

13th April 2026

Year 6 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. We cannot believe we are in the Summer Term already and your children are in their final term of their primary education at Buttsbury Primary School – exciting times lie ahead!

This newsletter gives you an overview of the many things that are happening this Summer term.

SATs:

Over the next three weeks, we will all be working hard to ensure that the children are fully prepared for SATs week which commences on Monday 11th May 2026. We welcome your support in ensuring that children complete all homework tasks to the best of their ability and ask for support where needed. You may wish to revise areas of the curriculum that your child is finding difficult on resources such as BBC Bitesize.

During the week of SATs, please encourage children to get plenty of food and rest so that they do not become overly anxious at this challenging time. Children have worked exceptionally hard this year and we are confident that they will do their very best.

For your information, the SATs timetable is presented below.

Date	Test(s)
Monday 11 th May 2026	English – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – Paper 1 - GPS English – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – Paper 2 – Spelling
Tuesday 12 th May 2026	English – Reading
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

English:

In English this term, we will be studying a range of different genres including suspense and mystery narratives, persuasive writing and spy stories. During our GPS lessons, children will continue to develop their understanding of different grammar and spelling rules, as well as focused reading comprehension tasks that focus on a range of genres.

Spelling:

Pupils will need to continue to learn weekly spellings; a full list can be found on the school's website. The spellings that we will be practising are words previously tested during past spelling SATs papers, focusing on a range of spelling rules. Moreover, children would benefit from looking at the Year 5/6 Statutory Spelling List (that can be found online and have been printed for pupils), identifying areas of particular weakness and then focus on these areas in their preparations for the SATs tests.

Maths:

Pupils will continue to work in their current maths sets. Initially, they will revise any problematic areas that their teacher has identified. As well as this, they will work on a range of reasoning questions related to topics across the whole curriculum. After half term, they will continue to build upon their mathematical understanding and application, by completing mastery and investigative questions in preparation for secondary school.

Science:

In the first half term, Year 6 will study electrical circuits, learning about key components and how they function. Pupils will build and test circuits, investigate how changes affect performance, and develop their understanding of electrical safety.

Sex and Relationships Education:

As part of the Science and PSHE curriculum, it is necessary for the children to undertake a designated programme of Sex and Relationships Education (SRE). Further details about this programme including dates for parents to view the materials will be sent home in due course.

Geography/History:

This term, we begin to learn about the historical significance of certain landmarks within the Isle of Wight, prior to the children's visit. Following that, we will be learning about the local history of Billericay focusing on the Mayflower and the Peasants Revolt.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will continue to develop an understanding of other world religions, focusing on Buddhism, and the different cultures and traditions associated with them.

Art and DT:

This term, Art lessons focus on how our local area has changed, as well as different forms of architecture. Children will study great architects, as well as famous buildings, and will learn how to develop their drawing and perspective skills. There will also be an opportunity for the children to look at photography. In DT, the children will be completing an exciting electronic board game using their knowledge of circuits from our Science unit. We would be grateful for any shoe-box donations.

P.E.

This term, the children will continue to be taught P.E. and Games by the sports coaches from Winger Sports. The focus for this term will be athletics as well as Dynamos Cricket and Rounders. A reminder that earrings must be removed for P.E. activities and long hair should be tied back for safety. If your child has a minor injury and cannot take part in P.E. then a letter from you is required and needs to be given to your child's class teacher.

Transition:

In this final term, much of our attention is geared towards the children's transition to secondary school. As well as attending special transition days at your child's chosen secondary schools, the children will also undertake different transition activities in school. The Head of Year 7 at Mayflower High School will be coming in to school to work with the children on a special transition session in May. Although this session is carried out by Mayflower High School, all Year 6 pupils will be included regardless of their destination. If your child is not attending Mayflower High School you will be notified separately about days on which your child will be expected to attend their secondary school. Can you please ensure that these dates are communicated to your child's class teacher and the School Office to avoid any absences being recorded as unauthorised.



End of Year Play:

We will shortly be holding auditions for the end of year play. At the moment, we do not want to spoil the surprise about which play we have chosen to do; however, audition pieces and further details will be shared with the children over the next couple of weeks.

Isle of Wight:

Get ready to wave off your little ones on Monday 18th May 2026! Hopefully, you are able to make the meeting for any final details including clothing, drop-off and collection times etc.

Work Experience:

Once again, the children will undertake work experience at either Buttsbury Primary School (based in EYFS - Year 2), Buttsbury Pre-School or Noah's Ark Pre-School. Details of dates and times will be sent out during the next few weeks.

Important Dates:

22.04.26 – IOW Parent Meeting 7pm
W/C 11.05.26 – SATs week
W/C 18.05.26 – IOW week
W/C 25.05.26 – Half Term
19.06.26 – Class and group Photographs
29.06.26 – Sports day - 1.15pm
07.07.26 – Afternoon Production Performance to parents 1:45pm
07.07.26 – Evening Production Performance to parents 7pm
13.07.26 – Leavers' Disco (6pm – 8pm)
16.07.26 – Leavers' assembly 9:15am
17.07.26 – Leavers' Parade – 3.30pm

If you have any queries about this newsletter or any issue concerning your child, then please contact the school office to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, or e-mail via the Year Group e-mail address: bjyear6@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

We all look forward to continuing to work with you in order to help your child achieve their full potential and thank you for your support this year.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 team

