on a Journey,' through which they have learnt about significant people who have been to space. We finished the topic this week learning about Tim Peake; the first British astronaut to have visited the International Space Station.

We hope we have inspired some future Buttsbury astronauts!

## Premier Sport

This morning, Premier Sport led an energetic and fun-filled assembly at the infant school, giving the children a taster of some of the exciting games and activities they offer. The session was full of enthusiasm and laughter, and the children were keen to join in! Premier Sport run weekly clubs and a holiday day-camp, providing plenty of opportunities for children to stay active and enjoy sport.



## Schools Ministry Billericay

Key Stage One had a lovely assembly on Monday, led by Sue Horspole, from the School Ministry team. The theme was celebrating differences. Some children acted out a short story from the Bible, demonstrating that we all have different strengths and abilities, but we all come together to be one amazing community.



### Headteacher's Awards

Headteacher's Awards are the highest accolade achievable and are awarded to children who 'demonstrate exceptional commitment to a cause or activity showing the child has gone above and beyond normal expectations'. This half-term, Headteacher's Awards have been presented to:

Penelope Webster	Harry Shipway	Emmy Blake
Elsie Dowling	Zachary Arnold	Arthur Beadle
Josh Hale	Daisy Mumford	Olivia Gamon
Grace La Rocque	Logan Mariner	

Congratulations on achieving this coveted award.



### Lions House Assembly

On Wednesday, Hannah and Harvey (the Lion's House Captains) presented an assembly to the school. The theme was 'Democracy'.

After researching the topic, compiling a wonderful PowerPoint presentation and spending their lunchtimes rehearsing it, they conveyed their ideas superbly. They included lots of facts and even played a game to demonstrate how democracy works. Thank you and well done to both of them!



Reading Awards



Headteacher's Awards

### Crocuses

On Wednesday, members of the Rotary Club, our Year 5 Rotakids and Mr Tweedie, put on their gardening gloves to plant 4,000 crocus corms at the front of the junior site.

One of the Rotary Club's main projects is 'Purple for Polio' which echoes the practice in Asia/Africa of dyeing children's fingers purple when they have received their polio vaccine, so that they don't get the vaccine twice. Rotary's project is to plant purple crocus corms to celebrate this, and they have been planting 4,000 of them each year for the last few years around the town. We were delighted to be selected this year and look forward to our sea of purple in the Spring.



### Basketball Workshop

On Tuesday afternoon, 12 of our year 6 basketballers attended a Basketball Workshop at Billericay School. The aim of the afternoon was to give children more experience of game play situations before the Billericay Schools' tournament in November, and to polish their skills. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and to Mrs Payton and Mrs Barnes for accompanying the teams. A great afternoon was had by all!



### Secondary School Applications for September 2026 A reminder for Year 6 parents

I have been asked by Essex Schools' Admissions to remind Year 6 parents that the closing date for applications for parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in September 2026) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Applications should be made via their website:  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Year 5 DT Morning - Cranes

On Wednesday morning, Year 5 made an excellent start to making their cranes as part of their DT project. The children have spent weeks preparing for their build by researching the different parts of a crane, prototyping suitable lengths for the boom and designing their final model. Thankfully, there were lots of parent volunteers who were able to help with measuring and sawing the wood. Every child has made an excellent first step towards completing their final design and the children should be very proud of their achievements. Thank you ever so much to our super parent helpers, your support is invaluable!



# Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Reception Stars of the Week



Year One Stars of the Week



Year Two Stars of the Week



50 Things to do at home



Out of School Success - 1



Out of School Success - 2



**BOOK FAIR - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Please come and visit the Book Fair after school, at the infant site, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3.15pm till 4.00pm, with books for sale, for ages 4 -11+ so do pop along, especially as the school earns commission on every book sold!  
 Please note that cash will not be accepted at the book fair, but payment can be made using the QR codes available to enable you to pay via debit/credit card.

**Our new  
Eco-Team**

# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Lilani Luthra</i>	<i>Koen Stephens</i>
<i>Theo Vasileiadis</i>	<i>Avijith Kottapalli</i>
<i>Rhian Powell</i>	<i>Olivia Spink</i>
<i>Daniel Dinsdale</i>	<i>Ethan Feeney</i>
<i>Jasmine Pike</i>	<i>Florence Fuller</i>
<i>Noah Webb</i>	<i>Rory Hearmon</i>
<i>Ruby Brockwell</i>	<i>Thomas Laughland</i>
<i>Daisy Mumford</i>	<i>Jennifer McSharry</i>
<i>Oliver Stephens</i>	<i>Vincent Pranevicius</i>
<i>Bailey Ramrutton</i>	<i>Maisie Wallis</i>
<i>Ellie Tennet</i>	<i>Jack Robertson</i>
<i>James Wright</i>	

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School  
 Congratulations to **Clara Hall**  
 who has completed 20 things at home!

### Pen Licences

Well done to **Otis Ashby, Elmeri Hughes, Felicity Beaumont, Sienna Lewis, Isla Collins, Zach Emson, Holly Fensome, Harriet Rocks, Eddie Turner, Maisie Wallis and Hazel Youngs**  
 who all received their Pen Licences this week.

