

The final week of the half-term has been very busy as we've had our Healthy Schools' Week as well as lots of other events, with Parents' Evening thrown in for good measure too! It's a good job we now have a week off to draw breath!

Healthy Schools' Week has been a great success. All the children have had the opportunity to take part in yoga sessions and the older children took part in reflection activities at the Baptist Church Hall. The infant children enjoyed Anti-Bullying workshops on Wednesday, and our annual first aid sessions were also on the agenda this week - the children all really enjoyed learning about the basics. The infant children also came over to the junior site to take part in orienteering with some of the older children.

Within the classroom, the children have enjoyed lots of different activities, all linked to the theme of well-being. The Parents and Friends' Association funded the first aid, yoga and anti-bullying workshops - we are very grateful to them for their generosity. The Reflection Space activities were organised by Ruth Strickland, Schools Ministry Billericay, and led by volunteers from the Baptist Church. We are very grateful to Ruth and her team of volunteers as this took a lot of organisation.

We've had requests for another Parents' First Aid session so look out for further details. Have a lovely half-term break and see you in November if I don't see you on 31st October!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7th November

As in previous years we would like the children to participate by bringing in an item that will be used on a tombola at the Christmas Bazaar, in exchange for the opportunity to wear non-uniform. All of your donations will be gratefully received. This year, Year 3, 4, 5 and classes 6B, 6P and 6S are being asked to donate any items of chocolate. This can be any boxed sweets such as Roses, Quality Street, Heroes, selection boxes and stockings, packets and bars of chocolate. 6R are being asked to bring in yule logs, boxes of biscuits, shortbread or mince pies for the refreshments stalls.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Lucky Bags and Tombola prizes please - as per the flyers.

No sprayed hair though please - save that for 'Wacky Hair Day' in July please. Also, sensible shoes, no 'short' shorts, no make up/jewellery and no cropped tops! Thank you.

Happy Half-Term

Key Stage Two Discos

Thank you very much to everyone who helped at the school discos on Friday. The children were very excited and all seemed to have a wonderful time. It was brilliant to see all their amazing Halloween costumes!

Thank you very much to the Parents and Friends' Association for organising the event and to all the staff and parents who helped during the evening.

Overall, £1,801.86 was raised which is fantastic!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

Friday 24th October

- School closed for staff training

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October Half Term

Friday 31st 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 3rd November

- Children return to school
- **Reception classes health checks**
- **3W 'Parents to Lunch' event at 12.00pm**

Tuesday 4th November

- **Year 4 Inter House gala - 6.30pm - 7.15pm**
- **Year 6 Inter House gala - 7.15pm - 8.00pm**
Both at The Billericay School

Wednesday 5th November

- **Reception classes health checks**

Friday 7th November

- Non-Uniform Day to support the Christmas Bazaar
- **Reception classes health checks**

Poppies

After half-term, assuming our poppies have arrived, they will be taken around the classes daily so children can purchase one. We hope also to have a limited number of wristbands, keyrings and poppy pin badges.

The **minimum** donation for a wristband or a pin badge is £1.50. The **suggested** donation for a poppy is at least 20p.

Thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal.

Children's Chosen Charity 2025/2026

The School Council were very busy last week gathering suggestions from their classes about potential charities for this year. There were lots of amazing ideas and it was very difficult to make a final decision. However, after much thought and discussion, the chosen charity has been selected as The Dogs' Trust. The children are looking forward to getting their fundraising started!



*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many parents at our meetings on Tuesday and I am sure this evening will be just as busy. I hope that you found the meetings helpful.

Key Stage Two - Just a reminder that, if you would like further details regarding your child's progress in maths or have any questions for their maths teacher, the Maths 'Drop In' meetings are on Monday 10th November.

Details to follow.



Year 6 Jim Smith Cup

Tuesday afternoon saw the Year 6 boys' football team take part in the Jim Smith Cup group stage, held at St Helen's Junior School. The team played five games, with the aim of finishing in the top two, to progress into the next round of the cup. Buttsbury got off to a flying start, winning the opening game 4 - 0. The second game was a tighter affair, finishing 0 - 0. The boys struggled to recapture this form in the final three games, but did show dogged determination until the end. Well done boys.

Explorers (WrapAround) Movie Night

Yesterday, the children who attend Explorers, had a special Movie Night as an end-of-half term treat!

As you can see in the photos, they had a lovely time! Thank you to our WrapAround staff for organising this super event for the children.

