

It has been another typically busy Buttsbury week, with Year 5 plays, Christmas dinners, parties, Christmas shops, and a whole host of sporting and choir events. And, as you'll see on the right, next week is shaping up to be just as full! Buckle up, everyone - we're nearly there!



### Christmas Dinner

Thank you very much to our two amazing Catering Teams for preparing such a lovely Christmas lunch for our children and to all our Midday Assistants and members of staff who helped to serve the delicious meals. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends' Association who provided Christmas crackers for all the children! We all had a lovely time and looked great in our Christmas jumpers/tinsel!



### Clubs

A reminder that all before/after school clubs, including gym trail and handwriting, have now finished for the term. WrapAround provision - Explorers, CAT Club and Treehouse are all open as usual next week.

### Parking

Please avoid parking on the corner of junctions as this makes it very difficult for drivers to see if the road is clear when they pull onto Perry Street. It also causes significant congestion as the traffic is forced into one lane at the junction as a consequence.  
Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

On the last day of term, KS2 children are invited to bring in games to play for part of the day. Please note: no electronic games, iPods, iPads etc and no games with lots of small pieces please! Thank you!  
The infant children will have lots of fun activities planned by their teachers too so, they won't miss out!

### Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 3

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Year 5/6 choir singing at Christ Church's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary at 10.00am
- Year 5/6 choir singing at Stock Brook Golf Club's annual Christmas event at 3.30pm

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- **Non-Uniform day for Year 6 for raising the most money at the Christmas Bazaar**
- **Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas shop during lunch**

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- **Reception visit to Chelmsford Theatre for the panto - am**

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- **Year 1 visit to Chelmsford Theatre for the panto - am**

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- **Year 2 visit to Chelmsford Theatre for the panto - am**
- **Carol Services at Christ Church - Year 4: 9.00am - Year 3: 9.45am - Year 5: 10.30am; Year 6 - 11.15am**

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Last day of term
- **Reception Carol Concert at school - 9.15am**
- **Children's Christmas Raffle - Junior Site**
- **Year 1 Carol Concert - Christ Church - 1.30pm**
- **Year 2 Carol Concert - Christ Church - 2.15pm**

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

- Children return to school - NEW MENU Week 1

### KS2 Children's Christmas Raffle

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding our annual KS2 Christmas Raffle! There will be lots to win! It is 50p for 1 ticket, or £2 for the strip (5 tickets).  
The last day to buy tickets is on Thursday.

### Carol Services at Christ Church

**Please arrange childcare for pre-schoolers, toddlers and babies. Due to space limitations, please note that older siblings should also not attend. Thank you.**

#### Arrival

- Doors will be opened as soon as the church is clear from the previous Carol Service

#### Departure

- Please leave promptly via the Front Door - please avoid the temptation to walk across to the children.

#### Parking

- There is no parking available at Christ Church

There will be collecting pots at the end for The Dog's Trust, if you would like to make a donation.



### Year 2 teachers visit Year 3

On Monday, the Year 2 teachers came to visit Year 3. Mrs Pye, Mrs Fitzgerald and Miss Olive all loved getting to see their old classes again and Miss Woodland also enjoyed her visit to 3P. The children were equally delighted to see their 'old' teachers!



### Christmas Shops

Thank you very much to the Parents' and Friends' Association (PFA) and the parents who helped to run the lovely Christmas shops this week.

We hope you like the gifts the children chose.  
(Year 4 and Year 6 - your shop is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December)



### KS2 Headteacher's Awards

Well done to the following children who have all been awarded Headteacher's Awards this half-term:

Frankie Moughton, Evie Smith, Bria Burke  
Noah Gazzard, Thomas Mason, Chloe Cambridge  
Ernie Pattison, Cooper Smith, Megan Smith  
Annabel Guy, Amelia Mangan, Tom Cannon

Headteacher's Awards are the most prestigious award a child can receive and children are nominated by their teachers for going 'above and beyond' expectation.



