



Dear Parents/Carers, pupils and staff,

As we embark on the 2023/2024 academic year, I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm welcome back to all of you. What a start it has been!

**Welcome to our new Reception cohort!** On behalf of the entire Arthur Bugler community, we extend a heartfelt and warm welcome to our new reception cohort and their families! We are absolutely thrilled to have you join the Arthur Bugler family and embark on this exciting journey of learning and growth with us.



Starting school is a significant milestone in a child's life, and we are committed to ensuring that this transition is as smooth and enjoyable as possible for both you and your child. Throughout the year, we will have numerous opportunities for you to engage with our school community, participate in events, and stay informed about your child's progress. Our dedicated staff are here to provide guidance, support, and encouragement, ensuring that your child's educational journey is both enjoyable and successful.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with growth, fun, and lots of learning!

**RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) update:** The beginning of this academic year has indeed been a rollercoaster ride, with unexpected challenges and surprises. The shock news of the KS2 building closure by the DFE due to RAAC was a testing moment for our school and its community. I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during this very challenging time.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express how incredibly proud I am of our children. They have adapted to the new school environment almost seamlessly. It's been a remarkable journey and turnaround over the last week, and I couldn't be more pleased with how our plans have come together.

As promised, I want to assure you that keeping our school community informed is a top priority. You can trust that any changes or updates will be communicated promptly, and you will always be the first to receive this news directly from Arthur Bugler. We understand that open and transparent communication is essential to fostering a strong and supportive school community. Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to continuing our journey together.

If you haven't already – please visit the school website to see photos of our new learning environments for years 4, 5 and 6 students or use the following link to see a short summary on Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtDWDd4p1ag>)



**Wow starters:** It has been an incredible start for both Year 3 and Year 4 students as they embarked on a thrilling journey back in time to the Stone Age and Viking era. We are delighted to report that the "Wow" starters for these classes were a resounding success.



The students truly embraced the experience with great enthusiasm. We were amazed by their engagement, curiosity, and willingness to immerse themselves in the learning process. This hands-on approach to history allowed our young learners to connect with the past in a meaningful way. We believe that experiences like these lay a solid foundation for a lifelong love of learning and a deep appreciation for history.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** A big, "Well Done!" goes out to all the children who took part and completed the challenge. Your dedication to reading over the summer months is truly fantastic, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of you. Thank you to those who have already sent in your child's reading certificate. For those who may have missed the opportunity to submit their child's certificate, fear not! It's not too late to showcase your child's accomplishment. We will be creating a special reading display where these certificates will take pride of place, so please send them in as soon as possible.



Rest assured; all original certificates will be returned to you. We understand the sentimental value they hold, and we want to make sure you have them as keepsakes of this wonderful achievement.

Once again, congratulations to all our young readers! We can't wait to see all the certificates and create a vibrant display that highlights your dedication and love for reading.



**A message from the PTA:** This week, our wonderful PTA provided our new Reception cohort with a brand-new reading book each as a 'welcome' to Arthur Bugler gift.

As always, the PTA are open to new faces and fresh ideas to make our school community the best it can be. You can follow the PTA on Facebook (search AB PTA) or if you'd like to get involved, please feel free to contact the PTA on the following email: [arthurbuglerpta@gmail.com](mailto:arthurbuglerpta@gmail.com). The PTA welcome your participation and

value your input.

Additionally, we would like to inform you all that an email has been sent out this week regarding the PTA **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. This meeting will take place at the school on Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 PM, with refreshments and snacks available from 7:30 PM onwards. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially newcomers!

**Football teams – exciting opportunity to sponsor our new kits!**

As the new football season approaches, we are excited to announce our plans to purchase brand-new football kits for both the boys' and girls' teams at ABP School. These kits will not only enhance the team's appearance but also instil a sense of pride and unity among our players.

To make this endeavour possible, we are inviting parents and community members to participate by sponsoring our new kits.

If you have an interest in sponsoring our new kits, please reach out to the school office at [admin.abp@osborne.coop](mailto:admin.abp@osborne.coop). We would be delighted to discuss sponsorship options, including the placement of your business name and/or logo on the kit/s.



**Year 6 leavers:** As part of their farewell celebrations, our old Year 6 students organised a fantastic Leavers Fair, and we're thrilled to report that it was a tremendous success. We're delighted to announce that they raised an outstanding total of £563.50 during the Leavers Fair, which was donated to Cancer Research UK. This remarkable achievement reflects their compassion,

teamwork, and dedication to helping those in need. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts!



**Well done to ...**


...Eva! Eva has shown incredible progress in her swimming endeavours, advancing from 100 meters to an impressive 200 meters. Her hard work and commitment in the pool are truly commendable. Additionally, she has been nominated for the "Player of the Match" in both her football and netball teams this week. Well done Eva, we are very proud of you!




...Millie! Millie's remarkable artwork has caught the attention of the art world, and her watercolour painting is now proudly displayed on the wall of a hotel in Southend. The hotel owners have offered Millie the chance to showcase further work at their establishment. This achievement is a testament to her artistic prowess and dedication. Well done Millie!

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
*Mr R Turner*  
Headteacher

	This week the <b>Attendance Trophies</b> have been awarded to			
	Lower School	Class 3	99.46	%
	Upper School	Class 14	99.73	%
	Whole School		98.47	%
<b>Congratulations to all classes</b>				

	<p><b>Safeguarding Concerns</b></p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using <a href="mailto:admin.abp@osborne.coop">admin.abp@osborne.coop</a>. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
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## LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

**September**

**PTA – Invite to AGM 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 7.00pm**

**Year 4 – Viking Day**

**Year 1 – Childhood Topic**

**Early Years – PTA Book Gift**

## Dates for your Diary

School Tours for New Intake 2024 will be after half term.