Arthur Bugler Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter—the final one of the Spring 1 half term!

What a fantastic half term it has been! A huge thank you to all our incredible staff, children, and families for your hard work, enthusiasm, and support over the past few weeks. From exciting learning experiences to special events, it's been a busy and rewarding time for everyone at ABP.

As we head into a well-earned break, we hope you all take the time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. But before we officially wrap up, let's take a look back at everything that's been happening this week at ABP!

ABP Safety Week & Safer Internet Day 2025: This week, we have been celebrating Safety Week, which included marking Safer Internet Day 2025. Our students participated in engaging assemblies on Internet Safety and watched live online safety lessons to reinforce the importance of staying safe in the digital world.

On Tuesday evening, I had the pleasure of joining a group of parents and carers to explore ways we can work together to safeguard children online. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss key strategies and share resources to ensure our children navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

Thank you to everyone who took part in making Safety Week a success!

ABP Sports Round-Up:

The **Girls A Team** wrapped up their final league game of an exciting season with a fantastic 4-1 victory over Giffards last week. The team put in a determined performance to secure a well-earned win, placing them at the top of the league and on track to claim the title! Highlights included two goals each from Grace and Scarlett T, while Eva was named Player of the Match for her outstanding defensive display.

The **Girls B Team** continued their unbeaten run, moving to the top of the Girls B League with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Thameside on Tuesday. It was a solid team effort, with everyone playing their part. A special mention goes to Maddie and Bella, who made impressive debuts, while Isabella KB earned Player of the Match for her no-nonsense defending. The goals came from Ruby and Lily.

The **Boys A Team** also played their final game of a thoroughly enjoyable season, facing a strong East Tilbury Primary side, who are on course to be crowned champions. Despite a 4-1 defeat, the boys showed great resilience and determination, with Reggie scoring the team's only goal and earning Player of the Match honours. Harry and Albie made their league debuts, stepping up to the A team with real confidence. With many of the squad in Year 5, next season looks very promising.

A **huge thank you** to **Mr Heard** for all his time and dedication to the football teams this year! Your hard work and commitment have been truly appreciated. And finally, a big thank you to **all the players** for their effort, teamwork, and for representing **ABP** with pride!

Farewell, Mrs. Fenner!

Thank you for your many years of dedication to ABP and for creating Outdoor Adventures, inspiring countless students along the way. Students had the chance to say goodbye when Mrs Fenner attended our weekly celebration assembly. Wishing you happiness and success in all your future adventures!

Congratulations - Out of school achievements! A huge round of applause to the following students for their remarkable accomplishment outside of school over the past week. You continue to make us proud with your dedication, talent, and hard work!

- **Emily and Lucas** have been racing hard all winter, competing in the Eastern Regional Cyclocross League against top riders from Essex, Cambridge, Norfolk, and Suffolk. With points from the best six out of ten rounds counting toward the overall standings, both riders delivered outstanding performances. Emily dominated the under-12 girls' category, securing multiple podium finishes and ultimately being crowned regional champion. Meanwhile, Lucas put in a remarkable effort in the under-8 boys' division, finishing an impressive second overall, despite missing six weeks of the season due to a hand injury. Their dedication and resilience have been truly inspiring—congratulations to both on an incredible season!

- **Penny** showed off her incredible talent at a street dance competition in Chatham last Sunday, where she faced tough competition with 49 children in her age category. Despite the fierce rivalry, Penny reached the semi-finals in her solo, the semi-finals in her quad, secured 5th place in her duo, and took home an impressive 1st place in the team event! A huge well done to Penny for her outstanding performances in such a competitive field!

If you would like your child's accomplishments outside of school celebrated in our newsletter, please email us at admin.abp@osborne.coop, and we'll do our best to include them in future editions. Keep reaching for the stars!

Weekly Reading Winners (Golden Tickets) - This weeks winners…

Lower school: **Class 6 (43 Golden tickets)**

Upper School: **Class 10 (14 Golden tickets)**

Reading is a vital skill, and we take pride in celebrating our readers every Friday during our weekly celebration assembly. Please support us by encouraging your child to read regularly at home and by signing their reading record. Each completed read brings them closer to earning golden tickets—let's work together to inspire a love for reading!