### Reading Awards

Well done to:

Esa Ahmad, Penelope Webster, Finley Horton, Emma Lamming, Elmeri Hughes, Sophie Smith, Paisley Goodman, Florence Gladwin, Chloe Cambridge, Miss Watson, Henry Miller, Ella Palmer, Kishan Lythe, Isla Collins, Finley Harmer, Elsie Dowling, Leah Ballestero, Zachary Arnold, Alice Cassidy, Emily Porter, Bailey Ramrutton, Vihaan Aggarwal, Olivia Mallett, Jack Cronin, Archie Coote, Mollie Parker, Jamie Baker, Heath Tanner, Rosie Taylor, Maddie Wallis, Theo Clifford, Oscar Farley, Marley Dowling, Nifemi Oladele, Noah Dias, Hannah Sijo, Lysander Goodman, Alfie Field, Alice Bennett, Tommy Smith, Callie Beadon, James Wright, Mollie Hughes, Grayson Kemp, Jack Robertson, Summer Rose Smith, Hanna Mitchelson, Harry Mann, Lara Austin, Erin Collins, Olivia Taylor, Grace Ivimy, Joe Jackson, Alessia Tutuianu, Tommy Akinlade, Teddy Thomas, Harvey Perry, Evie Smith, Bradley Bloomfield, Bella Pankhania, Cooper Smith, Matteo Agueci, Austin Charters, Daniel Dinsdale and Olivia Gamon

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:

Esa Ahmad, Elmeri Hughes, Sophie Smith, Timmy Akinlade, Annabel Guy, Archie Coote, Amy Wells, Isabel Shearwood, Isobel James, Amber Branch, Oliver Wilson, Hannah Sijo, Lysander Goodman, Alessia Tutuianu, Tommy Akinlade, Harvey Perry, Bradley Bloomfield, Elodie Greenhalgh and Bella Pankhania

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

Congratulations to:

Elmeri Hughes, Annabel Guy, Thomas Knight, Karen Pinder, Amelie Owen, Amber Branch, Hannah Sijo, Alessia Tutuianu, Bradley Bloomfield, who all received their **GOLD** reading award today, having read three books from each genre.

A 'super, huge well done to: Elmeri Hughes, George Day and Alessia Tutuianu who received their **PLATINUM** award today having read FIVE books from each genre!



### The Grange, Retirement Accommodation

This afternoon, our Year 6 choir sang at The Grange, on Stock Road. Well done to our super singers.

# Reception/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



★ Above - Stars of the Week and Out of School Success  
 ★ Left - Good Manners and 50 Things to Do At Primary School - Red Award  
 Right - panto photo  
 ★ Below - Out of School Success Indoor Athletics Team



## News from Year 2

Year Two had a lovely visit from Sue, from Schools Ministry, this week. Sue came in to talk to the children about advent and the traditions of Christmas. She brought in an Advent candle and a Christingle to show and the children were able to ask Sue lots of interesting questions about the Nativity Story. Thank you, Sue!



## Park Lodge

Elm class went to sing Christmas songs and carols to the residents at Park Lodge on Thursday. The children sang beautifully and made us all very proud. The residents even joined in with Away in a Manger. The children had a lovely time, asking residents about Christmas when they were children. One of the children was pleased to be able to sing to their Great Nana. Thank you to Park Lodge for looking after us and making us feel so welcome.

## Coopers Coburn Pantomime Visit

On Thursday afternoon the children at the Infants were treated to a pantomime written and performed by the drama students from Coopers Coburn High School. The show was full of laughs and plenty of audience participation as the children shouted out traditional 'boos' and 'it's behind you'.



## News from Reception

This week, EYFS have been completing some work around the story 'Father Christmas Needs a Wee!'. The children thought it was a very funny story about how Father Christmas visits lots of different houses, each one giving him a drink, and then he desperately needs a wee, forcing him to return home early. We talked about the festivities of Christmas and discussed what presents we would each like to receive before writing our own wish lists.

## News from Year One

Year One have had a busy and exciting time! In English, we explored a new story 'The Magic Porridge Pot', made predictions, wrote about our favourite parts, and sequenced the events in order. In Maths, we have been practising adding and subtracting one and two from numbers within 10 and 20. We also enjoyed our festive Christmas parties, and were thrilled to welcome Coopers Coburn, who performed their wonderful pantomime for us. Finally, we enjoyed our Christmas lunch where we pulled crackers, read jokes and listened to Christmas music whilst eating.



# Celebration Assembly

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

<i>Lara Austin</i>	<i>Summer-Rose Smith</i>
<i>Ethan Rae</i>	<i>Max Barford</i>
<i>Theo Vinicombe</i>	<i>Amelia Gabriel-West</i>
<i>Henry Fuller</i>	<i>Lizzy Sheehan</i>
<i>Elsie Ive</i>	<i>Felicity Ginn</i>
<i>Mariia Fedorova</i>	<i>Jude Goad</i>
<i>Anjola Oladele</i>	<i>Maya Love Chance</i>
<i>Pars Gunay</i>	<i>Elodie Greenhalgh</i>
<i>Mine Emosivbe</i>	<i>Cody Windsor</i>
<i>Amy Wells</i>	<i>Isha Sharma</i>
<i>Zach Wooder</i>	<i>Holly Fensome</i>
<i>Karen Pinder</i>	<i>Henry Smith</i>

**50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School**

Congratulations to **Emma Booth** who has completed 30 things!

