



## BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome Miss Garratt to our staff team as a Teaching Assistant this week.

### Reminders

- BSA Afternoon tea on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm or 3:20pm for Mums and special ladies, please book by Monday.
- We are a nut free school, please check any snacks or items in packed lunches as we have staff and children in school with nut allergies.

### Poem of the fortnight

Next fortnight's poem will start on World Book Day...

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poems/the-door-miroslav-holub>

Videos of performances on the link as well.

### World Book Day – Books, Books, Books!

We had a visit from Cat Weldon, a local author on World Book day who inspired the children with her stories and inspired Ash and Yew class in writing their own. Cat is visiting again in a few weeks to work with all the children, and is happy to sign her books for the children that they purchase on the day or bring in from home.

Each class had a reading session in class where they all got to read and share their favourite books too; they even carried this on at lunch time too. Oak class also visited the library and did a scavenger hunt and made bookmarks and did some creative artwork from the poem 'The Door'.

Books can be purchased from Waterstones, Amazon or independent bookshops. The £6 per book for How to be a Hero and £7.99 each for Amelia Cheeseheart Mummy Mayhem, and Chocolate Cheat. Cat Weldon will be bringing some more books on her next visit.



### Successful grants

I have successfully obtained a grant for £300 from The Roman Society to buy books and artefacts to support learning about the Romans. The children are really excited about the new books in the library and the Roman coins, jewellery and a fantastic Roman helmet. Stanley's Mum has also applied for a £1000 grant for Gardening Club from East Suffolk Council to buy tools and equipment to improve the allotment area over the next few months so we can start to grow and pass on fruit and vegetables to our families and the community. If anyone is interested in being involved in developing our growing area, please let us know.



### Government consultation on use of technology

The Government want to find out from parents how their children use technology, about restricting content for children, ages for social media and what support parents need. The consultation is open until 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 on the link below:

[Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation)

### Parent Coffee and Chat

It was lovely to have so many parents in on Friday to chat about road safety and the results of the survey about the possibility of having a 'walking bus' to walk the children into the village at the end of the day. Of the 36 parental responses, 61% said they would definitely use it and another 19% said they may use it. 8 parents offered to be on the rota to support a staff member to walk them down. I am keen to promote sustainable options and the physical and mental benefits of walking instead of going in the car, at least for part of the journey. Other suggestions were made and the comments on the survey were very useful. We also discussed other things the school are doing to improve road safety. As a group, we decided to trial a 'walking bus' to see if this option was worthwhile and impacted on the parking issue at the end of the day. I will be in touch with parents who offered their support via the survey over the next few days and let you know when we have the 'walking bus' ready for a trial on a couple of days a week.

### Certificates and Awards

Well done to the following children for their Headteacher's Award:

Willow Class Grayson for a positive attitude towards learning all week

Oak Class Keira, for writing a great story this week, with expanded noun phrases AND conjunctions!

Ash Class Luca, for having a positive attitude to your art project for the competition.

Yew Class Grace W, for having a great attitude towards her learning and showing

kindness to peers.

Bronze Reading Award: Ellena, Poppy-Belle, Clara, Spencer S

Silver Reading Award: Theo, Oliver

Responsible: Julian, Poppy T, Phoebe, Liberty

Next week it is: Reflective

Well done to

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing lots of you tonight at the disco.

Miss Rachael Rudge

Head Teacher

### **Dates for your diary**

Clubs next week: Mon Homework, Tues Fun club, Wed Dance club, Thurs Gardening club, Fri Football club

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm U10 girls football
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	am Clip n Climb selected pupils
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>BSA Afternoon tea 2:30pm or 3:20pm book a slot by 9/3</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	pm FOSS Football and netball
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PD Day
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cat Weldon author visit
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Voice in a Million trip to London, leave 10:30am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 FOSS Outdoor Day
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>9:30-11:30 Art Exhibition at Kesgrave High School</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Poetry by Heart Assembly
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Oak and Willow trip to Colchester Zoo</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	BSA Egg hunt 3:20pm, no gardening club
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No after school club at Martlesham
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9-1pm Sports Day
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9-1pm back up date for Sports day

### **TERM DATES 2025-2026**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**PD Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (different to other schools)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**PD Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

All dates are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change