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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Dear parent/carers,

Don't forget that we have our parents evenings next week, please book your appointment through the My Child At School App.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the behaviour workshop yesterday afternoon. We explored our school's approach to helping children manage their emotions in a calm and empathetic way, ensuring they always feel heard. We also discussed our Positive Reminder Approach, which gives children clear and supportive opportunities to refocus and engage with their learning. As a next step, Mrs Rowland, our Learning Mentor, will be offering sessions using the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) approach. We'll share more details and dates once they are confirmed. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is a research driven programme gives parents practical strategies to build strong relationships, encourage positive behaviour, and confidently manage everyday challenges.

Musical Mornings! You may have been enjoying the re-introduction of the music on the gate each morning. Thank you so much to Aya and Eliya K's family for their very kind donation of a sound system (x2!) to make this happen! It is very much appreciated.

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Durkan and Mrs Lyons. Both members of staff have worked at the school for a very long time, I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the years in their different roles and wish them all the best for the future.

Have a nice weekend,

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

Harvest food collection

Don't forget that we are collecting food for Thurrock Food Bank. Next week is the last week for collections so if you have a spare tin at home then please send it in, thank you in advance.

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 5 - 15 tickets

Key Stage 2: Class 8 -21 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!

Weekly Attendance winners

A huge congratulations to this week's top attending classes!

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 5 98.2%

Key Stage 2: Class 14 97..7%

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!

Class dojo

Winning team - Red

PTA News

On Wednesday this week we had our AGM which was well attended. There are lots of things planned these dates have been added to the main list of dates below:

W/C 13.10.25 - Pre loved uniform sale

W/C 03.11.25 - Pre loved uniform sale

10th, 11th & 12th November - Cash for clothes

14.11.25 - Non-uniform day for Christmas Fete

28.11.25 - 3.30 - 6.00 PTA Christmas Fete

W/C 08.12.25 - PTA Christmas Shop

Christmas Disco - TBC

You can also see the winning Halloween colouring designs displayed by the office.

PE & Sports update

Football News!

Our **boys' and girls' A teams** were in action once again this week with the boys taking on Abbots Hall and the girls playing St Josephs.

The boys sadly suffered their first defeat with a narrow 1-0 loss. Luck wasn't on our side and we encountered an Abbots side who were very slick in their passing and we found it very difficult to break them down. Player of the match went to Harry for defending superbly and trying his best to carry the ball forward to create opportunities.

The girls

Thurrock District Representatives

Each year we send children to trial for the Thurrock District team, made up of the elite players from the Thurrock primary schools. I am delighted to say that Reggie in Year 6 was a successful trialist and will now represent Arthur Bugler as part of the Thurrock district squad. This is an amazing achievement as we have not had a representative for 9 years, since 2016.

Reggie played a 75 minute 9-a-side game against Basildon district at William Edwards last week and was selected off the back of his performance, scoring in a 4-0 victory. We would like to wish Reggie all the best for the season ahead.

Year 5&6 Cross Country

Last Friday, the annual Thurrock Year 5&6 cross country event took place at William Edwards secondary school. Our teams performed brilliantly on what was a VERY long course, coping with some wet and blustery weather.

Out of the 25 schools competing, our teams placed really high. A testament to the hard work, endurance and resilience all of our runners showed.

Our **Year 5 boys** team placed 7th out of 25 with Blake finishing in 17th, Oscar in 18th, Roman 46th and Finley 65th. Quite an achievement in a field over over 200 runners.

Our **Year 5 girls** team came 16th with Ivie-Rose achieving an impressive 44th place overall, Iris coming in 51st, Arabella in 86th and Freya giving it her all to finish inside the top 100 in 99th.

The **Year 6 boys** also placed 7th overall, with the top 4 scoring a total of 154 points: 23rd for Ethan, 25th for Theo, 52nd for Reggie and 54th for Rocco with Joshua finishing in a hard fought 87th.

The **Year 6 girls** outdid themselves from last year and finished in second place overall! Matilda came 13th, Ava 23rd, Mollie 24th and Lily 36th scoring only 96 points. The non-scoring runners, both achieved high placings with Elsie in 44th and Lauren in 79th.