**Pen Licences**

Well done to **Alexander Smith, Ethan Feeney and Jack Cronin** who all received their Pen Licences this week.



**Out of School Success**

- \* Well done to Joe Jackson (6P) who passed his Ukulele Grade 1 exam with distinction!
- \* Congratulations to Darcy Shorey (5LM), Maisie Wallis (4H), Soraya Packer (4H), Effie Shorey (Willow) and Poppy Wallis (Woodpeckers) who all competed in their first Irish Dance competition on Saturday. They all danced brilliantly, winning lots of trophies and medals between them!
- \* Well done to George Day (4H) who passed his karate grading on Sunday and has moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> Kyu (red belt). George also received his 20 metres certificate in swimming this week.
- \* Congratulations to Grace Morgan (4C). Her cheer team won their category at their first competition as a new team.

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

*Alex Metcalfe Ben Ferris Florence Fuller  
Eduardo Chambers Amelie Doyle  
Francesca Ginn Olivia Gamon Joshua Small  
Well done to our writing super stars!*

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

*Lilani Luthra Sophia Holdgate Lopez Isabel Shearwood  
Ziah Hernandez Preston Mills-Martin  
Mine Emosivbe Jack Fuller Charlie Saitch  
Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



**Afternoon Tea**

This week, 16 children from Year 5 joined us for Afternoon Tea. The children really enjoy coming with their peers and sharing their favourite piece of work - and, of course, the yummy treats are a hit too!

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

*Hannah Sijo Oliver Stephens Charlie Saitch  
Alessia Tutuianu Zehra Korkmaz  
Diego Tyler-Garcia Marcel Hernandez  
Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

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

*Elsie Ive Patrick Dillon Daisy Mumford  
Harrison Wooder Vira Fedorova  
Tallulah Green Alesha Mittal  
Ben Ferris*

**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:

**Sienna Lewis  
Fletcher Silvester  
Austin Ellis  
Theo Barnes  
Lizzy Sheehan**



*This week's attendance figure is: 96.7%! Much better this week!*

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

*A special 'Well Done' to Foxes Class who had the highest attendance this week - 98.2%! Congratulations!*

# Mr Humbug Sees The Light

## Year 5 Christmas Play - Mr Humbug Sees The Light

Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who presented two wonderful Christmas plays earlier this week. The children had been working extremely hard and this could definitely be seen in the quality of their singing and the attention to detail throughout. The readers and actors also delivered very high quality performances, with some beautiful dancing too. Well done to all the children and thank you to the staff for preparing them so effectively, with a special word of thanks to Mrs Morris, the show's producer.

Thank you for coming along to the concerts and for your very generous donations to The Dog's Trust.



# Rainbow Awards



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

Lily Hickman

Bodhi Seabrook

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

Amelia Korvafa  
Lucas Taylor  
Henry Fernandes  
Liam Evans

Harry Bradshaw  
Ben Heath  
Hattie Hodges

Eni Omopariola  
Grace Julian  
Jacqueline Fulker

Jacob Spink  
Ethan Hall  
Chester Williams

James Rowley  
Albert Amos  
Maya-Love Chance

Aron Cuka  
Cailin Mitchell  
Rose Spink

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

Heath Tanner  
Lewis Eggleton  
Leif Emanuel-Francis  
Jax Evans  
Georgie Harding  
Ziah Hernandez  
Leo Hughes  
Zehra Korkmaz  
Lilani Luthra  
Thomas Munday  
Esmay Ramrutton  
Edward Smith  
Leah Ballester  
Ruby Brockwell  
Joshua Murton  
Anjola Oladele  
Buzz Walker  
Jack Cronin  
Oliver Allchurch  
Gracie Birch  
Rory Buckley  
Flo Cable  
Sophie Mackenzie  
Theia Wright  
Dom Senior  
Summer Tait  
Sophie Warden  
Emily Wilkinson  
Oliver Wilson  
Ariella Osborne  
Callum Ovel  
Bella Pankhania

Amber Allard  
Mila Barrett  
Ines Ferreria Melo  
Ocean Martin  
Rhea Rai  
Fletcher Silvester  
Sianna Anderson  
Florence Farrant  
Lara Isikgun  
Evie Thorpe  
Penelope Webster  
Henry Faux  
Xenia Puig-Villegas  
Ava McCarthy  
Jessica Russell  
Chloe Taylor  
Luca Clark  
Nieve Dyer  
Alfie Maloney  
Andrei Aldea-Nicolaescu  
Summer Aronson  
Mark Bowman  
George Bradley  
Marley Dowling  
Maisie Doyle  
Oy Egharevba  
Emilia Escudero  
Bradshaw  
Noah Gazzard  
Rosie Hadassi  
Ruby Hill  
Francesca Howe

