



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

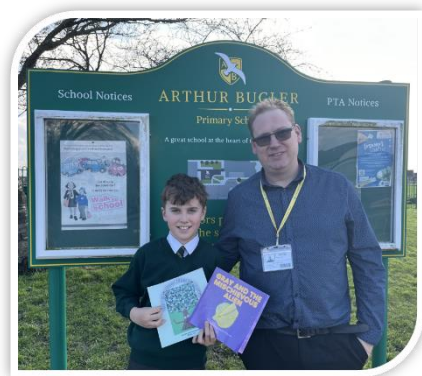
Wow, wow, wow! What an incredible week we've had at Arthur Bugler Primary! This has truly been one of the most exciting weeks filled with remarkable events and activities, making it a challenge to summarise in this newsletter. But let's dive in and relive the magic of our Reading and Writing Week!

Reading & Writing Week at ABP:

Our week kicked off with the heart-warming event, 'Reading with a Loved One' on Monday. Once again, our community came together with fantastic enthusiasm, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all for your unwavering support.



On Tuesday, the excitement continued as Year 5 and 6 students were treated to a live session with the talented illustrator of the Tom Gates books, Liz Pichon. The session, titled 'Doodling Fun,' was an absolute delight as Liz shared insights into her upcoming book, set for release in May. Our budding artists had the opportunity to practice drawing some of the beloved illustrations from her books, resulting in some truly amazing creations inspired by Liz's talent.



Wednesday brought another highlight as we welcomed Mr. Phillip Farr to Arthur Bugler. Mr. Farr, a published author and illustrator, captivated our students with tales from his two books, 'The Little Tree Without a Forest' and 'Gray and the Mischievous Alien.' What made this visit even more special was the fact that Mr. Farr is not just an author but also a parent to one of our students, Harrison. Harrison beamed with pride as his dad engaged with younger students, igniting their imaginations with his captivating stories.

Throughout the week, students across the entire school actively participated in a multitude of writing and reading activities, reinforcing the importance and joy of literacy in our community.

And finally, the grand finale of our week-long celebration culminated in the most incredible 'World Book Day.'...

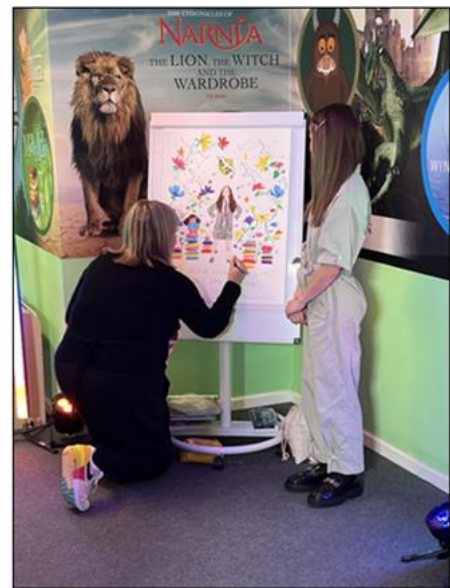
World Book Day/ 500 Words: I am thrilled to share with you the incredible success of our World Book Day celebration this year. In my two decades of teaching, I can confidently say that this has been one of the best highlights of my career so far.

The excitement began as soon as the children arrived at school, dressed as characters from their favourite books. It was a sight to behold, seeing the creativity and enthusiasm they brought with them.

We were honoured to be selected as the BBC Breakfast Show's World Book Day School. Our school became the center stage for this global celebration, with millions of viewers tuning in from around the world. It was a surreal experience to be live on air throughout the morning, sharing our love for books and literacy with such a vast audience.



A big highlight of the day was undoubtedly the World Book Day/BBC 500-word writing celebration, hosted live from our very own Arthur Bugler by BBC Breakfast host, Jon Kay. We were privileged to have esteemed guests join us, including Francesca Simon, author of Horrid Henry, Christine Ohuruogu, Olympic and World



400m Champion, and Alisha Weir, who portrayed Matilda Wormwood in the recent Matilda movie.

