010 ABP Newsletter 28.11.25

Arthur Bugler Primary School

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest collection for Thurrock food bank, your donations weighed a wonderful 155.4kgs!

The school council saw democracy in action when they were visited by the Thurrock member of Parliament- James McMurdock.

He was so impressed by our children who asked some very good questions. KS2 had an assembly and our year 6 council members led a tour of the school.

Unison visited our school today to help us celebrate Stars in our School day, which is where we celebrate all the amazing support staff. We were delighted that our cook Mrs Wilson was an overall Thurrock runner up - recognising her kindness and most importantly the delicious dinners she serves every day!!!! Congratulations to Mrs Wilson and a big thank you to all of the support staff across the school from the site manager, the cleaners, the office staff, the LSAs, the MDAs the HLTAs and the rest of the kitchen staff - our school would not run without your support! See below for some of our amazing support staff.

Make sure that you have placed your Christmas Dinner order- see below.

A huge shout out and thank you to the PTA for organising today's Christmas Fete. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Another thank you, goes to Mr. Burnett for donating some brand new basketballs for the children- very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas Trees and Decorations- our school looks incredible- thank you all.

We sent out a survey this week-The inspectors want to hear from as many children, young people with SEND and their families as possible. To complete- please follow this link**:** https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10390201

Year 5 have had an amazing STEM week- make sure you check out the rest of the newsletter for more details.

Have a nice weekend,

Mrs Matthews

Head of School

1 - Mrs Wilson - Thurrock Unison runner up!

Celebrating the stars in our school!

Click on the picture stack to view them all!

Monster
Tricky Witch
Cool Blue
Miss Oh No
Brown Owl

IT SUPPORT
Push bar to open

Christmas dinner ordering deadline 01.12.25

This year, the Christmas meals will be served over two days.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Wednesday 10th December 2025 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - Thursday 11th December 2025

Christmas Dinners are charged at the normal meal price of £2.40 (unless you are in receipt of free school meals) and payments can be made on the dinner section of your MCAS account. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals so will not be required to pay.

IMPORTANT

Wednesday 10th December there will be no school meals provided for years 3-6. All children in Years 3 to 6 MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH. (If your child receives free school meals and requires a packed lunch provided by the school please tick the relevant box below). Thursday 11th December there will be no school meals provided for Reception-Year 2. All children in Reception to Year 2 MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH. (If your child is entitled to Pupil premium and requires a packed lunch provided by the school please tick the relevant box).

Thank you to everyone who has booked a dinner already!

Please click the link and order before 01/12/25

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LhD3baAsEEGpBmWzaL2mlyVhZ4DRqPNBs4uCsOribElUQkcwSlRXWktJU1NDT0lHRkZBUlZWU0M2Ry4u

Tickets to Christmas shows

Weekly reading winners (Golden Tickets)

This weeks winners are:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Class 5 - 15 tickets

Key Stage 2: Class 14 - 16 tickets

Weekly Attendance winners

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

EYFS/Key Stage 1: 100% Class 3

Key Stage 2: 97.9% 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 - Red

PE & Sports Update

Football News!

Firstly I'd like to thank all the girls who have attended the Friday lunchtime club, it's been great fun! We have over 30 girls playing at lunchtime now which is fantastic to see!

It has been another busy couple of weeks for our footballers. Last week saw three matches take place. Our **Boys A Team** visited Stanford-le-Hope Primary on Tuesday in the league. It was a really tight game and the boys did really well to get over the line. After going one-nil down, Erny equalised at the end of the first half with a squirming cross that was deflected into the net. The second half saw more pressure from Arthur Bugler who were consistently denied by some outstanding saves from the Stanford keeper. Some slick passing led to Erny stroking home the eventual winner. Player of the match went to Luca for some outstanding defending under pressure.

Our **Boys B Team** were in action twice last week, hosting Abbots on Thursday and visiting St Thomas' of Canterbury in Grays on Friday. The game against Abbots ended in a comprehensive 4-1 win with player of the match Harry N scoring two superb long-range goals. Jude also got on the scoresheet with a 'Bergkamp-esque' finish in the first half and there was also a debut goal for Daniyal and a penalty save from Bert.

On Friday there were a few changes to the side as we played away at St Thomas of Canterbury. Facing a really strong side we faced long periods of pressure which we dealt with superbly with some excellent goalkeeping from Zach, and strong defending from player of the match Oscar C, Teddy and James. Oscar P put us one up with a smart finish from a corner but sadly they equalised soon after. With 2 minutes to go, we thought we'd held on for a draw before they scored a breakaway winner. The boys kept going right to the last with Oscar nearly scoring from the half way line but it just wasn't to be!

On Wednesday the **Boys A Team** visited Kenningtons in the cup. On a dark and gloomy evening the boys really showed their class. It was by far their most accomplished performance of the season and was a joy to watch. The slick passing, movement and dribbling led to 5 high-quality goals scored by Roman (2), Erny, Reggie and Theo who was awarded a hotly contested player of the match award. We now face the winner of East Tilbury and Somers Heath in the next round.

2 - Our Boys A Team won on the road for the first time beating Stanford-le-Hope 2-1

3 - Our Boys B Team secure a confident 4-1 win over Abbotts last Thursday

4 - Our Boys B Team battled really hard in a narrow 2-1 defeat to St Thomas' last Friday

5 - A sensational 5-1 win at Kenningtons saw the Boys A Team through to the next round of the cup!

Year 5 STEM activities

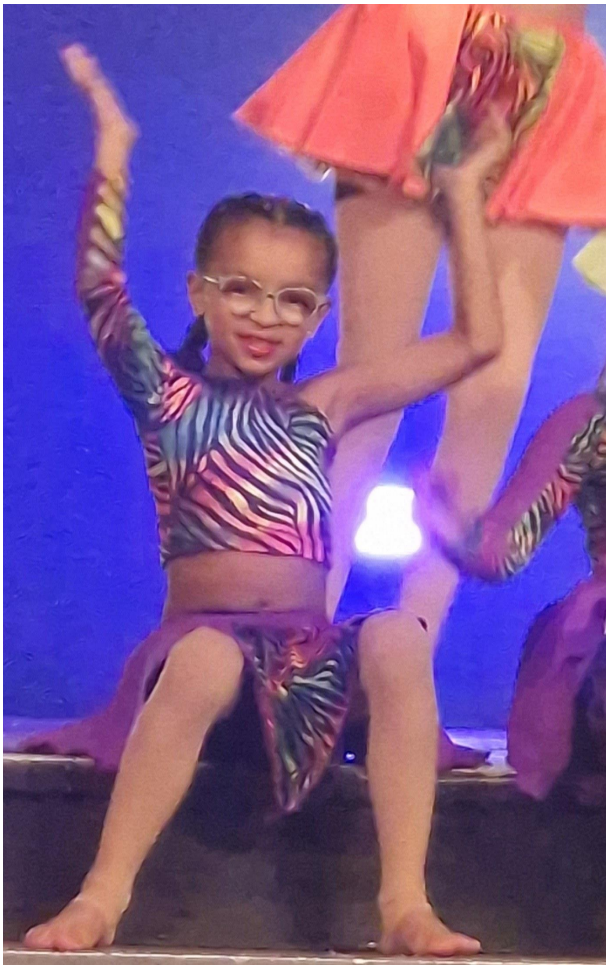
This week year 5 have had the pleasure of working with Mark and Bob from STEM learning who enhanced our science learning with a range of exciting investigations. We made environmentally friendly energy by generating hydrogen; we created and then tested

rockets and rocket mice and explore the role of science in sport by testing the bounciness of different balls. Undoubtedly, the highlight was Thursday's trip to DP World where we saw the port in action including the unloading of some interesting loads such as a portacabin and yacht! We also learnt more about the port's sustainability mission through a range of games where some of us won some incredible prizes.

We were so impressed with the engagement and behaviour of our pupils and the visitors working with us were impressed too. Well done Year 5.

play your eco cards right
Higher?
Lower?

Congratulations - out of school achievements

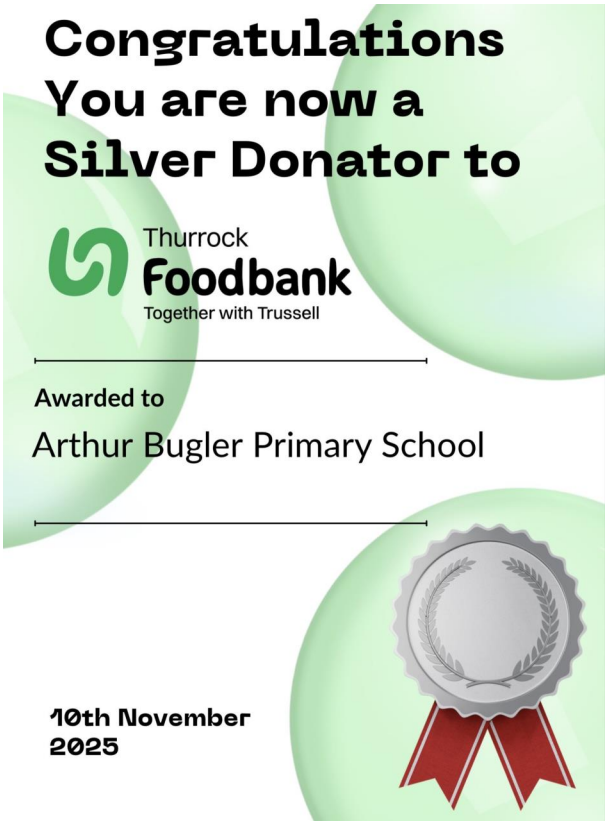


6 - Freya-leigh C done her first ever solo on her dance show this weekend. Well done.

7 - Ela participated in her dance show as part of a group and also doing her solo at the weekend. Well done.

PFA News

Supporting Thurrock Foodbank



Co-operative Values

Osborne
Co-operative Academy Trust

- **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.

Dates for your diary

Key dates for next few weeks:

01.12.25 - Last order to Christmas dinners

02.12.25 - Choir singing at Lakeside

08.12.25 - Year 2 Nativity performances 9.10am & 2.15pm

W/C 08.12.25 - PTA Christmas shop

09.12.25 - Reception Nativity performances Class 1 - 9.10am & Class 2 - 2.00pm

10.12.25 - Reception & KS1 - Christmas dinner (KS2 packed lunches)

11.12.25 - KS2 - Christmas dinner (Reception & KS1 packed lunches)

11.12.25 - ALL - Christmas jumper day

11.12.25 - Horizon Hub (ASC Base) Christmas event with parents 2.00pm

11.12.25 - PTA discos

12.12.25 - Year 1 Christmas songs 9.10am & 2.15pm

15.12.25 - Years 3 & 5 Christmas performances 9.10am & 2.15pm

16.12.25 - KS1 nurture base Christmas event with parents 2.00pm

17.12.25 - Years 3 & 4 Christmas performances 9.10am & 2.15pm

18.12.25 - KS2 nurture base Christmas event with parents 2.00pm

19.12.25 - Last day of term

Diary Dates for 2025-26 – V2 (10.10.25)

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
11.12.25	Horzon Hub	2.00pm Christmas event with parents
11.12.25		PTA Christmas discos
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
16.12.25	KS1 nurture base	2.00pm Christmas event with parents
17.12.25	Years 4 & 6	Christmas performances 9.10am and 2.15pm
18.12.25	KS2 nurture base	2.00pm Christmas event with parents
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	