Half-termly Attendance Winners - A huge congratulations to:

Lower school: **Class 5 (97.1%)**

Upper School: **Class 12 (96.6%)**

Regular attendance is crucial for a strong education, helping children stay on track with their learning and progress. ***Every school day counts!*** However, if your child is unwell or unable to attend, please remember that it is your responsibility to inform the school as early as possible.

Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority!

House Dojo Champion Announcement!

Over the last half term, our House teams—Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue—have been competing fiercely for the Half Term Dojo Champion title. The results are in, and we are thrilled to announce that the **BLUE** team has claimed victory!

A huge congratulations to all team members for their dedication, teamwork, and effort. Well done to everyone who took part—keep up the fantastic work when we return!

1st Place	**Blue**	**8,100 Dojos**
2nd Place	**Green**	**8,043 Dojos**
3rd Place	**Red**	**8,023 Dojos**
4th Place	**Yellow**	**8,013 Dojos**

Big News for Our 500 Word Essay Finalists!

Something truly special is about to unfold for our 18 shortlisted finalists in this year's 500 Word Essay competition! While I can't reveal everything just yet—by the time you read this, the secret may already be out.

This is an incredible opportunity they will never forget! (SO EXCITING!!!)

Keep an eye out for the big announcement… and in the meantime, take a look at the very big hint below!

Isle Of Wight Residential 2025 – Parent/carer meeting:

There will be a Parent/Carer meeting for the 2025 Isle of Wight residential trip on **Wednesday 5th March at 5.30pm**. This meeting will provide important information about the trip, including the itinerary, accommodation details, payment schedule, and other key preparations.

Please make sure to add this to your diaries – we look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have!

Safeguarding Children During Half-term Holidays: Important Contact Information: Over the February half-term, it's crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of children outside of school hours. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare during this time, knowing who to reach out to is essential. If you are worried about a child, please do not hesitate to contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). They are equipped to handle concerns and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the child.

Thurrock MASH: 01375 652802

Thurrock Council Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 01375 372468.

For further information, please visit the following link:
https://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk/p/worried-about-a-child

Your vigilance and prompt action can make a significant difference in safeguarding children during the holidays. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the well-being of our community's children.

Grandparents' Day Extra Shows: Due to overwhelming demand for tickets, we were delighted to host two additional shows yesterday (Thursday) for our wonderful grandparents. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you join us for this special occasion. Thank you for your support—we hope you enjoyed the fantastic performances by our talented children and cherished the memories made!

Thurrock SEND Event:

SEND FAMILY EVENT

Thurrock SEND Family Forum

Date: Febuary 20th 2025
Location-Block A
Maple park
St Andrews way
Stanford le hope
SS17 0FL

Time: 11am-1.30pm

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We are the Village

Half-term event for the whole family.
Focus will be on Epilepsy and eating disorders but everyone welcome.
Resources and Information available to assist you.

Arts n Crafts
Sensory tent
Relaxation session
Refreshments

HELLO@THURROCKSENDFAMILYFORUM.ORG

Exciting Events and Learning at Arthur Bugler!

As we step into the coming weeks and months, we're thrilled to share some key dates and events. These are just a glimpse of what's ahead! To stay fully informed about the wonderful learning experiences and community activities/events at Arthur Bugler, please refer to specific letters and School Comms.

Date:	Activity/ Event	
Friday 21st (3-4.30pm) & Saturday 22nd February (10-11.30am)	The 180 Project (Free School Uniform event) Chadwell-St-Mary Community Church	All
Monday 24th February (Spring term 2)	Aspirations half term (Osborne Trust – Aspirations focus)	All
Thursday 27th February (Spring term 2)	PTA school discos! Times to be confirmed	Yr1 - 6
Friday 28th February (All day)	100th Day Celebration (Learning celebration)	All
Monday 3rd March – Friday 7th March (All week)	Reading and writing week (Including World Book Day)	All
Wednesday 5th March	Isle of Wight trip – parent/carer meeting 5.30pm	Year 5 children and parents
7th – 16th March	British Science week!	All
Monday 31st March	PTA Easter Bonnet competition (KS1) Deadline PTA Easter Deorated egg competition (KS2) Deadline	KS1 & KS2
Tuesday 1st April	PTA Easter Bonnet Parade (2.45pm) – lower playground (parents/carers welcome)	KS1
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May	Walk to school week @ ABP	All

Thank you for your continued support in making Arthur Bugler Primary School a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.

Mr R Turner
Headteacher

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.