



Butlers Court School

Weekly Newsletter – 1st May '26



**Believe & Achieve
Together**

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

Message from Mr Butler

It's been another very busy week at Butlers Court, and how lovely it has been to enjoy some sunshine along the way again. The week began with a fantastic event in London, where 15 of our children and four members of staff took part in the London Mini Marathon. What a wonderful experience it was for the children to run through the closed streets of London, passing Buckingham Palace and finishing on The Mall beneath the official London Marathon finish line. Thank you to Mrs Dury for organising such a memorable opportunity for all of us.

Following the London Marathon at the weekend, it's been great to see all children complete our own mini-marathon at school – all completing 2 miles by running 10 laps of our track over the week.

On Monday, another special experience took place as 30 children represented our school at the Buckinghamshire Echoes Music Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Performing alongside over 1,000 children from across the County, our pupils were outstanding and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show – well done all of you. A huge thank you to Mrs Davies for organising this special event. I must also congratulate the Year 3 football team at Robertswood last night and Year 5 and 6 netball team at St Mary's on Tuesday. Both teams played with great determination and showed great teamwork, coming away with some well-deserved victories – well done all of you!

You will have seen my email yesterday regarding the impact of mobile phones on children's wellbeing and children having them in school. Thank you very much for the many responses I have received. I will be contacting you shortly with a further update on this issue.

Thank you also to those parents who have been in touch again recently to highlight concerns around the parking on Grove Road and Wattleton Road. As always, please can I ask that parents park and drive safely and considerately near our school, and that any concerns are logged via the [Buckinghamshire Fix My Street website](#) so these can be addressed appropriately.

It was great to see so many of you at our PTA netball competition last night. Well done to the Year 2 'Butlers Ballers' team, who secured yet another win, and thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy a sunny evening of sport and community spirit. Our thanks go to the PTA and Mrs Atkins particularly for organising the event.

Looking ahead to next week, on Wednesday we will be holding our Open Afternoon after school. This was introduced last year after feedback from our parent survey. Parents are invited to come into their children's classrooms to look at their exercise books alongside them. I hope to see many of you there.

After half term, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Butler's Court in the week leading up to the Summer Ball. If there are any parents, grandparents, or friends of the school who attended Butlers Court in the past and would like to come in and share their experiences with the children that week, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Butler

What's Happened this Week



Netball Tournament

A great evening of community, fun and exercise as 5 teams of parents and staff took part in our annual PTA Parents Netball Tournament last night. It was great to see so many there in the sunshine and promote healthy activity for our children.



Football – Year 3

Well done to our Year 3 footballers who took part in a friendly football festival at Robertswood School this week. The whole team played superbly and won three out of four of their matches! We are very proud of them all!



Echoes Choir

Our Year 5 children delivered an unforgettable performance at The Royal Albert Hall as part of the Echoes choir, joining voices with pupils from 51 other schools. They rose to the occasion with confidence, enthusiasm and remarkable talent, filling the iconic venue with joy. Every child played their part and their dedication and hard work truly shone through. They did us all proud and put on a magnificent show!



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	Leo	Panda	Maxwell
1AF	Matty	1KB	Thea
2CG	Ayaan	2DU	George
3DM	Cillian	3RY	Rose
4AS	Jacob	4MS	James
5HW	Eshaan	5ML	Ayaan
6BMS	Amelia	6BW	Katherine

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

Bank Holiday

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

Wednesday

Y1-2 Chess Club, 7:55am, Dining Room
Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting, 9.00am, Hall
Guitar Lessons
Y3-6 WWFC, 3:30-4:30pm, Field
Y5 Netball Finals, 12:30pm, Beaconsfield High School
Butlers Court Book Swap, 3:15pm, KS1 Playground
Open Afternoon, 3:15pm

Thursday

Kickboxing, 7:40-8:40am, 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
Y4 Football Festival, 3:45pm, Farnham Common

Friday

Cello and Brass Lessons

Anything else!

Governor Visit Feedback – Thursday 23rd April

As a Governing Board, we play a role in helping to set the strategic direction of the school, and provide support and challenge to the school's leadership team. Our role is to act in the best interests of the school and its pupils - it is therefore helpful for us to observe the workings of the school to see priorities and initiatives in action. It is also a great way to experience the culture of the school first-hand; to see its strengths, and to help us identify how we as governors can best support its continued success.

Firstly, sincere thanks to all staff and pupils who were very accommodating and gave us a valuable insight into their school day. We were fortunate to join in with an 'Open the Book' assembly led by local churches – a lovely example of the school harnessing connections with the local community, and how the school values are embedded in a variety of ways.

We subsequently visited every classroom as well as the wonderful art room, the bubble, the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, and of course the new toilet block. Giraffe class would not let us leave without first telling us all about their investigation into duckling poo!

In each class we visited, pupils were engaged, polite, enthusiastic and attentive. From EYFS through to Year 6, they spoke with confidence about their learning and we observed some wonderful work in progress. The teaching staff were doing a remarkable job across all age groups of bringing the curriculum to life in a variety of energetic and engaging ways, using different strategies and resources to ensure that each child can engage with the curriculum in a way which suits their particular needs, taking into account a range of differences and challenges.

It was also wonderful to see how well presented the school site is, and the continued efforts to maximise each area so that it is a positive learning space – the school is lucky to have such a huge amount of green space. It was also heartening to see, particularly on the KS2 playground, the variety of activities available at break time for those who enjoy playing sports; being otherwise active, and also for those who enjoy quieter activities - many of these facilities have of course been funded through the Enrichment Scheme. The Playground Buddies were out in full force on the KS1 playground, with the older children setting a wonderful example to the younger ones and demonstrating how peer support is ingrained within the culture of the school.

It was clear that Butlers Court provides a positive, inclusive environment where children feel happy, safe and able to learn. The staff clearly have passion for their work and care deeply about the wellbeing of pupils. In particular, the level of pastoral care is admirable: staff are a visible, consistent and cohesive presence throughout the school and show understanding and attentiveness to individual needs and children's overall wellbeing. In turn, the children appear very responsive and show respect and consideration towards both staff and their peers.

A huge thank you to Mr Butler and all the staff who facilitated our visit. Thanks, in particular to the pupils for so openly sharing with us what they were learning. It was wonderful to see the work that goes into creating such a nurturing, supportive environment for them to learn and thrive in - it really cannot be underestimated. As a parent as well as a governor, I am constantly in awe of the wonderful community we and our children are lucky to be a part of – thanks also to you as parents for the important role you play in the success of the school.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Parent Governor Election. Following the vote count, we are pleased to announce Matt Linford as the elected candidate. Welcome, Matt.

Rachel Selmes, Parent Governor

FRIDAYS 3:15-4:15PM **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 register your interest!

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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 register your interest!

60th ANNIVERSARY

Family Art Competition

Parents and carers it's finally your turn to get arty with your kids!

The theme is "Celebrating 60 years of Butlers Court School". This is your starting point for your creations but go as abstract as you wish! You could look at different decades, the number 60, what Butlers Court means to your family, the colour blue, designing a new emblem or uniform, look at the buildings, grounds, classrooms, teachers, trips, lessons for inspiration - anything goes!

ANY MEDIUM WELCOME

- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Digital Art
- Collage
- Print Making
- Textiles
- Drawing
- Mosaics

Please support our wonderful art department by entering our family art competition! We would love to see as many entries as possible so we can create an exciting art exhibition for our 60th celebrations in June. We have extended the deadline to **8th May**. All money received will go towards buying art supplies for all year groups. For entry details please see this [Google Form](#)



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