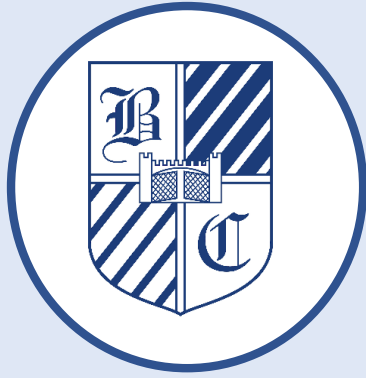




Butlers Court School

Weekly Newsletter – 18th September '26



Message from Mr Butler

Good afternoon

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Butlers Court, made even better by some welcome sunshine and plenty of opportunities for children to enjoy time outdoors with their friends.

I'm sure you will all agree that we must congratulate everyone involved in last Friday's wonderful 60th birthday celebration with Beaconsfield High School. It was a fantastic afternoon bringing both school communities together to mark this special milestone. The drone photograph of our giant '60' on the school field is a wonderful reminder of the occasion, and the cupcakes were certainly enjoyed by all! Please see the drone photograph below.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Key Stage 1 Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday. We hope you found the opportunity to meet staff and visit classrooms helpful. These sessions were introduced following parent feedback, and we look forward to welcoming parents of children in Years 3 to 6 to their Meet the Teacher event next Wednesday.

Next week promises to be another busy one. On Tuesday, we will be holding our Stay and Read session at 2.45pm and look forward to celebrating a love of reading with families. Then, on Friday afternoon, children will take part in our annual Sponsored Walk, raising funds for school IT equipment while enjoying an active afternoon around the school grounds.

Next Saturday also marks the first cross country event of the season for pupils in Years 3 to 6, taking place at Gayhurst School in Gerrards Cross. We hope to see many children taking part.

Finally, you may have noticed parking patrols on Wattleton and Grove Roads this morning. Please can we remind all families to park safely and considerately when dropping off or collecting children, and again, please avoid parking in Redwood Place and other residential roads, as this causes much disruption and frustration for local residents.

Lastly, please also take a moment to read the information below about our new reading initiative, kindly supported by the PTA, and the message from our Chair of Governors, Alison O'Dornan, regarding a vacant Parent Governor position.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Butler

Reading Support at Butlers Court

To further support our children in becoming confident, capable readers, we have invested in a new Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) structured reading scheme for Years 2–6 for children once they have completed the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme.

We must stress that this will sit alongside, not replace, reading for pleasure. Children will continue to choose and enjoy books from home, the class reading corner and libraries, while also having a carefully levelled ORT book to help strengthen their fluency and comprehension.

Over the coming weeks, children in Years 2–6 who have completed RWI will be assessed by their teacher to establish the most appropriate ORT starting level. Once this is established, every child will be heard reading from their ORT book at least once each week. Children will progress through the scheme with the guidance and support of their teachers and will take increasing ownership of choosing their books in school.

We are very grateful to our PTA who have supported this investment; we hope the freedom and enjoyment of choosing books for pleasure alongside a structured reading scheme will support our children's reading development into fluent, independent and thoughtful readers.

Mrs Mistry-Sharma and Mrs Dury

Parent Governor Position

We are looking for a parent/carer who may be interested in joining the school Board of Governors. Most parents assume it's not for them: too busy, not qualified, wouldn't know where to start. In reality, the role asks for a few meetings a term, no prior experience, and simply your genuine interest in Butlers Court. You'd be properly supported from day one.

It's one of the most direct ways to support the school and make a difference.

Every background is useful, so please don't rule yourself out. Experience in facilities, premises or buildings management would be especially handy for the board right now, but it's far from essential.

Please see the attached letter from Alison O'Dornan, Chair of Governors, which provides further information about the role and what it involves.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the [candidate nomination form](#) and return it to Alison via the school office by Monday 4th October.

To find out more before about what is involved and what governors do before applying, please contact Alison at o'dornana@butlerscourt.bucks.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming new members to our governing board.

What's Happened this Week

60th Celebration Photo with Beaconsfield High School



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!

