

Weekly Briefing



Message from Mr Butler

Good afternoon,

It has been another wonderful week at Butler's Court, made all the brighter by the spring sunshine and the daffodils beginning to bloom around the school. It is lovely to see these first signs of spring bringing colour to our school site, and I'd like to thank all those parents again who donated bulbs to the school.

I must start by saying a huge well done to everyone for embracing World Book Day so enthusiastically yesterday. The children, and staff, all looked fabulous in their colourful costumes, and it was a joy to see the whole school community celebrating books and the love of reading together. Year 1 certainly enjoyed immersing themselves in the world of Roald Dahl by visiting the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden on Tuesday – they thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the stories first hand and we'd like to thank all the parents who accompanied the children – I hope you enjoyed it too! My thanks also go to all of you who came in to read with the children this week. Please see below for more information about our wonderful week of reading activities.

We have also made the most of the sunshine by enjoying several sporting fixtures this week; our Year 6 boys played a very tight match against Chalfont St Giles School on Tuesday, then on Wednesday, the girls' football team took part in a cup match against St Mary's, while our netballers faced a very strong Chalfont St Peter side, and then last night, both our boys' and girls' football teams took on local rivals Holtspur School, with the boys securing a very convincing 4–0 win.

All of the teams this week should be proud of their performances, showing dedication, determination, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork, and they should all be commended for their positivity and sportsmanship.

Last week, I shared details of our parent questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete it. If you would still like to share your views, please click [here](#). Your feedback is always extremely valuable in helping us understand parents' perspectives and work together to improve our school provision.

Next week, our thoughts will be with Year 6 as they head off on their residential trip to The Peak District. I hope the weather stays kind and that they have an absolutely fabulous time away. My thanks, as always, go to the staff accompanying the children - these trips simply wouldn't be possible without your time and commitment.

Finally, I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Miss Morris, who returned to school this week as Mrs Moore after her wedding on Saturday; we all wish her every happiness for the future.

World Book Day 2026

It has been a busy and exciting week at Butlers Court as we celebrated the National Year of Reading and World Book Day. We have loved seeing children across the school embracing the celebrations and showing such enthusiasm for reading, writing and sharing books.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in a range of activities to inspire a love of reading. We launched our whole-school Readathon challenge, with children working together to reach an ambitious target of 40,000 minutes of reading. It has been fantastic to see classes so motivated to contribute.

Children also began the Young Authors Project, planning and writing their own stories. Classes explored poetry as well, learning and performing poems and sharing their favourites with their peers.

World Book Day was a particular highlight, with children enjoying a book swap, dressing up as their favourite characters, and welcoming mystery readers who appeared in classrooms to share stories.

We also launched our "Design a Dream Library" competition, encouraging children to imagine their ideal reading space. The creativity and enthusiasm already shown has been wonderful.

Another highlight was our reading buddies, where older pupils shared books with younger children and modelled confident, enthusiastic reading. We were also delighted to welcome parents into school to read with classes, which made a very special impression on the children.

Pupils also completed a reading survey to help us better understand their interests and attitudes towards reading. We ended the week with the Book Fair, giving children the opportunity to explore new books and continue celebrating reading.

World Maths Day at Butlers Court

On Thursday 25th March, we will be celebrating World Maths Day 2026. This will be an exciting opportunity for all pupils to immerse themselves in Maths through competing in a whole school logical-thinking tournament, and hearing from some real-life mathematicians themselves.

To enrich this experience, we are warmly inviting parents and carers who work in a field with a link to Maths, or that uses mathematical skills, to come and share their experiences with a Key Stage. This will celebrate these career options and expose the children to the opportunities that Maths could provide them with.

We look forward to a week of excitement, thinking and celebration of everything Maths! If you would like to volunteer, please email Miss Wells and/or Miss Fletcher with your availability from Monday 22nd March to Thursday 25th March, suitable key stage and your area of expertise. They will get back to you to discuss any further details.

wells@butlerscourt.bucks.sch.uk or fletcher@butlerscourt.bucks.sch.uk.

Thanks again for your continued support - wishing you all a wonderful weekend, good luck to our cross-country runners in Chesham tomorrow!

Mr Butler

What's New

National Youth Chess Championship Qualifier

Last Sunday, Aryan (3DM), Arthur (3RY), Jemima (5HW), Artem (5HW), Rose (3RY), Shankar (3RY) and Benjamin (5HW) represented the school at the National Youth Championship qualifier round. All seven pupils performed exceptionally well, with every child improving on their starting rank across the five rounds. There were some particularly notable achievements: Jemima was the top girl in the U10 section, securing a trophy and qualifying for the National Youth Championship finals in July in Nottingham; Rose, competing in her first professional chess tournament, achieved second place for girls in the U10 section and received a runner-up medal; and Benjamin, also in his first professional tournament, placed third boy in the U12 section, earning a third-place medal. We are incredibly proud of all the children.

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 Gurinder Kaur Kainth

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

Lost Property

Please remember to check the KS1 playground at the end of the school day, as a number of items have recently been left behind. Thank you.

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 live in Narnia or attend school at Hogwarts?

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!

1AF	Sienna
1KB	Poppy
2CG	Millie
2DU	Amara
3DM	Isabelle
3RY	Isobel
4AS	Ivy
4MS	Freya
5HW	Amelia
5ML	Avnee
6BW	Ishan
6BMS	Alexia

What's happening Week Commencing Monday 9th March

Monday

Emma Barr Singing Lessons

Brass 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

Y3 – Y4 Art Club, 3:15-4:30pm, Art Room

Y1 - Y2 WWFC, 3.30 – 4.30pm, Field

PTA Meeting, 7:30pm, Online

Tuesday

Y6 Residential

Y5 Echoes Rehearsals, 7:45-8:30am, Class 3DM

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

No Cheerleading Club

Wednesday

Y6 Residential

Y1-2 Chess Club, 7:55am, Dining Room

Guitar Lessons

Y1 Story Club, 12:30pm, 2DU

KS2 Reading Club. 12:30pm, 6BW

Y3-6 WWFC, 3:30-4:30pm, Field

Netball Club, 3:15-4:15, KS2 Playground

Thursday

Y6 Residential

Kickboxing, 7:40-8:40am, Hall

3RY Class Assembly, 8:55am, Hall – 3RY Parents/Carers Invited

Drum and woodwind Lessons

Claire Andrews Dance KS1, 3:15-4:15pm, Hall

Football (girls Y4-6 and boys Y5-6), 3:15-4:15pm, Field

Friday

Y6 Residential

Y4 Ufton Court Trip

Cello Lessons

KS2 Running Club, 12:30-1:00pm, Field

Attachments

Eco Warriors Easter Competition