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Arthur Bugler Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy first half term of the year. The children have been enjoying learning about their new topics and have settled well into their new year groups.

Shed Shout Out!! We are in need of some additional storage in school and need your help- please see the PTA section for more information.

Don't forget the write your story for the BBC 500 Words Competition. We 've been talking about it in assembly every week and the closing date is 9pm, Friday 7th November. There are two age categories: **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**. If your child would like to enter then all they need to do is write a story that they would love to read in 500 words or less. **Spelling, punctuation and grammar** are not marked – it's all about creativity!

The finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of prizes to be won – each winner takes home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library. Below is the link so you can submit your story as well as all the other details you might need to know before you begin to write! Last year over one hundred children from Arthur Bugler took part, let's try and make it even more this year. It could be you!

The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2025/26 - BBC Teach

We have some exciting news, over the half term Miss Lowther (teacher in year 2) is getting married, she will return to school as Mrs. Cutts, I am sure you will join me in wishing her a fantastic day.

A big thank you to Poppy T's Dad for donating £4000 worth of mini trampolines to the school, these will be great to use with the children.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Harvest collection for Thurrock Food Bank.

Have a nice half term and we look forward to seeing you on our return on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

Year group news from this half term

Reception -

What an utterly fabulous first half term we have had! The children in Reception are truly amazing and have settled into school life brilliantly. We have ended the term in spectacular style and had a wonderful time at our Autumn Activity afternoon on Monday. We hope you enjoyed being creative and getting rather messy with the paints, glue and sequins! The children loved showing you around their classes and it was great to see so many smiles on both the children and adult faces.

Mrs. Cooper and Miss Pugh also enjoyed getting to meet you all at our parent evenings. We loved talking about how proud we are of each and every child and it was wonderful to hear so many comments of how children have a love of learning already and a superbly positive attitude to school. The year is only going to get better and better with this awesome bunch!

Year 1 - It has been a brilliant start to Year 1 this term! The transition has been smooth. All the children have been ready to learn and engage in all the activities we planned. They enjoyed learning their new sounds and loved all the books we have been using for Literacy. They look beautiful and handsome for our Childhood Wow Day and we loved seeing all their baby pictures. In Maths, they have explored numbers within 10 and shapes. In their bags today, they will have some activities that they can practise over the half term. Next term will be full of more exciting and learning opportunities. Have fun!

Year 2- What a fantastic first term Year 2 have had! The children have shown a wonderfully positive attitude towards the challenges they've faced and have consistently risen to meet our high expectations. We've thoroughly enjoyed exploring the lives of significant people throughout history, and our WOW day—where everyone dressed up as inspiring historical figures—was a real treat. One of the most memorable moments was the excitement of hunting for the mischievous Wolf who caused chaos in our classrooms, sparking curiosity and imagination across the year group. We're all looking forward to the adventures the next half term will bring. Over the holidays, please remember to read regularly and sign those reading diaries—every page makes a difference!

Year 3 - What a whirlwind start to Year 3! The children burst through the doors like confetti cannons - full of energy, enthusiasm, and just the right amount of cheeky charm. The Year 3 team has been blown away (in the best way) by their curiosity, creativity, and can-do attitude.

We've been busy bees tackling all sorts of learning adventures in all subjects. Our new topic *Through the Ages* kicked off with a WOW Day to be remembered! Plus, families joined us for a heart warming Harvest Festival. Then, in a twist worthy of a movie montage, Year 3 *defeated* Year 4 in a legendary TTRockstars Battle. Cue the victory dance now!

After all that excitement, the children have definitely earned a half term break filled with rest, snacks, and maybe a few odd adventures here and there. We can't wait to see what mischief and magic await next half term!

Year 4 - We've had a wonderful start to the year in Classes 9 and 10, the children have shown great resilience moving to Upper School and now know where all of the toilets are! We are already rampaging through our Invasion topic and can't wait for our Viking Day after half term so don't forget to think about an outfit if you can. Our Literacy lessons have been particularly fruitful and as part of helping to develop the wilderness for our book The Varmints, we now have many seedlings sprouting all over the classrooms.

As part of Black History Month we have learnt about Benjamin Zephaniah and many important icons based on our Reading book The Undefeated. Our Multiplication skills are really progressing and we are so proud of the effort all of the children put in to know as many multiplication facts as possible so get ready for a new tournament, Class 9 versus Class 10! Have a wonderful half-term everyone, roam free and find your own wilderness and

don't forget to enter the BBC 500 Words competition; let's have even more entrants than last year so we can show the world (and the Queen!) our amazing writing skills!

Year 5 - Well done to all the children in Year 5, they are really impressing us with their developing independence and mature attitudes to learning. This half term, we have been learning all about life in Ancient Greece and have created some amazing leaflets and posters to show all of the amazing facts that we have learned. This week, as part of Black History Month, we have looked at the life of Mae Jemison and considered the meaning behind some of her inspirational quotes. In Computing, we completed our video production unit with the children producing some fab movies about Ancient Greece.

Our Literacy and Reading lessons have focused on books such 'The Island', 'Freedom Bird' and 'The Wonderling' all of which explore themes including freedom and discrimination. These texts have inspired the children to create some very emotive pieces of writing of which they should be incredibly proud!

Year 6 - Year 6 have had a super start this half term. We have built bridges, dissected hearts and even had a round of mock SATs! The children have studied Maafa and the role of European nations in the slave trade, we have researched African countries and the life of Harriet Tubman as part of Black History Month. We have read some amazing novels including 'The Last Bear', 'Windrush Child' and 'The Little Match Girls Strikes Back.' We have learnt about human rights and the story of Malala and the children have engaged in some really mature and important discussions about the politics of our world.

In PE, we have had fun playing rugby and indoor ball games and there have been so many children who have represented the school at our football, athletics and rugby competitions which has been great to see.

Horizons hub - We've had a lovely half term at Horizon Hub! The children have settled back into school well and have enjoyed getting creative with art and crafts, using nature around the school to inspire their work. Our music lessons have been full of fun and enthusiasm, with everyone joining in beautifully. We're especially proud of how hard the children have been working on their sentences — their writing is really improving, and their efforts are shining through!

Thank you for all your Harvest festival donations. They will be boxed and sent to Thurrock Food Bank to help local families in need.

Year 6 secondary school applications closing date 31.10.25

Please be reminded that you need to apply for child's secondary school placement by 31st October 2025. If you apply after this date then this will be treated as later applications and you this means there will be far less chance of your child being offered a place at the school you want. Please click on the following link for more information and to apply: [Applying for a secondary school place | Secondary school admissions | Thurrock Council]

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Last week's winners- correction- Class 6 with 23

This week's winners:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 6 - 25 golden tickets

Key Stage 2: Class 10 - 17 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!

Weekly Attendance winners

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

EYFS/Key Stage 1: 97.4 Class 2

Key Stage 2: 97.2 Class 11

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 this week - Blue

Winning team this half term - Blue

Dojo champions of the half term

Harry S, Roman H, Tommy T, Poppy T, Zach R, Joey M, Belle B, Julian F, Rhia M, Kobie B, Axl B, Harleen S, Charlie A & Annie Z

PE & Sports update

Year 4 Football Tournament

Last Friday, 9 of our Year 4 pupils attended the Thurrock mixed 5-a-side tournament held at Orsett Heath Secondary School.

The boys and girls were fantastic and has a really enjoyable day out representing the school.

Unfortunately, we didn't qualify from our group but were very unlucky in all of our games narrowly missing chances to score on several occasions.

We won one, drew one and lost two in our pool that was won by eventual finalists East Tilbury. Results and scorers below.

ABP 2-2 Warren (Teddy, Brody)

ABP 1-3 Herd Lane (Jonty)

ABP 6-1 Herringham (Brody 2, Jonty, Teddy, Ronnie, Lenny)

ABP 2-4 East Tilbury (Brody, Jonty)

Football Leagues

The Boys' A were in action again on Monday trying to bounce back from their first defeat against Abbots last week. In a hard fought match against Mossbourne Herd Lane, the boys came out on top with a 3-1 win. An early goal from Rocco put us on our way before ex-pupil

Jack equalised from a corner on the stroke of half time. Arthur Bugler put their foot down in the second half and sealed the win with 2 breakaway goals from Rocco once more and Blake with some neat passing and high quality build-up play. Player of the match went to Blake for his work down the left and breaking up the Herd Lane attack and set plays.

Our **Girls' A** team faced Thurrock tournament winners Stifford Clays in the cup 1st round this week. It was a tough test against excellent opposition and the girls really stepped it up. Unfortunately we were on the wrong end of a 2-0 scoreline but the girls showed a lot of heart. Player of the match went to Eva for superb defending.

Thurrock Tag Ruby Tournament

Today, 12 of our Year 6 pupils took part in the tag rugby tournament held at Orsett Heath Academy. We played really well scoring some great tries and for many it was their first experience of competitive tag rugby. Although we didn't qualify for the semi-finals we had a great day out and enjoyed the opportunity to try and new sport and showcase some new skills. Results below.

Arthur Bugler 4-0 Horndon-on-the-Hill

Arthur Bugler 0-4 Thameside

Arthur Bugler 2-1 Little Thurrock

Arthur Bugler 1-3 Aveley

1 - Our Year 4 mixed team had a great day out at Orsett Heath on Friday

2 - A fantastic display in the cup, sadly ending in a narrow defeat for the girls

3 - A great day for our Year 6's at the tag rugby tournament

Congratulations - out of school achievements

4 - On Saturday Eliza-Ezmae took part in a charity 2k run at Hyde park in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. She completed the course in 19mins 6 second and so far has raised an amazing £160 for the new children's cancer building at GOSH. We are super proud of her. Well done

5 - Jax in Class 8 completed his first 5km run on Saturday at the RBC Race For Kids supporting GOSH in an impressive 37 minutes! Well done

6 - Congratulations to Emily R and Niamh M in year 6 who were invited to perform last weekend at the National Entertainment Awards at the O2 with their Dance School - Evans Academy. They had an incredible time and were awarded the "golden buzzer" winning the opportunity perform to perform again next year AND on Broadway in New York in 2028! Amazing!

7 - Elsie went up a grading at ju-jitsu and got her new belt. Well done

8 - Lenny won man of the match in his first game for Thurrock rugby club! Well done.

9 - Elsie has completed her first grading in gymnastics. Well done

Co-operative Values

- **Self Help** - We use our own efforts and resources to achieve things without relying on others.

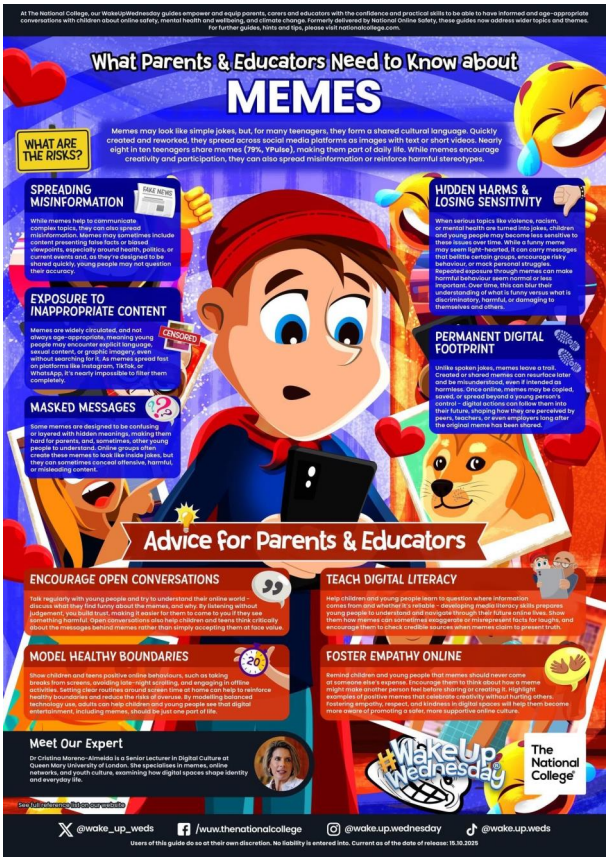
- **Self Responsibility** - We understand that we are answerable and accountable for our actions.
- **Democracy** - We understand that everyone should be treated equally and has an equal voice and right to contribute.
- **Solidarity** - We support each other and work together to achieve a goal.
- **Equality** - We ensure that everyone is treated fairly, equally and with respect.
- **Equity** - We demonstrate attitudes and behaviours which are fair and unbiased.

PTA news

Don't forget that the PTA 'nearly new' sale is carrying on after half term for the first week, so if you need some uniform then please visit this under the canopy.

We are eagerly looking for donations to help towards storage for our play equipment. If anyone has any spare sheds that they would like to donate, or vouchers for hardware stores such as Wickes, we would much appreciate them, so that we can keep our belongings safe and secure. Please get in touch if you can help!

Safeguarding - online safety for parents/carers



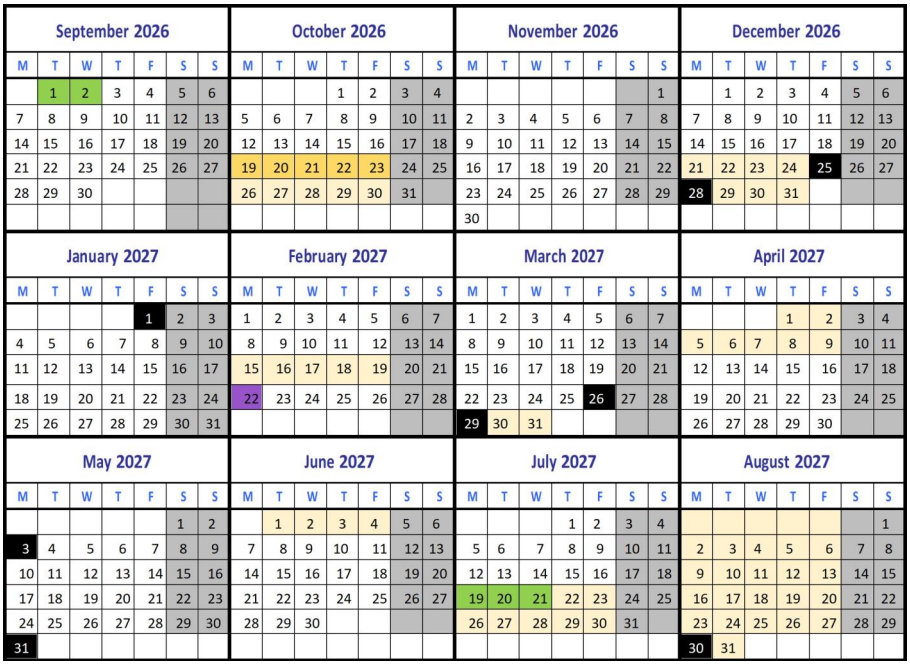
Dates for your diary

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	

Osborne Term Dates for 2026-27



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