



Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff,

Happy Friday to all! It's been nearly a month since we received notice of the upper school closure from the DFE. I'm delighted to share that our children have smoothly transitioned into their new learning environments and are actively engaged in their studies. They truly are a credit to you all.

**Year 5 & 6 Boys Football:** I am thrilled to share some exciting news about our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team. Last Friday, they participated in the Thurrock School Sport Partnership football tournament at St. Cleres, and their performance was nothing short of remarkable!

Out of the 23 teams that entered the tournament, our boys secured an impressive 2nd place, narrowly missing out in an intense final that ended 9-8 on penalties. While they may not have claimed the top spot, their journey to the final was nothing short of extraordinary.



One of the most impressive aspects of their performance is the fact that the team did not concede a single goal throughout the tournament, which spanned seven games. This is a testament to their exceptional teamwork and determination.

This outstanding achievement sets the stage for an exciting season ahead. Our boys have shown incredible promise and potential, and we can't wait to see how they continue to grow and excel on the football field. They have represented our school with pride, and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done!



**Physical Education at Arthur Bugler (Autumn/Winter):** As you are aware, we have encountered a challenge with the loss of both school halls for PE activities. With the approaching deteriorating weather conditions, it becomes increasingly important to adapt to this situation and continue to provide high-quality PE lessons for our students.

To ensure the best possible learning experience, we will be making use of our extensive outdoor facilities and spaces as much as possible. This means that students will need appropriate clothing for outdoor PE. We kindly request that you ensure your child has a tracksuit, including jogging bottoms and a top or jumper. This will help keep them warm and comfortable during outdoor activities. This can be kept at school and will form part of their PE kit going forwards (Years 4 & 5 already come into school in their PE kits – please make sure it is suitable for the weather also).

Please rest assured that we will only take students outside for PE when it is safe to do so. Their safety remains our top priority.

Your support in ensuring your child is equipped with the appropriate outdoor PE clothing is greatly appreciated. This will enable us to continue providing engaging and effective PE lessons despite the challenges we face.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or if your child has any specific needs related to their PE lessons, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to work together to ensure the best possible learning experience for your child.

**Year 4 National Curriculum Swimming:** We are pleased to announce that our community link with Corringham Swimming Pool, operated by Impulse Leisure, has officially started for the 2023/2024 academic year.

As part of their PE curriculum, our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a dedicated block of swimming lessons throughout the academic year.



These lessons have been carefully designed to align with the expectations of the National Curriculum, ensuring that our students gain valuable water skills and confidence in the pool.

Swimming is not only a crucial life skill but also an essential component of physical education. It promotes fitness, builds water safety awareness, and fosters a sense of achievement among our students. We believe that this partnership with Corringham Swimming Pool will enhance our students' overall educational experience and contribute to their personal development.

Thank you in advance to the parents/guardians who support the teaching team with walking the children to and from the local swimming pool.

**Making our best even better! – Safeguarding Notice Board:** I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you regarding our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

We are pleased to announce the installation of a Community Safeguarding Noticeboard located outside the front of the school. This noticeboard is a valuable resource that will display important information related to various aspects of safeguarding, including key dates and essential contacts for our community.



In line with our commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment, this noticeboard serves as another method to actively involve our community in safeguarding. Safeguarding is a collective responsibility, and it relies upon all of us to ensure the safety and security of our children and families.

Do not forget, our dedicated safeguarding team is readily available to address any concerns or questions you may have. Please never hesitate to approach any one of us if you require assistance or guidance. Your vigilance and support are integral in helping us maintain a safe and nurturing environment for every member of our school community.

**Safeguarding – Walk Online Roadshow for Parents & Carers: SAVE THE DATE!**

**Walk Online Roadshow for  
Parents, Carers and Practitioners  
Wednesday 22nd November 2023  
- 20:00 till 21:30**

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5s. We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners.

This session explores show parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world. Visit the website to access the link. Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

[www.thurrocklscp.org.uk](http://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk)

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PARTNERSHIP**

**Year 5 'WOW' starter:** As part of their new topic, Dynamic Dynasties, Year 5 ventured back in time to the Shang Dynasty! Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of activities to help inspire and engage them in their new topic. From decoding messages on Oracle Bones, to completing a quiz all about life in the Shang Dynasty, to building their own dragons out of clay to support their future Literacy writing. They also managed to squeeze in a bit of Tai Chi as well as kicking out their best dance moves to the party classic, Kung Fu Fighting! It was a day to remember, and we hope the children had a great time!



**Parent consultations – October 2023 – Save the date:** Our first round of parent consultations for this academic year will be held on Wednesday, October 11th, and Thursday, October 12th.

