



Butlers Court School

Weekly Newsletter – 15th May '26



**Believe & Achieve
Together**

***Respect, Tolerance,
Kindness, Resilience,
Honesty and Responsibility***

Message from Mr Butler

Dear Parents

What another busy week it's been at Butlers Court, with some very mixed weather thrown in!

I must start by saying a massive well done to our Year 6 children, who this week completed their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). These tests took place from Monday to Thursday, covering English grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading, and mathematics and I'm pleased to say the children approached these important assessments with real maturity and sensible attitudes throughout. Well done all of you!

Thank you so much for the many supportive responses to my letter earlier this week about mobile phones and children's wellbeing. From September, we will be implementing a smartphone ban at Butlers Court for all children, bringing us in line with many other schools locally and nationally. Year 6 pupils who need to bring a phone may use a simple 'brick' phone, which will be stored securely by teachers during the school day. We really appreciate your understanding and support on this important matter.

Next week is national Walk to School Week and we're excited to be taking part. Your child should have received a blue card today, and our house captains will be stationed at the gates each morning to tick off cards for children who walk, scooter or cycle to school. Over the week, there are two exciting elements to look forward to. Firstly, a House competition – let's see which house can get the most children walking, scooting or cycling! And, secondly, we're also asking children to create posters highlighting the importance of safety when travelling to school and encouraging active travel. We hope many of you will support this important initiative as we work together to make our roads and paths safer for everyone. As always, I'd like to ask parents to park and drive safely and considerately near school. If you have any concerns about road safety, please log them via the [Buckinghamshire Fix My Street website](#) so they can be addressed appropriately.

Next Tuesday evening I will be hosting a Year 5 Parents Information session about the Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer Process. This will include details of applying for your child's secondary school as well as details of the secondary transfer test. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

On Wednesday we also have a parents session on Maths which I'm sure will be really useful in understanding the teaching of maths in school, and how parents can support a child's progress at home. Again, we hope many of you can come along.

After half term, we'll be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Butlers Court in the week leading up to the Summer Ball. If you, your parents, grandparents, or friends of the school attended Butlers Court in the past and would like to come in and share your experiences with the children, we would absolutely love to hear from you. Over the celebration week we look forward to the children's disco in the marquee on the field, burying a time capsule filled with our thoughts about our special school and a 1960s dress-up day and picnic on the field to round off the week. I'm sure it will be a wonderful 60th celebration! Please look out for more details nearer the time.

Just a reminder that we break up for the half term holiday next Friday at 3.15pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Butler

What's Happened this Week

Chess Success at the National Youth Championship Qualifiers

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the National Youth Chess Championship qualifier round last weekend. For many children, this was their first experience of competitive tournament chess, and they represented the school brilliantly with determination, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event.

A special congratulations goes to our youngest competitors, Yao-Cheng, Arthur, and Andrew, who achieved impressive results in the Under-8 category, placing 5th, 6th, and 7th respectively out of 16 players.

Further success came in the Under-10 category, where Artem and Jacob finished 5th and 6th out of 20 competitors.

Particular praise must go to Jemima and Rose, who have both qualified for the Finals of the prestigious National Youth Chess Championship, to be held in Nottingham this July. Rose achieved this remarkable success in only her second professional chess tournament. Both pupils will now compete against some of the strongest young chess players in the country.

Well done also to all of the pupils who participated:

Yao-Cheng, Andrew, Arthur, Henry, Rose, Jemima, Jacob, Shankar, Artem, and Ben.

We are incredibly proud of all their achievements and wish Jemima and Rose every success in the national finals.

Storyteller Visit

Reception and KS1 enjoyed a visit from professional storyteller Liz Fost, who shared *The Turtle Who Changed the Tide* by Rachel Bright. The children acted out the story, played games, sang the turtle song, and even met Liz's pet turtle, Tula. Thank you to Chorleywood Bookshop for organising the visit.



Dobbies Community Gardens Project Competition

We are delighted to share that we have been named winners of the Dobbies Community Gardens Project Competition! This fantastic prize will help us further develop our sensory garden and create class vegetable plots, giving our children even more opportunities to learn, explore, and grow outdoors. We are incredibly grateful for this support and look forward to sharing updates as the project develops.