Our lower school was transformed into a BBC studio, providing an immersive and unforgettable experience for everyone involved. None of this would have been possible without the incredible efforts of Mrs. Cordell, who organised this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The children, as always, were an absolute credit to the school. Their behaviour, enthusiasm, and school spirit were praised by the BBC team and all of the celebrity guests. Their dedication and passion for reading and writing truly shone through, making us all very proud.



I extend a big 'Thank You' to all the children and their parents for their dedication and support, arriving at school as early as 5:45 am to make this day a success. Your enthusiasm truly made it all worthwhile.

As a token of remembrance, illustrator Fiona Lumbers created a one-of-a-kind Arthur Bugler Matilda art piece, which will proudly hang in our school, serving as inspiration for our budding writers for years to come.



Let us ensure that the legacy of this event lasts long into the future, inspiring generations of students to come with the magic of storytelling, writing and the power of books.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to making World Book Day 2024 a resounding success.

Thurrock Mathletics Event: I am pleased to share an update regarding our recent participation in the Thurrock Mathletics competition held at Gateway Academy.

Four of our talented Year 5 students – Kian, Matthew, Lowri, and Abigail – represented ABP with great enthusiasm and commitment. Together, they worked as a team, showcasing their mathematical skills and collaborative spirit throughout the competition.

Although our team did not secure a spot in the top three, I am proud to announce that as the competition drew to a close, ABP was positioned among the top seven out of the 18 participating schools.

As we eagerly anticipate the final results, I extend my congratulations to Kian, Matthew, Lowri, and Abigail for their exceptional efforts and exemplary representation of ABP.



RAAC update: I am writing to provide an update on the progress of our new demountable building, specifically regarding its readiness for Class 12 and Class 9.

Unfortunately, despite completing all necessary tests and checks, we are still awaiting the final sign-off required before we can officially occupy the learning space. The delay stems from awaiting the certificate from Essex Fire Brigade, which is essential for ensuring the safety and compliance of the building.

I understand that this delay is frustrating, especially for those eagerly awaiting the move to the new space. Please be assured that we are actively communicating with the relevant authorities and pushing for a swift resolution.

I will continue to keep the community updated on any developments regarding the situation. Your patience and understanding during this time are greatly appreciated, and I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Congratulations – Out of school achievements!



- Congratulations to William (Class 9)! He recently participated in a 5km park run alongside his parents, and we couldn't be prouder of his achievement! While William has previously taken part in the junior park run, covering 2km, this time he decided to challenge himself by tackling the full 5km distance. With sheer determination and perseverance, William completed the entire 5km run in an impressive time of 42 minutes and 35 seconds. It's an incredible accomplishment and a testament to his hard work and dedication. Please join me in congratulating William on this remarkable milestone.

If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated, please send an email to the school office at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we will do our best to include them in future newsletters!

Premier Sports - If you would like information regarding Holiday Camps during half term please see the school office for details.

Next week is SCIENCE WEEK! A message from Mrs Seshie!

For parental engagement, parents and carers will be asked to complete an activity from kitchen science <https://learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources/kitchen-science/> . Please send in a picture which will feature on our school's Facebook and Twitter(X) social media platforms.



Safeguarding at ABP– ‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’

What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.

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responsibility**

How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You are not causing problems but it could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, then they can't help.


Safeguarding team at ABP


Mr Turner
Mr Remmer
Miss Edwards
Mrs Rowlands
Mrs Smith
Mrs Cooper


And lastly... Happy Mothers Day to our staff and community on Sunday 10th March.



Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 1	100 %
	Upper School	Class 11 Class 14	99 % 99 %
	Whole School		97.05 %
Congratulations to all classes			

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
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	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Gate Issue – 8.3.24 Delay In Occupancy – Demountable Choir Letter – Choir attendees only</p>
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Dates for your Diary

March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 1.30pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week

Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
<u>April 2024</u>	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
<u>May 2024</u>	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
<u>June 2024</u>	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration (time tbc)
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 25 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Mersea residential
<u>July 2024</u>	

w/c 1 st July	Transition week (tbc)
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents