



After what has felt like a very short half term, we have reached the end of the Spring term. The children have been extremely busy this week. Our Year 3 children have been swimming, Year 4 have shared their wonderful Easter performance with the whole school and their parents & carers, Year 5 took part in road safety workshops and some of our Year 6 children have been bowling on a reward trip today.

When we return to school after the summer break, we will be opening classroom doors five minutes earlier (at 08:40) it is hoped that this will also ease foot flow through the main school gate. The gates being opened will remain at 08:35 however.

360 Play at Festival Leisure have been in contact with the school to offer free entry to facility to Whitmore children on 23rd April between 4-6pm. They have asked that as proof of attendance at Whitmore, the children show a logo item of uniform, book bag etc.

We have been notified that the Local Authority will no longer be issuing the meal vouchers that were introduced through the Covid-19 pandemic. The last vouchers were issued at Christmas and these covered the Christmas and February half term breaks.

I would like to thank all of our families for the support you have given the school over the last term and wish you a very restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school at the start of the summer term on Monday 15th April.



Mr Wade  
Head of School

**Diary Dates:**

**April**

**15th—Return to school**

17th—Trust Orienteering Competition (selected children)

18th—Class Photos

23rd—St George's Day

25th—Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

26th—Yr5/6 football match at Kingswood Primary (Selected children)

29th—Police visiting Reception children

30th—May Discos—Reception 3:10-4:15p, Year 3-4 4:30-6pm

**May**

2nd—May Discos—Year 1-2 3:10-4:15pm, Year 5-6 4:30-6pm

2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (2:30pm KS1 Hall)

2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (5pm KS1 Hall)

**Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.**



**Information/ Reminders —**

**Dinner money & breakfast club money**—please remember to ensure you have sufficient funds on your child's account. We would ask that all negative balances are cleared by the end of the month.

**New Menu**—please see our new menu on the website for when we return.

**Vacancies.**

Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.  
[www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php)



**BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES**

CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24<sup>th</sup> April

CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> April

FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April

FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancies)





# Certificate of Achievement

Week of 25th March 2024

Buttercup— Anastasiz  
Daffodil— Cruz  
Primrose— Harry M  
Bluebell Class— Max  
Rose Class— Lenny C  
Tulip Class— Ibrahim H  
Lavender Class— Ryka R  
Orchid Class— Rebecca  
Sunflower Class— Avena-Leigh H  
Birch Class— Grace E  
Hawthorn Class— Zoe  
Pine Class— Charlie H  
Ash Class— Toheeba M  
Beech Class— Owen D  
Maple Class— Taliah B  
Olive Class— Luca N  
Sycamore Class— Tobi O  
Willow Class— Summaya A  
Elder Class— Sophie J  
Elm Class— Bobby H  
Oak Class— Scarlett



## Reading Corner

Year Group	After Easter we will be reading....
Nursery	<b>Oliver's Vegetables</b> by Alison Bartlett & Vivian French
Reception	<b>The Enormous Turnip</b>
Year 1	<b>The Extraordinary Gardener</b> by Sam Boughton
Year 2	<b>The day the Crayons Came Home</b> by Drew Daywalt
Year 3	<b>Rumaysa: A Fairytale</b> by Radiya Hafiza
Year 4	<b>Tamarind and the Star of Ishta</b> By Jasbinder Bilan
Year 5	<b>The Wolf Wilder</b> by Katherine Rundell
Year 6	<b>Suffragette The battle for Equality</b> by David Roberts

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Matthew
Year 1—Rose	Joshua A-N
Year 1 - Tulip	Kaleb G
Year 2 - Orchid	Alice
Year 2 - Sunflower	Freddie J
Year 2 - Lavender	Amira C
Year 3 - Pine	Charlie Q
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Kyon
Year 3 - Birch	Olivia C
Year 4 - Maple	David C
Year 4 - Beech	Matthew B
Year 4 - Ash	Michael Z
Year 5 - Olive	Vizdhan R
Year 5 - Sycamore	Riley K
Year 5 - Willow	Isabella C
Year 6—Elder	Jorgie W
Year— Elm	Shyanna
Year 6—Oak	Olivia-Mae

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child's year group:

Reception	In phonics we have been learning words that have an -s that sounds like a -z such as visit, chairs and chains and words that have -es which sounds like -iz such as torches, fishes and wishes. The tricky words have been they, all, by, my, are, sure and pure.
Year 1	In Phonics this week, Year 1 have been growing the code: ch makes the /c/ and /sh/ sound like in school and chef ze makes the /z/ sound in freeze and sneeze We recapped the 'a' grapheme and the sounds it makes eg: /o/ in wasp, /ar/ in father, /or/ in water and /ai/ in baking. We have also practiced reading longer words.

### Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



## Oracy Corner



# Let's Talk



**Discuss:** "Easter holidays are the best school holidays." Discuss

### Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



- “ Building on X's idea \_\_\_\_
- “ I agree and would like to add \_\_\_\_
- “ X's idea made me think \_\_\_\_

Build

### Challenge

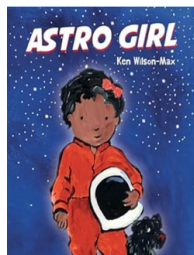
Disagree or present an alternative argument



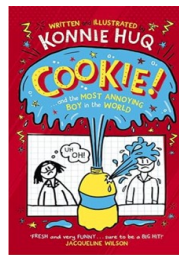
- “ I disagree because \_\_\_\_
- “ To challenge you X, I think \_\_\_\_
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about \_\_\_\_?

Challenge

## Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



*Pine class are the winners of the Spring term battles.*

### Player of the week—

Lavender— Jonathan B  
Orchid— Adebanke  
Sunflower— Adebambo A  
Birch— Joe C  
Hawthorn— Ella  
Pine — Roziie F  
Ash— Jayden J  
Maple— Bobby N  
Olive— Aisha C  
Sycamore— Christian D  
Willow— Archie B  
Elder— William W  
Elm— Michelle

### Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Ella P  
Tulip— Joseph M  
Bluebell— Savannah



### Year 5 Road Safety

Over the last week, Year 5 children have had a visit from the Safer Essex Roads Partnership. The children have learned about how to be safe when they are out in the community, whether they are walking or on bicycles or scooters. They have learned where safe places are to cross the roads and learned about the Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think. They were also reminded why they should always wear a seat belt and the importance of wearing their cycle helmet. Finally, they went out with a member from Safer Essex Roads and a member of staff in small groups to practise what they have learned. Everyone has a free reflective bag to take home to help them Be safe and Be seen!

We encourage you to reinforce this learning with your child following Stop, Look, Listen and Think.

For more information and additional free resources visit <https://saferessexroads.org/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/>.

"It was really educational; the teacher would demonstrate first and show us what to do. She would tell us where to look and what to look for. We then did this with an adult. We counted how many steps it would take for a car to stop when the driver presses the brakes."



### Year 6 Reward trip

Some of the year 6 children earned an extra reward on Thursday to Hollywood bowl in Basildon.

A great time was had by all, and the children thoroughly enjoyed showing their competitiveness! Even though the walk to and from Festival Leisure Park was tiring, it was worth it for the amount of fun that was had. Some of the children even scored a couple of strikes—earning their way onto the overall leader board for the day.





### Year 4 Spring Performance

Year 4 had a wonderful time this week performing their amazing Easter Play to the parents. After many weeks of hard work and tremendous effort, the children were thrilled to finally show their beautiful singing, dancing and acting skills, telling the Easter story. We are all so incredibly proud of the talent and confidence of our children, with many brilliant solo singers and speakers. We cannot wait to see how their performing talents grow and develop over the next few years! A huge, special thank you to Mrs Maguire-Parsons for her dedication and effort in producing yet another fantastic play for the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed their roles and singing some fantastic, classic anthems.