We still have spaces in Explorers - particularly in the morning - just contact the infant school office or see our website for details.

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Panathlon Swimming Gala

What an amazing day was had by nine Year 6 children at the London Aquatic Centre at Stratford on Tuesday. Buttsbury and 7 other primary schools from Essex attended the wonderful event hosted by Panathlon. All the children took part in 10 different races, which included; 25 metre individual and relay races, as well as a raft race and treasure hunt. Our children were awarded 1st place and have been invited to attend the national finals next month.

The behaviour of all the children was exceptional plus they were so supportive of each other. Thank you to Mrs Rivas, Mrs Hussey and Mrs Hennessey for accompanying the children.



Book Fair

We would like to say thank you to all who attended our Book Fair. Your support means that we are able to purchase more wonderful books for the children!



MAPAC School Uniform

If you want to avoid the delivery cost, please note that uniform can be delivered to school for free - just select the 'Deliver to School' option when checking out.

Parents to Lunch Event

This week, 4P 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 to Mrs Crompton, our staff in the kitchen and our MDAs for facilitating the event.

Reception/Key Stage 1 News

News from Reception

Reception have enjoyed a busy and fun-filled week this week, thinking about wellness for both body and mind. There were first aid workshops in which they found out how they could help with some simple first aid situations. Much fun was had building, creating and completing some relaxing colouring activities with friends, and they also took part in a cross country event on Tuesday where some very speedy participants were seen!

We hope all of the children have had an enjoyable first half term at school and enjoy a well earned rest next week!



News from Year Two

Year Two have thoroughly enjoyed well-being week and have participated in so many lovely activities: first aid, fruit tasting, creating a tree of thankfulness and an anti-bullying workshop to name a few! Our week has been busy but full of fun! We hope that the children have had a great time and have come home with some ideas of how they can look after themselves and each other.



News from Year One

Year One have thoroughly enjoyed Wellbeing Week!

On **Mindful Monday**, we took a peaceful walk around the school, focusing on the sights and sounds around us. We then wrote about what we could see and hear, practicing our mindfulness and observation skills.

Tasty Tuesday was full of flavour as we tried a variety of delicious fruits, including blueberries and kiwi. We also took part in an exciting inter-house cross country and joined Year 6 for orienteering activities.

On **Wellbeing Wednesday**, we experienced a calming sound bath, where we relaxed deeply while listening to soothing sounds - some of us were so relaxed, we nearly fell asleep!

Thoughtful Thursday was all about kindness. We made special cards for our friends and wrote thoughtful messages inside to make them smile. Throughout the week, we also took part in an anti-bullying workshop and learned valuable skills during a fun and informative first aid session.



Memory Café Visit

This afternoon, 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.



Girls' Football Partnership Final

On Wednesday afternoon, the girls' A team competed in the partnership final at William De Ferrers School. They played five 6 minute games in the group stage, winning four and losing one, resulting in us finishing second in the group. Second place earned the girls one more game, a play off.

Despite a dominant display camped in South Green's half, the girls couldn't find a breakthrough and the game finished 0 - 0, and joint third place finish. Buttsbury scored 10 goals and conceded only 2 (to the eventual winners). Well done girls and thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supported. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Cambridge, one of our LSAs, who didn't have a daughter playing, but stepped in at the last minute to assist with transport - retuning back at 6.00pm is true commitment.



Out of School Success

- * Well done to Henry Miller (3M) who recently won a bronze medal for the kata in a karate competition at Kazen Kai.
- * Congratulations to Charlie Wood (5M) who won 'Man of the Match' on Sunday, having scored a goal in the last minute.
- * Well done to George Day (4H) who was named 'Player of the Match' when playing football on Sunday, and 'Star Trainer' in his training session on Tuesday night.

Billericay Foodbank Visit

On Monday, the Year 5 School Councillors, Mr Tweedie, Ms Carson and Mrs Walker had the opportunity to visit the Billericay Foodbank. The children thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the foodbank and were amazed to hear that the foodbank supports over 100 families in the local area! At present, there is a real shortage of breakfast cereals and tinned vegetables! Thank you to the foodbank volunteers for showing the children and staff around.



House Points

This week's winning house:

Leopards

This half-term's winning house:

Panthers

The children in **Panthers** will have 20 minutes extra lunch break on Friday 7th November as a reward.

Lost Property

Please can you check that all your child's clothing is named - especially jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.

