Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter 02/24/25

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for the 2024/2025 academic year! The energy across the school has been infectious, with all our wonderful learners returning to their classrooms with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of how smoothly the children have settled into their routines, creating a strong foundation for an exciting and successful year ahead.

ABP and Trust Represented at Orsett Show: On Saturday, 7th September, Mr. Remmer proudly represented ABP and the Trust at the Orsett Show. He put together an impressive STEAM exhibit that highlighted the creative work and ideas from students across all our Trust schools. We were also delighted to have two of our ex-pupils, who were winners at the recent Trust STEAM event, join us. They were outstanding ambassadors for both the school and the Trust.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for going above and beyond in promoting the incredible work of our children, school and the Trust!

'Wow Day – Year 2!' On Tuesday, our Year 2 students embarked on an exciting journey through history as part of their "Wow Day" launch titled "Movers and Shakers." This special event provided the children with the opportunity to dive deeper into the lives and legacies of historical figures who have made a significant impact on the world.

Students chose a remarkable individual to explore, learning about their achievements, contributions, and the ways they've shaped history. From inventors to leaders, the children broadened their understanding of how the past influences the present.

To top off the day, there was a surprise visit from none other than Queen Elizabeth II herself! Well done to all the children who dressed up on this special 'Wow Day'. We look forward to seeing how they'll continue to explore history in the coming weeks!

Reception 2024 - Parent/Carer Evening (Thursday): A big thank you to the Early Years team for hosting the Reception Intake Assembly on Thursday afterschool. We also want to extend our thanks to all the parents and guardians who attended. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's education and contribute to their success.

Online Internet Safety Assembly – 'AI' & Stranger Danger: On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 5 and Year 6 students took part in an important online safety session hosted by Lee Haywood from Online Safety UK. The focus of the session was on the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and the potential risks and benefits it brings. Lee educated the children about how AI is used in various apps and platforms, many of which are popular among young people today. He emphasized the importance of staying safe online, explaining how certain AI features could pose risks, such as targeted ads, deepfakes, and chatbots, and provided practical tips on privacy settings and responsible usage. The children left with a much clearer understanding of how to navigate the online world safely while making the most of AI in a positive way.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday, 20th September : As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting important causes, we are excited to launch this year's charity fundraising efforts with Jeans for Genes Day. On Friday, 20th September, children are invited to attend school in non-uniform, and while wearing jeans is encouraged, it is not mandatory. The day is an opportunity for us to raise both awareness and funds for children and families affected by genetic disorders. We kindly ask for a £1 voluntary donation from each child on the day.

All proceeds will go towards Jeans for Genes, a UK charity that helps fund research and support for those affected by genetic diseases such as muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anaemia. The funds raised will support vital research, treatment advancements, and the provision of care for affected individuals. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a huge difference. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their favourite jeans, supporting this great cause!

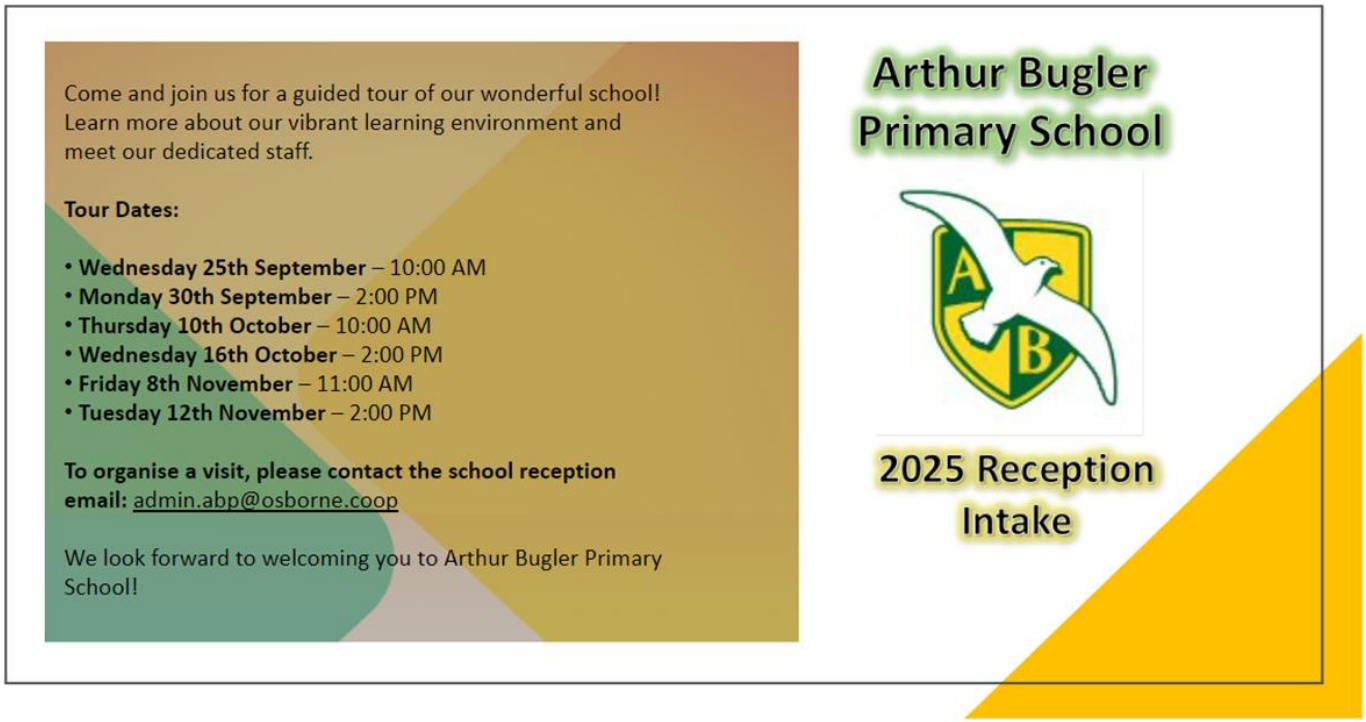
Community Event – Coffee Morning (Thursday, 26th September, 9:00 am – 10:30 am):

After a challenging year where our community events were restricted due to RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) issues and the closure of the school hall, we are thrilled to announce that our community events are back! To celebrate, we are hosting a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 26th September, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. We warmly invite all parents, guardians, and members of our local community to join us for a casual meet-up.

Hosted by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), this coffee morning will be a chance for us to reconnect with you, answer any questions you may have about the school, and listen to any ideas or suggestions you would like to share. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided – we hope you can make it!

ABP Reception 2025 Tours: Are you or someone you know looking for a Reception place for September 2025? Our school tours are now available for families interested in applying for a place for their child. These tours are a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action, meet the teachers, and get a feel for the learning environment that we offer. If you have a child who is due to start Reception next year, please contact the school office to book a tour.

If you don't have a child starting but know friends, family, or neighbours who do, please feel free to share our tour information! We would love to welcome as many families as possible to experience what makes our school special.



ABP PTA news:

- **Asda PTA Fundraising Campaign:** Have you spotted the new TV advert featuring Joe Wicks, highlighting school fundraising? If not, don't worry! Our PTA has created an easy 3-step guide to help support our school's fundraising efforts. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far – your contributions make a real difference.

- **New Reading Books for Reception Intake:** I am thrilled to announce that our wonderful PTA has generously donated a brand-new reading book for

every child in our new reception classes. We hope these books spark joy and inspire a lifelong love of reading. Enjoy your new stories!

- **PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM):** The PTA would like to warmly invite you to their AGM on Wednesday 25th September at 7pm, with snacks and nibbles to follow. Everyone is welcome! We are in need of new members and, importantly, a Chair for this academic year. The PTA raises valuable funds for the school and our children, and we want to keep this tradition alive. Your support helps continue the wonderful events and joy the PTA brings to our children and the community.

Year 6 Parents/Carers – Secondary School Applications and ABP meeting:

An important reminder for parents and carers of Year 6 students: if your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, it's time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2025. Applications for secondary school admission are now open online from 2nd September 2024.

To apply, visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and follow the instructions under 'Secondary School Admissions'. You will find a digital copy of the Secondary Admission Information September 2025 booklet on the website. It is important that you read through this carefully to understand the application process, important deadlines, and key information about secondary school choices.

To help parents navigate this important decision, the council is holding three briefing sessions via webinar on **Wednesday, 18th September 2024**. You can attend one of the following sessions:

First Session: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Second Session: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Third Session: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

These webinars will provide a detailed overview of the application process, as well as an opportunity for you to ask questions. We encourage all Year 6 parents to attend one of the sessions to ensure you are fully informed before submitting your child's application.

Furthermore, our wonderful year 6 teaching team will be holding our own inhouse yr6 meeting on Thursday 19th September (6pm – upper school hall). At this meeting the teachers will be discussing the Year 6 curriculum, expectations, homework and SATs (we will also cover secondary school applications – but recommend attending the above Thurrock Council meeting for full coverage). We hope to see you there!

Local secondary open evenings: (as published on their websites/social media)

St. Cleres School: Wednesday 25th September (6-9pm)
Ortu Gable Hall: Tuesday 24th September (4-7pm)
Ortu Hassenbrook: Monday 23rd September (5-8pm)

Congratulations – Out of school achievements! A huge congratulations to the following children for their amazing achievements outside of school:

- Well done Millie for achieving Gymnast of the Week at her gymnastics club!
- Well done to Jax! Last weekend, Jax took on The Big Mile in London for the second year running.
- Congratulations to Dexter! Dexter won the second-place rosette in the Junior Handler Dog Show Competition at the Orsett County Show last weekend with his grandparents' dog, Lottie.
- Well done to Paisley Rae, who was a mascot for Tilbury FC with her football team

As always, 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.

Safeguarding is Everyone's responsibility! At Arthur Bugler, the safety of our children, families, and staff is our top priority. If you have any concerns—whether big or small—about a child, family, or staff member, it is your responsibility to report it. Together, we can ensure everyone's safety at ABP.

Please reach out to one of our safeguarding leads listed below or contact the school office at admin.abp@osborne.coop if you have any concerns.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr R Turner
Deputy DSL	Mr S Remmer
	Miss C Edwards
	Mrs P Rowlands
	Mrs V Cooper
	Mrs C Smith

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

This week the **Attendance Trophies** have been awarded to

Lower School	Class 7	98.89 %
Upper School	Class 13	97.70 %
Whole School		96.19 %

Congratulations to all classes

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

YEAR 4 – Invasion
YEAR 7 – Swimming
EYFS – Parent Meeting
Community Letter – Mr O'Brien
Year 6 – Parent Meeting & Wow Science Day
Year 3 – Wow Day Letter

Diary Dates for Staff 2024-25

September	
2nd/3rd/4th September	INSET Days/ Classroom setup
5th/6th September	Children return to school
Thursday 5th September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 11.30am
Friday 6th September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 11.30am
w/beg. Monday 9th September	Y4 MTC baseline
Monday 9th September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 11.30am

Tuesday 10th September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 1.15pm
Wednesday 11th September	New EY children in all day from now on
Thursday 12th September	Early Years parent information session 4.30pm
w/beg Monday 16th September	Year 6 Playleader training (date tbc)
Wednesday 18th September	SLT Learning Environment walk
Friday 20th September	Y4 MTC baseline/analysis due
Friday 20th September	Phonics Session for Y1 parents /EY? 9.15/2pm
Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation)
Friday 20th September	EYFS SEND coffee morning 9am
Wednesday 25th September (awaiting HM conf)	6pm - Year 6 Parents meeting – admissions to secondary school and SATs information session
Thursday 26th September	SLT Coffee morning (Welcome back and school priorities) 9:00-10:30
w/beg. 30th September	Year 1 Scooter Training
w.beg, 30th September	Year 6 baseline assessments
October	
Thursday 3rd October	Individual and Sibling photos
w/beg. Monday 7th October	Book fair
w/beg. Monday 7th October	Multi-Cultural Week
Tuesday 8th October	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 9th October	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	SEND Coffee morning 9am
Monday 14th October	EY Autumn workshop for parents
Wednesday 16th October	Y6 Baseline data on SIMS
Wednesday 16th October/ Thursday 17th October	Year 3 Harvest festivals
Thursday 17th October	Census day
Thursday 17th October	Harvest/ Foodbank Assembly
Thursday 17th October	SLT Coffee morning 9:00-10:30
Friday 18th October	Y6 to meet SLT to plan Aut2 interventions
Friday 18th October	Arthur Bugler 50th Celebration
Friday 18th October	Last day of half term
w/beg. 21st October	October Half Term (extra week)
w/beg. 29th October	October Half Term
November	
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 6th November	SEND mtg prep time (staff mtg)
w/beg. 11th November	Friendship Week (anti-bullying week)
w/beg. 11th November (move)	Aspirations Week
Wednesday 13th November	SEND parent/carers mtgs from 3.30pm
Friday 15th November	Children in need
Friday 22nd November	SEND paperwork due to CE
December	

Tuesday 3rd December	Year 1 Christmas songs 9.10am and 2.15pm
???	KS2 Christmas performance at St Margaret's church (awaiting confirmation)
Thursday 5th December	Early Years Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm
Friday 6th December	Christmas jumper day
???	Christmas Dinner Lower School
???	Christmas Dinner Upper School
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
w/beg. 23rd December	Christmas holidays
w/beg. 30th December	Christmas holidays
January	
Monday 6th January	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 6th January	PAT testing
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
Thursday 16th January	Census day
21st/22nd January	Grandparents day
February	
w/c 13th February	Safety week
Friday 14h February	Last day of half term
w/beg. 17th February	Half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
March	
w/beg. 3rd March	Reading and writing week
w/beg. 3rd March	Sponsored read?
Wednesday 5th March	SEND mtg prep time (staff mtg)
Friday 7th March	World Book Day – dress up
w/beg 10th March	Science Week
Wednesday 12th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Tuesday 18th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2pm
Wednesday 19th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2pm
Friday 21st March	SEND paperwork due to CE
Monday 31st March	EY Mother's Day celebration 2pm
w/beg. 31st March	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
w/beg. 31st March (date tbc)	Easter Bonnet Parade 2.20pm – PTA?
April	
Tuesday 1st April	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 3rd April	Last day of term
Friday 4th April	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
w/beg. 7th April	Easter Holidays
w/beg. 14th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential

w/beg. 28th April	Year 5 Learn to ride sessions
May	
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
w/beg. 12th May	Year 6 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 16th May	3 reports due to SLT
w/beg. 19th May	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
w/beg. 19th May	Maths Week
Friday 23rd May	3 reports back to staff
Friday 23rd May	Last day of half term
w/beg. 26th May	Half term
June	
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 16th June	EY Father's Day celebration
w/beg. 16th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 18th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 18th June	SEND mtg prep time (staff mtg)
Thursday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 20th June	All reports due in to SLT
Wednesday 25th June	SEND parent/carers meetings (staff mtg) *Y6 to be planned for an alternative date due to Mersea trip)
Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June	Year 6 at Essex Outdoors (Mersea)
???	Class photos
July	
???	End of Year assemblies
w/beg 1st July	Transition Week (TBC) (Potentially 3rd/4th)
Monday 7th July	SLT return reports to staff
w/beg.14th July	SEND Paperwork due to CE
Friday 11th July	Reports out
Thursday 17th July	Music Festival
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 18th July	Last day of term (for children)
Monday 21st July/ Tuesday 22nd July	INSET Days
Wednesday 23rd July	First day of summer holiday