



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome to the 2024/2025 academic year! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and energized for the new school year ahead.



A Special Welcome: Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the children and families of our 2024 Reception cohort. We are thrilled to have you join our wonderful school community!

We are also excited to welcome several new members to our teaching team: Mrs Maskell, Miss Kagona, Miss Atkins, Miss Gaywood and Miss Cox.

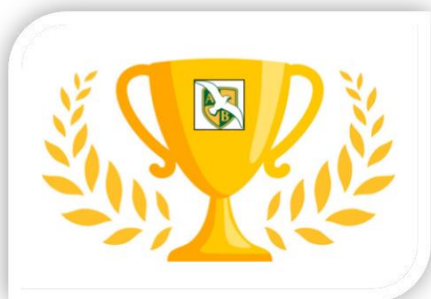
Additionally, we welcome Mrs. Young, Miss Bridgehouse, and Mrs. Holoshchapova, who will be joining our Reception team. We wish all of you a successful and fulfilling career here at Arthur Bugler.

RAAC Update: I am pleased to inform you that our RAAC mitigation works were successfully completed in late July. Mr. Stone, our Site Manager, along with the rest of the staff, has worked incredibly hard over the summer to ensure the entire school is ready for the children's return on Thursday, September 5th, 2024. The school looks fantastic!

Having the whole school reopen is an incredible achievement, though it may present some early challenges as we return to 'normal' daily operations. I am confident that we will overcome any difficulties that may arise.

On the first day of term, ABP staff will be on hand to direct children and support families during both drop-off and pick-up.

Reading Challenge: Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Thurrock Library Summer Reading Challenge, 'Marvellous Makers'! We would like to celebrate their achievements by displaying a photocopy of their certificates on our reading wall display. Please send your child to school with their certificate, which will be photocopied and returned to you via the class teacher/s!



Out of School Achievements: A real success from the 2023/2024 school year was the 'Out of School Achievements' section in our newsletter. Due to its popularity, we will continue this feature for the 2024/2025 school year. 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.

Let's continue to celebrate these wonderful achievements with the ABP community!

New Maths Resource: We are excited to announce the launch of a new maths resource, 'Ark Maths,' aimed at further enhancing teaching and learning at ABP. More information about this scheme will be shared in due course.

Year 6 Play Maker – Applications:

Following the success of our Play Maker scheme last year, we are excited to invite all Year 6 students to apply for the role of Lunchtime Play Maker for EYFS, KS1, and KS2.

As a Play Maker, you will have the opportunity to:

- Develop your leadership skills.
- Serve as a role model to other students.
- Help create a fun and safe play environment during lunchtime.

If you are interested in taking on this important role, please submit a short written application letter explaining why you would like to be a Play Maker.

Key Details:

Application Deadline: Wednesday, 11th September 2024

Number of Positions: 20

Training: Week commencing Monday, 16th September 2024

We look forward to receiving your applications and seeing the positive impact you can make as a Play Maker!

Return to school – 2024/2025 academic year:

This is a reminder that we will be welcoming back all students on Thursday, September 5th, 2024. This date has been officially approved by the Department for Education (DFE) and will help us ensure that everything is set for a successful start to the 2024/2025 academic year.

Reception intake – Phased induction:

- Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September: Finish at 11:30 am
- Monday 9th September: Finish at 11:30 am
- Tuesday 10th September: Stay for lunch and finish at 1:15 pm
- Wednesday 11th September: Full day

We're excited to see everyone back and ready for an enriching year ahead. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or suggestions.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

