

Weekly Briefing



Good afternoon,

Despite the rain, Butlers Court has been bustling with activity this week, showcasing the incredible enthusiasm and determination of our children. From mental health awareness, cross-country races & football matches to the inspiring Young Voices concert, our children have demonstrated resilience and teamwork, key skills that are nurtured through participation in class and enrichment activities we are able to offer here.

Last weekend 35 children braved the elements at the cross-country event in Chesham, where they showcased their endurance and sportsmanship; it was so good to see such hard work and determination from all runners. We also had a smaller group of Year 5 and 6 cross country runners take part in the Bucks Championships on Wednesday at Stowe School. Again, such great dedication from our children – well done all of you, and thank you parents for your support at these events.

Staying with the school sport, I must congratulate the Year 6 football team who reached the County 7 aside final Monday evening. The boys played brilliantly, but sadly lost a very tight final against Chalfont St Peter after penalty shoot-out – it was so close, and the team should be really proud of their achievement. Then on Tuesday, it was the Year 5 team's turn as they played a very muddy and wet cup game against Gateway School. The team also played brilliantly, and I'm pleased to say they won 3-1. Well done all of you – we await to see who we play next in the semi-final!

Another highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Young Voices concert, where our talented singers took to the Wembley Arena stage, with over 4800 others and put on a great show - what a fantastic experience for our children. I hope all of you who were there enjoyed the evening. Do see our Instagram page for the photos and videos.

We are so proud of all our children and my thanks again go to all the staff who give up their time to manage and organise these initiatives, ensuring our children have enriching experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

This week we have recognised Children's Mental Health Week and the children certainly enjoyed wearing their dressing gowns, hoodies and onesies for a session today. Our mental health is so important and all the children this week have spent time in class and assemblies talking about its importance and what we can do to be calm, regulate, be happy and support our mental health. Please see the email from Mrs Moon earlier this week with some additional information about children's mental health, including some virtual parent workshops that you may find interesting and useful.

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 1 and 2 parents at the coffee morning today – our thanks go to the PTA for organising these events; it's great for parents to be able to catch up in the mornings over a hot drink.

Another PTA highlight today has been the Key Stage 1 Film Night – the children were all so excited going into the hall to see Shaun the Sheep with their friends. Thank you all again for your support, and the PTA for your hard work organising the event.

Please can I remind parents to contact teachers via email if you would like to meet and discuss your child, rather than catching them at the classroom door in the morning. We try to encourage children's independence by walking themselves to their class, and teachers are often too busy with planning their lessons for the day to be able to have a meaningful conversation then. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lastly, please remember that the school finishes at 3.15pm next Friday for the half term break and we return again on Monday 23rd February.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Butler

What's New

First News

The latest edition of [First News](#) is available online. You can access it using our First News Education ID: **TPA9PGC8**

Musician of the Half Term

This half term, we will be listening to the music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Please visit the PTA second-hand uniform shop if you wish to purchase additional school uniform: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/butlers/index.cfm?event=products#.Yd_9KSXfUIQ

PTA Notice - The Little Recyclers Tuesday 24th February

Fancy a clear out over half term?

We are delighted to be working once again with The Little Recyclers to help raise funds for our school. Please bring any donations to the KS1 playground at drop-off on Tuesday 24th February. Full details of accepted items can be found in the attached poster. Thank you very much for your continued support, every contribution makes a difference!

Buckinghamshire Dental Health Survey

Buckinghamshire Council annually assesses the oral health of children across the county to help highlight any areas of children's dental health that needs to be addressed. Public Health would appreciate it if you could spend 5-minutes completing a short anonymous survey that asks basic questions regarding your child's oral health and general oral routine.

To access the survey, please either, click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser: [Dental Health Survey](#). The deadline for completion is Thursday 31st July 2026.

Question of the Week

Each Friday in assembly, we will share a thought-provoking question to spark curiosity and discussion. Teachers will revisit it in class, and families are encouraged to continue the conversation at home. These shared discussions help build children's confidence, communication skills, and love of learning. Thank you for supporting every child's voice.

This week will be – Would you rather be a dog or a cat?

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	Marina
Panda	Emelia
1AF	Penny
1KB	Molly
2CG	Myla
2DU	Matthew
3DM	Elsie
3RY	Sebastian
4AS	Naina
4MS	Hannah
5HW	Sophie
5ML	Jack
6BW	Oscar
6BMS	Holly

What's happening this week

Monday

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

No Brass Lessons

Tuesday

Y5 Echoes Rehearsals, 7:45-8:30am, Class 3DM
Y5 Tudor Day
IRock and Piano
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
EYFS - Y1 Playball Club, 3:15-4:15pm, Dining Hall

Wednesday

Y1-2 Chess Club, 7:55am, Dining Room
Y3 Verulanium Museum Trip
Y5 DT Day
Guitar Lessons
Y1 Story Club, 12:30pm, 2DU
KS2 Reading Club. 12:30pm, 6BW
Y3-6 WWFC, 3:30-4:30pm, Field
Y5-6 Netball Club, 3:15-4:15pm, KS2 Playground

Thursday

Kickboxing, 7:40-8:40am, Hall
Y6 Imperial War Museum Trip
5HW Class Assembly, 8:55am, Hall
Y5 DT Day
Drum Lessons
Claire Andrews Dance KS1, 3:15-4:15pm, Hall
Football (girls Y4-6 and boys Y5-6), 3:15 – 4:15pm, Field

No Woodwind Lessons

Friday

PTA World Book Day Costume Donations, KS1 Playground
Cello Lessons
KS2 Running Club, 12:30-1:00pm, Field

Attachments

PTA – The Little Recyclers
Touch Typing February Half Term