This Week's Achievement Certificates

We would like to congratulate all the following children who were awarded an Achievement Certificate in our End of Week Celebration Assembly today. All of them have produced some great work, shown positive behaviour or demonstrated our school values of kindness, respect, resilience, honesty, tolerance or responsibility over the last week. Well done all of you!

Giraffe	Felicity	Panda	Gabriella
1AF	Jad	1KB	Archie
2CG	Lucia-Rose	2DU	Aodhagan
3DM	Imogen	3RY	Sophia
4AS	Rose	4MS	Elle
5HW	Ava	5ML	Yashwitha
6BMS	Ezra	6BW	Zoraiz

Musician of the Half Term

This half term, we will be listening to the music by Fisherman's Friends

Question of the week

Would you rather ban chocolate or ban chips?

PTA Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Please visit the [PTA second-hand uniform shop](#) if you wish to purchase additional school uniform

What's happening next week

Monday

Emma Barr Singing Lessons
Brass Lessons
Y1-Y2 Recorder Club, 12-1:00pm, Art Room
Y1-Y6 Musical Theatre, 3.15 – 4.30pm, Dining Room
Y3 - Y4 ComputerXplorers, 3:15-4:15pm, 6BW
Y5 – Y6 Art Club, 3:15-4:30pm, Art Room
Y1 - Y2 WWFC, 3.30 – 4.30pm, Field
Y5-6 Cricket Club, 3.15 – 4.15pm, Field

Tuesday

Cheerleading Club, 7:30-8:30am, Hall
iRock and Piano Lessons
KS2 Choir, 1:00pm, 3DM
Y3-6 Chess Club, 3.20 – 4.20pm, 6BMS
Claire Andrews Dance KS2, 3:15-4:15pm
Y5-Y6 ComputerXplorers, 3:15-4:15pm, 6BW
EYFS - Y1 Playball Club, 3:15-4:15pm, Dining Hall
Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening, 6:30pm, Hall

Wednesday

Maths Parent Workshop, 9:00am, Hall
Y1-2 Chess Club, 7:55am, Dining Room
Guitar Lessons
Y6 Leavers and Sports Teams Photos
Y3-6 WWFC, 3:30-4:30pm, Field

Thursday

School Summer Census Day
Kickboxing, 7:40-8:40am, Hall
Y2 Outdoor Learning Day
4MS Class Assembly, 8:55am, Hall
Drum and woodwind Lessons
Claire Andrews Dance KS1, 3:15-4:15pm, Hall
Y2 Mini Athletics, 3.15-4.00pm, Field
KS2 Athletics, 3.15-4.15pm, Field

Friday

Cello Lessons
Y5 Science Talk
Break up for Half Term

Anything else!

School Census Day Thursday 21st May 2026

The School Census will be taking place on Thursday 21st May. As part of the day, we will also be celebrating with a special themed lunch: Summer Fiesta! If your child would like to take part, please remember to place your order via SchoolGrid.

Select School of Performing Arts

We are excited to announce that a new Performing Arts Club will be starting after half term! The club is a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, develop performance skills, and have fun through drama, dance, and creative activities. To secure your child's place, simply scan the QR code on the flyer to enrol.



FRIDAYS 3.15 - 4.15 PM OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

select School of Performing Arts

DRAMA & LAMDA CLUB
GAIN CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

£40.00 PER MONTH

Have fun learning scripts, exploring poetry and gaining confidence to speak publicly. Students take annual LAMDA exams at our private exam centre.

Scan the QR code to enrol!



FRIDAYS 4.15pm - 5.15pm OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

select School of Performing Arts

BALLET CLUB
TWIRL, LEAP, PRANCE & BALANCE!

£40.00 PER MONTH

Develop coordination, balance, and flexibility, all while sparking their creativity and imagination. Classes follow the Royal Academy of Dance syllabus.

Scan or click the QR code to enrol!



Musical Maestros
SUMMER CAMP

Play a new instrument every day, learn songs and create musical arts & crafts with your friends!

BEACONSFIELD,
FORTY GREEN COMMUNITY HALL

JULY 27-31

AGES 5-11

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