These consultations provide a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's start to the new school year, ask questions, and gain insights into their educational journey. We encourage all parents & carers to participate to ensure a successful partnership between home and school.

The office will be sending out booking information in due course, which will include details on how to schedule your appointment with your child's teacher. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for this important information.

**Parent Volunteers – we need you!:** At ABP we are always looking for volunteers to support the children's learning within school. If you are interested in helping our fantastic pupils in reading, writing, maths and general learning please email [admin.abp@osborne.coop](mailto:admin.abp@osborne.coop) and we will invite you in to discuss how you can support within the school.



**Last but not least... more fantastic community achievements:**



- Jessica has been awarded the prestigious title of "Rainbow of the Year"! This is a well-deserved recognition of her outstanding dedication and hard work, both inside and outside of Rainbows.

We are incredibly proud of Jessica's achievements and the positive impact she has had on the Rainbow community. Let us all take a moment to celebrate her hard-earned success and dedication. Well done Jessica!



- Last weekend, Emily and Lucas participated in round 2 of the Eastern League Regional Cyclocross bike race.

I am proud to announce that both Emily and Lucas delivered outstanding performances. Emily demonstrated her exceptional skills and determination by securing 1st place in the U10 girls category and Lucas achieved the 2nd position in the U8 category, an incredible accomplishment.

We would like to congratulate Emily and Lucas on their outstanding achievements and wish them the best of luck as they prepare for round 3 of the Eastern League Regional Cyclocross race this coming weekend. We have no doubt that they will continue to shine brightly and make us proud.



- Congratulations to both Charlie and Teddy who received Blue Peter badges! Charlie drew and painted a picture of the Titanic and then researched information about it. Teddy painted a picture of axolotls, his favourite animal, and wrote facts about them. Well done to you both on this fantastic achievement!

- Good luck to all of our students who attend BB's Dance School as they prepare for their upcoming dance show this weekend. It's an exciting time for our young dancers, and we know that they have put in countless hours of dedication, practice, and hard work to make this performance a success. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

We always celebrate the accomplishments of our students, and we encourage you to share your child's achievements with the community. Whether it's academic, artistic, athletic, or any other noteworthy accomplishment, we want to know about it!

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at [admin.abp@osborne.coop](mailto:admin.abp@osborne.coop) to share your child's achievements, and we'll be thrilled to highlight their successes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
**Mr R Turner**  
 Headteacher

### Letters Home to Parents

Homework Survey Letter	All Year Groups
BBC 500 Word Launch Letter	All Year Groups
Church Trip - Harvest	Year 3
Residential Visit - Mersea	Year 6
Isle of Wight 2024	Year 5

### Diary Dates – 2023-24

<b>September 2023</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 11.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 11.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	New EY parents to visit for lunch at 11am (cancelled)

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	New EY children come in at 8.25am and go home at 1.15pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	New EY children in all day from now on
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics Session for parents (EY/Y1) 9.15/2pm (to be rescheduled)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Early Years parent information session 2.15pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day £1 donation
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee morning event (to be rescheduled)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm - Year 6 Parents meeting – admissions to secondary school and SATs information session
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm - Year 6 Parents meeting – admissions to secondary school and SATs information session
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM 7pm-9pm
<b><u>October 2023</u></b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual/ sibling photos (to be rescheduled)
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Book fair
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	SEND coffee morning 9am (subject to change)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Years Autumn workshop for parents 2pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 8 Harvest Festival 2.20pm (subject to change)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 7 Harvest Festival 2.20pm (subject to change)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of half term
<b>w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>October Half term</b>
<b>w/c 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>October Half term</b>
<b><u>November 2023</u></b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Friendship week
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Assessment Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND parent/carer meetings from 3.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (non-uniform)
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> November	YR-5 Assessment week
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas shop
<b><u>December 2023</u></b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas songs 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas performance at St Margaret's church
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christmas dinner
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christmas dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>w/c 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas holidays</b>
<b><u>January 2024</u></b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Aspirations Week
23/24 <sup>th</sup> January	Grandparents' day
w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Multicultural week
<b><u>February 2024</u></b>	
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safety week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half term
<b>w/c 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
<b><u>March 2024</u></b>	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 2pm
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Spring Term Reports to parents
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
<b><u>April 2024</u></b>	
<b>w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>w/c 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
<b>May 2024</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of half term
<b>w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>June 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Maths Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Father's Day celebration
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
<b>July 2024</b>	
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition week (TBC)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	SEND paperwork due to CE
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Term Reports to parents