### Reading Awards

Well done to:

**Lilani Luthra, Cameron McGee, Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep, Sophie Warden, Oliver Wilson, Amber Branch, Layla Faris, Rhys Carey, Archie Thomas, Freya Evans, Amelie Owen, Jack Fuller, Isobel James, Isabel Shearwood, George Day, Annabel Guy, Thomas Knight, Soraya Packer, Karen Pinder, Thea Robbshaw, Joshua Small, Timmy Akinlade, Abi Hau, Elodie Greenhalgh and Ariella Osborne**  
 who all managed to read a book from each genre in our Reading Reward charts and were presented with their **Bronze** Reading badge today in recognition of their commitment to reading.

A very special 'Well Done' to:

who all read two books from each genre and received their **Silver** Reading Award today.

**George Day, Thomas Knight, Karen Pinder, Amelie Owen and Jack Fuller**

Huge congratulations to **George Day**

who has already read three books in each genre and gained his **GOLD** reading award!

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

*Jax Evans Michael Reason George Boyer  
 Vira Fedorova Tallulah Green Callie Beadon  
 Freya Anderson Emily Porter*

*Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Mariia Fedorova Diego Tyler-Garcia Rhys Povey  
 Zachary Mason-Bauckham Jude Goad  
 Jamie McSharry Darcy Baglin Olivia Gamon*

*Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



### Afternoon Tea

We hosted another lovely Afternoon Tea on Thursday which was attended by four children in each class from Year 4. Everyone had a great time and the children enjoyed sharing their work, making new friends and the delicious treats.

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

*Sofia Gross Finley Pike Elliot Bailey  
 Isobel James Aron Cuka Pippa Daley  
 Rose Spink Grayson Kemp*

*Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

*This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:*

*Blake Silvester Ziah Hernandez  
 Kaitlyn Charles Pradeep Bella Pankhania  
 Rory Hearman Vira Fedorova  
 Harry Mann Eddie Turner Jennifer McSharry*

## 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:

**Henry Fuller  
 Joshua Small  
 Chloe McGibbon  
 Jessica Dixon  
 Zachary Arnold**



*This week's attendance figure is: 98.3%!*

*This year's attendance target is 97.0%.*

A special 'Well Done' to Foxes and 3BW who both had 100% attendance this week! Congratulations!



# Rainbow Awards

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

Stanley Dillon	James Davies	Bohdi Seabrook	Rose Spink	Maya Sokolova	Percy Metcalfe
Liam Evans	Aydan Aparisi	Teddy Thomas	Lily Hickman	Vogue Skehill	Xenia Puig-Villegas
Ethan Hall	Theo Cohen	Lorne Taylor			

Congratulations to this week's **INDIGO** award recipients who have been on the Recognition Board every week since September:

Evan Aarons	Maisie Lock	Amber Allard	Jay Lythe	Amelie Doyle	Elliot Bacchus
Jamie Baker	Penelope Webster	Otis Ashby	Jessica Hesketh	Jax Evans	Sophie Bush
Theo Barnes	Jasmine Carter	Mila Barrett	Kaan Enver	Mariia Fedorova	Jessica Chinnery
Ellena Boulwood	Megan Smith	Matthew Billins	Ronnie Chudasama	Felicity Ginn	Ben Ferris
Amber Branch	Hazel Pentecost	Isla Collins	Poppy Balkwill-Jary	Jude Goad	Henry Fuller
Lucas Brousse	Andrei Aldea-	Elsie Dowling	Arthur Beadle	Sofia Gross	Josh Hale
Sophia Christofi	Nicolaescu	Tilly Giles	Leo Hadassi	Leo Hughes	Mariah Hands
Theo Clifford	Summer Aronson	Clara Hall	Chloe Cambridge	Zehra Korkmaz	Elsie Ive
Lola Cohen	Mark Bowman	Lottie Hammond	Jude Brodie	Lilani Luthra	Avijith Kottapalli
Lewis Eggleton	George Bradley	Finley Harmer	Zoe Wilks	Thomas Munday	Emily Lycett
Austin Ellis	Marley Dowling	Maddie Johnson	Verity Hewitt	Ava Pardoe	April Marsh
Layla Faris	Maisie Doyle	Sienna Lewis	Kumail Jeevaji	Arun Sawhney	Lola Obergan
Oscar Farley	Oy Egharevba	Kishan Lythe	Archie Field	Megan Shipton	Jacob Ovel
Jeremiah Hernandez	Emilia Escudero	Ocean Martin	Jessica Dixon	Evie Smith	Dhruv Patel
Leya Isikgun	Bradshaw	Amelie Moore	Isla Bellinger	Koen Stephens	Finley Pike
Amber Jobbins	Noah Gazzard	Zachary O'Keefe	Sophie Smith	Theo Vasileiadis	Michael Reason
Thomas Mason	Rosie Hadassi	Rhea Rai	Heidi Scott	George White	Elizabeth Sheehan
Jonny McConnell	Ruby Hill	Noah Richardson	Noah Nevill	Bobbi Atkinson	Blake Silvester
Violet Mills	Francesca Howe	Owen Ridall	Emmy Atkinson	Gracie Birch	Frederick Solomons
Olivia Murley	Thea Jones	Jack Wells	Aubrey Mears	Jack Cronin	Jack Tribe
Mollie Parker	Tanvi Kondapalli	Matteo Agueci	Florence Gladwin	Vira Fedorova	Alessia Tutuianu
Jude Phillips	Charlie Leach	Elliot Bailey	Mia Dias	Florence Fuller	Tommy Akinlade
Zach Phillips	Darcy Leftwich	Isla Bloomfield	Leah Ballestero	Jack Fuller	Freya Anderson
Harry Shipway	Hannah Lister	George Boyer	Felicity Beaumont	Fiorella Gallone	Max Barford
Darcy Shorey	Nifemi Oladele	Austin Charters	Emma Booth	Leah Jackson	Thomas Chandra
Mollie Smith	Joey Purkiss	Milly Davies	Ruby Brockwell	Isobel James	Kaitlyn Charles
Maddie Stower	Dom Senior	Daniel Dinsdale	Olivia Brousse	Grace La-Rocque	Pradeep
Heath Tanner	Summer Tait	Mine Emosivbe	Maya-Love Chance	Olivia Mallett	Fred Cronjaeger
Rosie Taylor	Sophie Warden	Ethan Feeney	Emily Cullen	Daisy Moughton	Pippa Daley
Maddie Wallis	Zachary Webster	Olivia Gamon	Jasmine Dong	Amelie Owen	Alex Fryd
Barbaros Aksoy	Emily Wilkinson	Elodie Greenhalgh	Amelie Dorman	Chloe Pierce	Amelia Gabriel West
Sianna Anderson	Oliver Wilson	Marcel Hernandez	Ben Farrugia	Isha Sharma	Emilio Gallone
Emmy Blake	Mikael Ali Khan	Amelia-Rose Hewitt	Francesca Ginn	Isabel Shearwood	Sophia Golberg
Rosa Gladwin	Rory Atkinson	Sonny Hoile	Spencer Goad	Teddy Temple	Sofia Holdgate Lopez
Sophia Hayes	Rhys Carey	Lola Hurry	Tallulah Green	Noah Webb	Evelina Kiafa
Finley Horton	Vinny Cater	Summer Mariner	Pars Gunay	Amy Wells	Jennifer McSharry
Felicity Tracey	Bluebell Cole	Freddy McQueen	Abi Hau	George Willis	Sophie Moore
Kay Kemal	Florence Costello	Jamie McSharry	Rory Hearmon	Zach Wooder	George Morgan
Emma Lamming	Arabella Cranfield	Grace Morgan	Kerem Korkmaz	Zach Arnold	Daisy Mumford
Sophia Smith	Freya Dormer	Clodagh O'Hara	Thomas Laughland	Darcy Baglin	Perdie Noble
Oliver Sullivan	Emel Enver	Dara Omosebi	Logan Mariner	Nyla Baker	Eione Phillips
Bailey Ramrutton	Anya Farley	Ariella Osborne	Lydia Rhobat	Chloe Berry	Alex Pierce
Thea Robbshaw	Elodie Wang Gao	Callum Ovel	Seb Stephens	Harry Brooks	James Rowley
Harriet Rocks	Poppy Goring	Bella Pankhania	Joe Stone	Alice Cassidy	Oliver Stephens
Charlie Saitch	Esmæ Lazell	Leonardo Parente	Diego Tyler-Garcia	George Day	Theo Vinicombe
Joshua Small	Amelia Mangan	Jasmine Pike	Busby Walker	Maggie Dear	Luke Pickering
Henry Smith	Josh McCarthy	Matty Rose	Anouk Yadav	Louie Dixon	Karen Pinder
Arlo Spencer-Nimmo	Vivaan Mukherji	Cooper Smith	Timmy Akinlade	Zachary Emson	Emily Porter
Eddie Turner	Hope O'Sullivan	Isabella Swift	Conchobhar Veats	Holly Fensome	Vincent Pranevicius
Maisie Wallis	Jessica Reeves	Cody Windsor	Poppy Walsh	Soraya Packer	Isla Sanders
Hazel Youngs	Kelsie Ridall	Annabel Guy	David Timperon	Blaine Mountford	Grace Goodenough
Thomas Knight	Reuben Hilborne				

### Y6 Parish Cup Buttsbury 4 - 5 Greenways

On Wednesday afternoon, the Buttsbury 9-a-side boys team played against Greenways. Thomas opened the scoring with a curling effort into the bottom corner. Not long after, Bobby cut in and smashed the ball into the opposite corner. Sadly, Greenways made a comeback, turning the game on its head to make it 2- 4. With five minutes to go, Buttsbury got themselves level with two quickfire goals from James.

There was more drama to come as, in the dying seconds, Greenways were awarded a free-kick which they converted off the under-side of the bar. An unfortunate end to a really entertaining match. Well done boys and thank you to all of the parents who came along and supported.

Report written by the players from 6R.