As the children will testify, it was tough. A lot harder that most were expecting, however they gave absolutely everything both on an individual level and to earn as few points as possible for their team.

A BIG and special thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported with transport. Without your help the events simply can't happen so thank you all once again for your valued and continued support with school sport.

Mr Heard.

1 - It was a hard fought 1-0 defeat for our boys against Abbots on Monday

2 - Congratulations to Reggie for his selection into the Thurrock District squad this seaso

3 - Our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners at Friday's event in Grays.

Co-operative Values

- **Self Help** - We use our own efforts and resources to achieve things without relying on others.
- **Self Responsibility** - We understand that we are answerable and accountable for our actions.
- **Democracy** - We understand that everyone should be treated equally and has an equal voice and right to contribute.
- **Solidarity** - We support each other and work together to achieve a goal.
- **Equality** - We ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equally and with respect.
- **Equity** - We demonstrate attitudes and behaviours which are fair and unbiased.

Safeguarding - Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Invitation: YoungMinds Lunch & Learn Workshop

Who's it for?

Professionals who work with families, including members of the Brighter Futures Board.

You're invited!

Join Healthwatch Thurrock and national charity **YoungMinds** for a free, informal **"Lunch & Learn" workshop**.

🗓️ **Date:** Monday 20 October 2025

🕐 **Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 PM

📍 **Venue:** The Community Hall, The Beehive, West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP

This two-hour session is a chance to grab some lunch, hear directly from YoungMinds about their work, and explore their dedicated **Parents Helpline Service**—a lifeline for many families.

Why come along?

- **Discover support that makes a difference** – learn how the Parents Helpline empowers caregivers and strengthens children's mental health.
- **Be confident in signposting** – find out how you can connect families to this free, confidential service.
- **Build connections** – meet other local professionals who share your commitment to supporting families.
- **Take away practical insights** – apply what you learn in your everyday work with families.

How to join:

Please RSVP by **Thursday 10 October 2025** to confirm your place (and your lunch!).

Click here to book![1]

We'd love to see you there and work together on strengthening support for families in Thurrock.

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

Are you looking for ways to better support your child's mental health and wellbeing?

Healthwatch Thurrock is hosting a **free, friendly workshop** in partnership with the national charity **YoungMinds** on **Monday, 20 October at 9:30 AM** for parents and caregivers.

In this 2 hour session, we'll explore:

- Common mental health and wellbeing challenges for children and young people
- Practical tips for starting conversations and offering support
- Information about the YoungMinds Parent Helpline service

The workshop will also include plenty of time for questions, discussion, and sharing experiences with other parents.

This is a great opportunity to gain confidence, connect with others, and discover practical ways to help your child thrive.

📅 **Please RSVP by Friday, 10 October** so we can confirm numbers. Please note there are **15 spaces available**.

We look forward to welcoming you! Click here to book![2]

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Dates for your diary - V2

October		
10.10.25	Y3/4	Mixed football competition
13.10.25	Y6	School Nurse team height and weight checks.
13.10.25	EYFS	Autumn activity afternoon
W/C 13.10.25	All	Pre-loved uniform sale
14.10.25	All	Parents evenings
15.10.25	All	Parents evenings
14.10.25	All	School Nurse drop ins at parents evening.
16.10.25	Year 3	Year 3 Harvest festival 2.00pm – 3.00pm
17.10.25	All	Last day of half term
w/beg. 20.10.25	All	October Half Term
w/beg. 27.10.25	All	October Half Term
November		
W/C 03.11.25	All	Pre-loved uniform sale
03.11.25	Children return to school	
W/beg: 03.11.25	ALL	PTA nearly new uniform sale
04.11.25	New prospective parents	9.15am new prospective parent tour
05.11.25	New prospective parents	2.00pm new prospective parent tour
05.11.25	Selected KS2 children	Royal Opera House performance
06.11.25	New prospective parents	11:00am new prospective parent tour
07.11.25	New prospective parents	11:00am new prospective parent tour
10th, 11th ,12th Nov	ALL	PTA cash for clothes
11th or 12th Nove ıber	Year 5	Walk online Roadshow – Date TBC by Thurrock Council.
13.11.25	ALL	SLT coffee morning
13.11.25	Year 4	Viking wow day
14.11.25	ALL	Non-uniform day for Christmas Fete
17.11.25	New prospective parents	9.15am new prospective parent tour
19.11.25	New prospective parents	2:00pm new prospective parent tour
21.11.25	New prospective parents	11:00am new prospective parent tour
28.11.25	ALL	PTA Christmas Fete
December		
01.12.25	All	Last orders for Christmas dinner
02.12.25	Choir	Choir singing at Lakeside
08.12.25	Year 2	Nativity performances 9.10am and 2.15pm
W/C 08.12.25	ALL	PTA Christmas Shop
09.12.25	Reception	Nativity performances 9.10am – Class 1 and 2.00pm- Class 2
10.12.25	EYFS & KS1	Christmas dinner (KS2 packed lunches)

