



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

27th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminders

- Please sign up for a Parents Evening appointment via Class Dojo. **Reports will be emailed via Arbor to your email addresses on Monday 13th April.**
- Eco Team are running a poster competition about turning taps and lights off and the Junior Road safety Officers are also running a poster competition about parking and driving safely. Please do posters over Easter holidays. Due in by end of April.
- Please clear dinner money debt by Friday 11th April, before the cost of dinners increases to £2.75 please.
- Ash Class please ensure permissions have been given on the Forms link and money paid for the Farm Fayre trip on the first Thursday back by Monday 13th April.

Piano lessons

Band Academy will be providing piano or drum lessons after Easter alongside their usual guitar and ukulele lessons. Please click on the form to register interest if you have not already done so.

<https://form.jotform.com/adam151/instrument-lessons-interest>

Curriculum Enrichment

KS1 had a lovely trip to Colchester Zoo on Tuesday and saw lots of animals connected to their topic about Africa.

Ash Class had a visitor in from Sutton Hoo, who bought lots of artefacts – thanks to Austin's Nan. They found out that someone from Bucklesham discovered the Longship and saw Roman discs used for weaving that were unearthed in Bucklesham!

Ash and Yew class ran at the cross country event at Holbrook this week and did really well. Willow performed their class dance to the whole school that they had been learning this half term. Lots of children came to the Golden Ticket treat for good learning and Oak class invited Willow class to an Easter picnic.

The Poetry by Heart recital in assembly on Monday was brilliant with lots of children being brave enough to stand up and recite a poem they had learnt by heart. Even when they went wrong, they persevered and showed a growth mindset as they started again and gave it another go. Well done to Sophie, Daisy, Sienna, Cora, Avianna, Poppy, Jack, Nola, Chanti, Rosie H, Lexie, Lilly and Rupert.

This was the poem that I learnt, which you might like to read over Easter and which I dedicated to my twin sister:

[Poetry By Heart | Double Trouble](#)



Learning Behaviour Trophies

These were awarded for the term to:

Alfie K for Responsibility, Finley R for Independence, Millie for Perseverance, Lorena for Reflective, Poppy-Belle for Cooperation and Spencer C for Growth Mindset.

Walking bus

The initial trial of the walking bus was a success with 2 or 3 parents helping on each session and between 8-12 children on each session. After Easter, we would like to extend the walking bus to every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I have contacted parents who have offered to help, but if any other parents can help, that would be appreciated. Please let the Office know if you can go on the parents rota.

The link to book on for the next group of sessions is below, and will close each Thursday for the following week, so we can ensure we have the correct number of adults for the group of children.

[WALKING BUS Monday 13th Wednesday 15th & Friday 17th April – Fill in form](#)

Walk to school incentive

Next term, we have an incentive where children will be logging how they get to school every day for the whole term. Children who walk at least from The Shannon each day, will be working towards attaining badges they can wear on their uniform. More information when we come back to school, but it would be great to see more children walking, wheeling and scooting to school as the weather improves.