Afternoon Tea

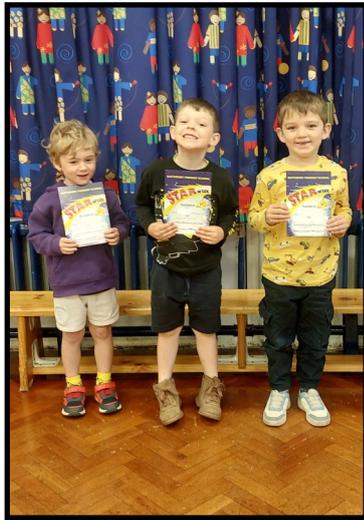
We hosted another lovely Afternoon Tea today which was attended by four children from each class in Year 3. This was their first experience of Afternoon Tea and - they loved it!

This year's attendance figure so far is: 97.9%! PHENOMENAL!

This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.

A special 'Well Done' to Elm Class who had the highest attendance this week - 97.9%! Congratulations!

Reception and KS1 Celebrations



Reception 'Stars of the Week'



Year One 'Stars of the Week'



Year Two 'Stars of the Week'



50 Things to do at Home



Good Manners Award



Out of School Success



Farewell, Mrs Dulson

Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Dulson, who is leaving us to begin an exciting new role as a Learning Support Assistant at a special school. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us. We wish her every happiness and continued success in this next chapter of her career.

Rainbow Awards

Well done to Harry Bradshaw who received his **VIOLET** award winner this week::

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

Lara Austin
Callie Beadon
Alice Bennett
Zack Brewer
Erin Collins
Alfie Field
Lysander Goodman
Mollie Hughes
Grace Ivimy
Joe Jackson
Olivia Johnson
Grayson Kemp
Preston Mills-Martin
Summer-Rose Smith
Zachary Mason-Bauckham

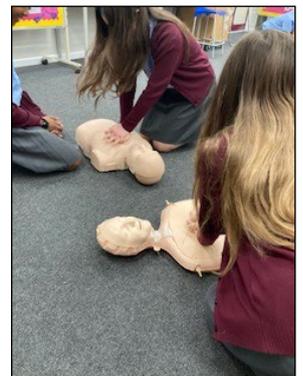
Oliver Baker
Jemima Broom
Rory Buckley
Flo Cable
Mia Dixon
Freya Evans
Willow Harmer
Ayda Kemal
Ariana Lazell
Sophie Mackenzie
Amelia Maloney
Finley Paton
Jessica Pilka
Yasmin Salter
Olivia Tait

Ines Ferreira Melo
Ocean Martin
Myles Omer
Ernie Pattison
Rhea Rai
Fletcher Silvester
George Costello
Jack Dodge
Florence Farrant
Oscar Jenkins
Mila Kent
Ozzie Soar
Brooklyn Nelson
Ethan Rae
Harry Mann

Archie Alderton
Patrick Dillon
Leif Emanuel-Francis
Georgie Harding
Ziah Hernandez
Cameron McGee
Esmay Ramrutton
Coraline Riches
Edward Smith
Oscar Turner
Bauckham
Alex Metcalfe
Hannah Sijo
Malachi Kwanzambi

Oliver Allchurch
Gracie Birch
Alfie King
Austin Watts
Albert Amos
Anjola Oladele
Aron Cuka
Cailin Mitchell
Joshua Murton
Hanna Mitchelson
Frankie Moughton
Charlie Munday
Jack Robertson
Carter Lewis

Felix Duncan
David Golberg
Tommy Smith
Teddy Soar
Olivia Taylor
Ella Tennet
Will Williams
James Wright
Charlie Wood
Theia Wright
Alfie Thompson
Elliot Warman
Archie Thomas



Wellbeing Week

This year's Wellbeing Week has once again been a hit! The children have had lots of fun thinking about wellbeing through our different themes of mindfulness, healthy eating, physical activity, kindness and empathy. We've had Year 1 and 2 visit the Junior site for some joint orienteering with Year 5 and 6; everyone has had a first aid session; there has been lots of yoga taking place and the Baptist church hosted KS2 for the reflection space again. Some children have also had the opportunity to try different activities including Gaelic football, forest school, food tasting and mindful artwork. KS1 were visited by an anti-bullying workshop that was kindly funded by the Parents and Friends Association. The end of the week concluded with us supporting Young Minds by wearing yellow for our #hellowyellow day. Thank you to all the staff for planning and leading so many exciting activities, and to Mr Graves and Mrs Harris for drawing up the complex timetables. We hope that the children are able to reflect back on the week and use some of the ideas and activities to help maintain a positive state of wellbeing.