1EM	Sofia	1KB	Leo
2CG	Maddie	2DU	Noah
3DM	Jack	3YF	Otis
4AS	Rose and Patrick	4AF	Tommy
5MS	Jasmyn	5ML	Eve
6BMS	Artem	6HW	Ayaan

Musician of the Half Term

This half term, we have been listening to the music by ABBA

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

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

What's happening week commencing Monday 21st September

Monday

Y6 Greek Day
Emma Barr Singing Lessons
Piano 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
Y1 - Y2 WWFC, 3.30 – 4.30pm, Field
Y4 Swimming
Y5-Y6 Art Club, 3:15-4:30pm, Art Room
Y5 – Y6 Netball Club, 3:15-4:15pm, KS2 Playground

Tuesday

iRock Lessons
KS2 Choir, 1:00pm, 3DM
Y3-6 Chess Club, 3.20 – 4.20pm, 6BMS
Claire Andrews Dance KS2, 3:15-4:15pm, Hall
Y5-Y6 ComputerXplorers, 3:15-4:15pm, 6BW
Y1-Y2 Playball Club, 3:15-4:15pm, Dining Hall
Parents Stay and Read Session, 2:45pm

Wednesday

Y1-2 Chess Club, 7:55am, Dining Room
Guitar Lessons
Y3-6 WWFC, 3:30-4:30pm, Hall
KS2 Parents Information/Meet the Teacher, 3:30pm

Thursday

Kickboxing, 7:40-8:40am, Hall
Drum and Piano Lessons
Claire Andrews Dance KS1, 3:15-4:15pm, Hall
Football Clubs (Boys Y5-Y6 and Girls Y4-Y6), 3:15-4:15pm, Field

Friday

Whole School Sponsored Walk, pm
Select Drama and Dance Club, 3:15pm, Hall

Anything else!



BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR

TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF BUTLERS COURT SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently inviting applications for a Parent Governor to join the Board of Governors at Butlers Court School. This is an exciting opportunity for a parent who is willing to commit their time, skills, and energy to contribute meaningfully to the future of our school and the education of all our children.

Governors play a vital role in the leadership and strategic direction of Butlers Court. Alongside Mr Butler and the senior leadership team, governors are responsible for:

- Ensuring the school has a clear vision, strong ethos, and sound strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring funds are used wisely

Governance is highly rewarding but does require time, preparation, and participation. Governors are expected to attend regular meetings, contribute actively to discussions, and be fully engaged in the work of the Board. Typically, the role requires 6–8 hours a month, including reading papers, attending committee and board meetings, and taking on additional areas of responsibility such as safeguarding, health & safety, or subject link roles.

Who are we looking for? No formal qualifications are required, but we are keen to appoint someone prepared to commit fully to the role and responsibilities. Governors must have a genuine interest in school life and a willingness to engage actively and consistently.

We welcome all applications and are committed to building a Board that reflects the diversity of our school. To strengthen our collective expertise, we would especially value applications from parents and carers with experience in:

- Building Surveying
- Construction
- Health & Safety
- Facilities Management

Why become a governor?

"Becoming a governor is a fantastic and fascinating way to engage with the school. It's a role which gives back just as much as you put in — and often much, much more." — Alison

Governors have a real opportunity to shape the direction of Butlers Court School. They gain valuable skills, insight into school leadership, and most importantly, the satisfaction of helping every child flourish.

Practicalities

- The term of office is four years.
- Training and support are provided.
- Governors whose children leave during their term may remain until the end of their four years.
- Time required: approx 6–8 hours per month to prepare for, attend, and actively contribute to meetings.

Please be aware that some restrictions apply — see the appendix attached to the nomination form for eligibility information. If you are considering applying, we strongly encourage you to find out more about the role. You can visit the National Governance Association website: <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx> or arrange a conversation with myself or Mr Butler through the school office.

If you wish to apply, please download the Parent Governor Application Form from the Governor page of the school website. You may also submit a short (max 250 words) personal statement. Applications should be returned to the school office before the published deadline. If we receive more than one nomination, a ballot will be held.

We look forward to receiving applications from parents who are ready to make a valuable contribution to the life of our school.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Alison O'Dornan, Chair of Governors

LEARN TO PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENT AT BUTLER'S COURT

email jsi@bucksmusic.org or visit
www.bucksmusic.org for more information



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SAXOPHONE
OBOE
BASSOON



Stay up to date with school life by viewing our Instagram page, where we regularly share photos, celebrations, and updates from across the school