Rory Atkinson  
Vinny Cater  
Bluebell Cole  
Elodie Wan Gao  
Poppy Goring  
Esmae Lazell  
Amelia Mangan  
Hope O'Sullivan  
Jessica Reeves  
Kelsie Ridall  
Isla Sanders  
Conchobhar Veats  
Poppy Walsh  
Matteo Agueci  
Elliot Bailey  
Isla Bloomfield  
George Boyer  
Austin Charters  
Milly Davies  
Daniel Dinsdale  
Mine Emosivbe  
Ethan Feeney  
Olivia Gamon  
Elodie Greenhalgh  
Marcel Hernandez  
Amelia-Rose Hewitt  
Sonny Hoile  
Lola Hurry  
Summer Mariner  
Freddy McQueen  
Jamie McSharry  
Grace Morgan

Jay Lythe  
Ronnie Chudasama  
Poppy Balkwill-Jary  
Arthur Beadle  
Leo Hadassi  
Chloe Cambridge  
Mia Dias  
Verity Hewitt  
Kumail Jeevaji  
Rory Knowles  
Paisley Goodman  
Isla Bellingher  
Sophie Smith  
Heidi Scott  
Zach Arnold  
Nyla Baker  
Chloe Berry  
Harry Brooks  
Alice Cassidy  
George Day  
Maggie Dear  
Louie Dixon  
Zachary Emson  
Holly Fensome  
Grace Goodenough  
Annabel Guy  
Reuben Hilborne  
Thomas Knight  
Blaine Mountford  
Soraya Packer  
Luke Pickering  
Karen Pinder

Freya Anderson  
Eduardo Chambers  
Thomas Chandra  
Kaitlyn Charles  
Pradeep  
Emilio Gallone  
Sophia Golberg  
Sofia Holdgate Lopez  
Evelina Kiafa  
Jennifer McSharry  
Sophie Moore  
Daisy Mumford  
Perdie Noble  
Eione Phillips  
Alex Pierce  
Oliver Stephens  
Asa Taylor  
Theo Vinicombe  
Max Wilson  
Leonardo Parente  
Jasmine Pike  
Matty Rose  
Cooper Smith  
Isabella Swift  
Cody Windsor  
Thea Robbshaw  
Harriet Rocks  
Charlie Saitch  
Joshua Small  
Tanvi Kondapalli  
Charlie Leach  
Clodagh O'Hara

Elliot Bacchus  
Sophie Bush  
Jessica Chinnery  
Henry Fuller  
Josh Hale  
Mariah Hands  
Elsie Ive  
Avijith Kottapalli  
April Marsh  
Lola Obergan  
Finley Pike  
Albie Rangecroft  
Michael Reason  
Elizabeth Sheehan  
Blake Silvester  
Frederick Solomons  
Jack Tribe  
Alessia Tutuianu  
Henry Smith  
Aro Spencer-Nimmo  
Eddie Turner  
Maisie Wallis  
Hazel Youngs  
Darcy Leftwich  
Hannah Lister  
Nifemi Oladele  
Joey Purkiss  
Vincent Pranevicius  
Bailey Ramrutton  
Thea Jones  
Dara Omosebi  
Emily Porter

## Final Lost Property Reminder of 2025

The Lost Property cupboards at both sites will be cleared on 19<sup>th</sup> December, so, if you have lost something, please look next week.

## PFA Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our PFA fundraising events.

We raised:

Christmas cards - infant - £758.91  
Christmas cards - junior - £1,121.90  
Infant tea towels £704.30

Santa Meet and Greet - £419.67

Thank you to our amazing PFA for organising so many brilliant fundraising initiatives!



## Sports Hall Athletics Partnership Final

On Wednesday afternoon, Buttsbury took a team to compete in the partnership final at Bromfords School. The team was much changed from the one that qualified for the final but you couldn't tell as everyone gave everything that they had as they ran, jumped, bounced and threw themselves through the events. The children were a great team, cheering each other on, and were competitive in every event. We found out yesterday that we have qualified for the county finals!!! Amazing! Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport.

## Billericay Christmas Market

On Sunday, some of the Year 5/6 choir performed at the Christmas Market. It was the first time we had taken part and it was lovely to be part of this community event. Thank you to all the children who came along - you were fabulous - to their parents for yet another weekend 'call out' and to Mrs Pye who came along to assist with supervision etc.