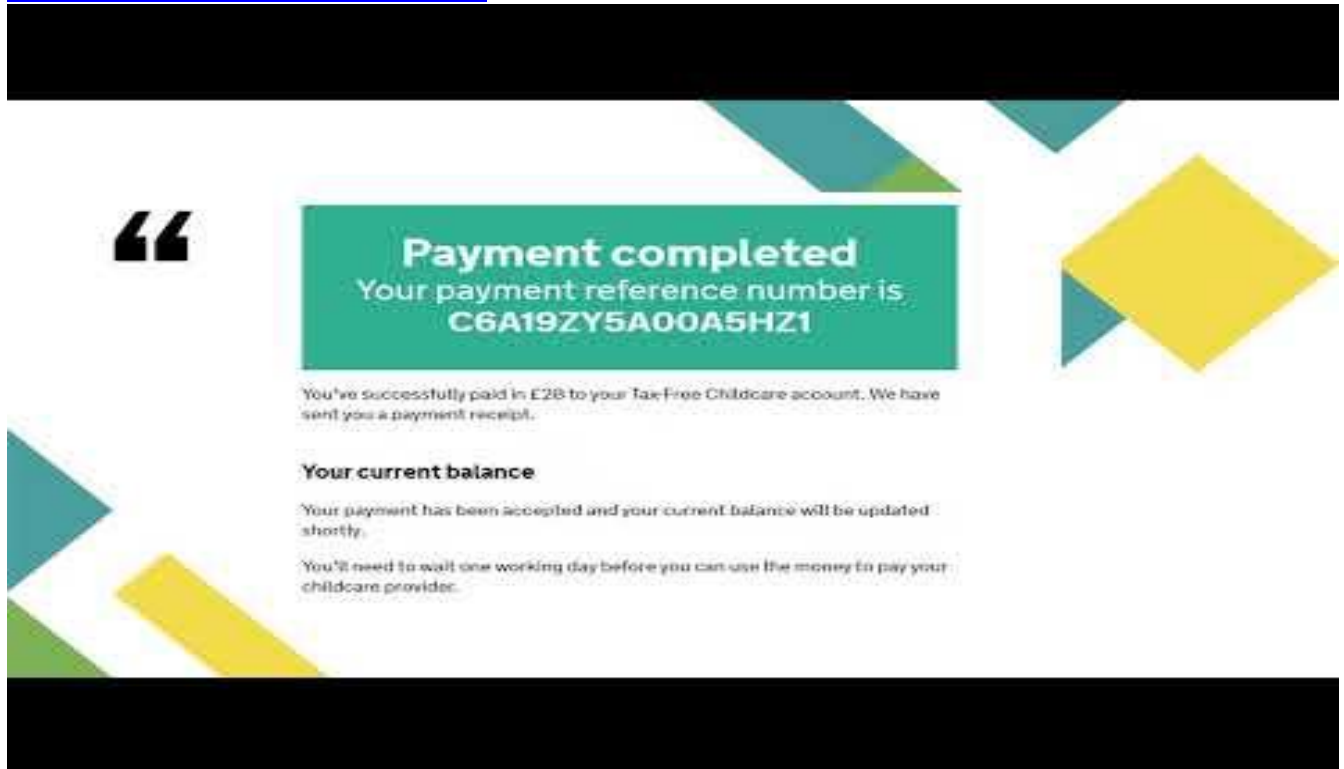
Born to read tokens

We are collecting tokens from the Ipswich Star and East Anglian to try to win some books for school. We need to get 1000 tokens to be entered into the draw to win £100 worth of books, so please tell family and friends to save us the tokens. There are double tokens in the Easter holidays.

Tax free childcare

One of our parents and Governor, Sophie Lyons, has put together a video about how to use Tax free childcare to pay for clubs at school. See the link below:

<https://youtu.be/6Mhj4Yo3bzA>



Certificates and Awards

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

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| Willow Class | Rupert, for fantastic effort and enthusiasm in the dance performance. |
| Oak Class | Poppy T, for great adjectives in her zoo recount. |
| Ash Class | Harvey, for remembering and using subject specific vocabulary in Science |
| Yew Class | Yew class, for filling the kindness jar with so many acts of kindness this half term. |

Bronze reading: Zachary, Vienna, Sienna

Silver reading: Chloe M, Connor, Emily, Dexter, Julian

Cooperate Jace, Bella, Grayson, Henry

TT rockstars: New rock status certificates for Arthur (6 secs per question), Jace (under 3 secs), Cody (under 2 secs). Austin, for scoring 100/100 on Gig and 25/25 on Soundcheck – best score in Ash. Harry M, for 4th on overall leaderboard, best effort in Ash and 25/25 on

Soundchecks. Theo, for best effort in Oak and William for 1st on overall leaderboard.

25m swimming certificates: Spencer S, Grace N, Rigby, Lewis

25m and Personal Safety: Harvey, Arthur, Grace W, Cody, Henry, Scarlett, Harry F, Lily, Willow, Jensen, Phoebe, Zoe, Ophelia, William, Charlie, Dylan.

Well done to the Hamish and Milo group who graduated today. Well done to Willow, who swam with older children in Norwich last weekend and got a bronze medal in 50 breast stroke and a silver medal in 200 breast stroke. Grace H also competed in 6 races at the same event, winning 5 medals: 1 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze! Well done to Nola and Keira for doing their Brownie promise this week and for their badges. Well done to Theo for his Learn to Swim Level 4 award. Well done to Poppy E for her Rainbow badge and Rosie H and Isabella for their gymnastic certificates and badges.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April.

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

Thurs 16 th Apr	Parents Evening 3:40-5:10pm Willow only
Fri 17th Apr	Swimming starts for Year 6 and some Y5
Mon 20 th Apr	Parents Evening 3:40-6:30pm Oak, Ash, Yew (not Willow)
Tues 21 st Apr	Wilder Schools Ash class
Wed 22 nd Apr	Parents Evening 3:40-6:30pm all classes
Thurs 23 rd Apr	Ash trip to Farm Fayre, Trinity Park
Fri 24 th Apr	Ash class, football tournament, Waldringfield
Tues 28 th Apr	Theatre performance in school
Fri 1 st May	Screen free Friday, 2:15-3pm Stay and Play in Willow
Wed 6 th May	Bookshop after school with £1 book tokens from World Book Day
Mon 11 th May	Start of SAT's week for Y6
Mon 18 th May	Start of Walk to School week
Tues 19 th May	Road safety workshops in school
Fri 22 nd May	KS2 Girls football tournament, Martlesham
Wed 1 st July	9-1pm Sports Day (date has changed)
Wed 8 th July	9-1pm back up date for Sports day (date has changed)

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026

PD Day Monday 20th July 2026

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