11.12.25	KS2	Christmas dinner (EYFS & KS1 packed lunches)
11.12.25	ALL	Christmas jumper day
12.12.25	Year 1	Christmas songs 9.10am and 2.15pm
15.12.25	Years 3 & 5	Christmas performances 9.10am and 2.15pm
17.12.25	Years 4 & 6	Christmas performances 9.10am and 2.15pm
19.12.25	Last day of term	
w/beg. 22.12.25	Christmas holidays	
w/beg. 29.12.25	Christmas holidays	
January		
05.01.26	INSET Day – school closed	
06.01.26	ALL	Children return to school
12.01.26	ALL	SLT coffee afternoon 2.00pm
16.01.26	Identified children	Badminton competition
February		
05.02.26	Year 4	Parents information meeting for Multiplication Check 3:15pm
13.02.26	ALL	Last day of half term
w/beg. 16.02.26	Half term	
23.02.26	INSET DAY – school closed	
24.02.26	Children return to school	
24.02.26	Year 6	Parent SATS workshop 3.15pm
March		
w/beg 02.03.26	ALL	Reading and writing week
03.03.26	ALL	SLT coffee afternoon
05.03.26	ALL	World Book Day – dress up
10.03.25	ALL	Parents evening
11.03.25	ALL	Parents evening
16.03.25	Reception	Mothers day afternoon
27.03.26	ALL	Last day of term
w/beg. 30.03.26	ALL	Easter holidays
w/beg. 06.04.26	ALL	Easter holidays
April		
13.04.26	ALL	Children return to school
13.04.26	Year 4	Bikeability
w/c 20.04.26	Year 5	Isle of Wight residential
20.04.26	Year 1	Scooter safety
17.04.26	Identified children	Netball rally
May		
01.05.26	Y5/6 girls	Cricket competition (identified children)
04.05.26	All	Bank Holiday
w/beg. 11.05.26	Year 6 SATs (no holidays)	
21.05.26	Year 6	3.15pm parents information session for residential.
w/beg. 18.05.26	Year 6 Bikeability	
22.05.26	Last day of half term	
w/beg. 25.05.26	Half term	

June		
01.06.26	Children return to school	
03.06.26	Year 5 & 6	9.00am Parent information meeting – SRE
04.06.26	Reception	Trip to Barleylands – TBC
W/beg. 08.06.26	ALL	Bookfair
w/beg. 15.06.26	ALL	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
17.06.26	ALL	Sports Day
18.06.26	ALL	Reserve Sports Day
22.06.26	Reception	Father's day afternoon
24.06.25 – 26.06.25	Year 6	Residential - Essex Outdoors (Mersea)
July		
08.07.26	ALL	Reports to be sent home
09.07.26	ALL	Parents invited in to look at books after school.
14.07.26	ALL	Year 6 leavers fair in school for the children
15.07.26	Year 6	Afternoon – Graduation assembly
17.07.26	Last day of term (for children)	
20.07.26	INSET Day – school closed	
21.07.26	First day of summer holiday	