



Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

As we embark on the new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a Happy 2024. May this year bring you success, good health, and countless moments of happiness.



Our journey at Arthur Bugler continues to thrive, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our students, teachers, and the invaluable support of our parents. Together, we are taking Arthur Bugler from strength to strength.

As partners in your child's education, we look forward to another year of growth, learning, and achievement. Our commitment to providing a nurturing and enriching environment remains unwavering, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Monster Phonics – 700 new books! We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you – we've recently received our new Monster Phonics books! This fantastic addition includes another 700 books to further support our students in their phonics development.



Our commitment to enhancing literacy skills doesn't end there. In total, we've acquired an impressive 1400 new phonics books this academic year alone! We believe that providing a diverse set of resources is crucial for fostering a love for reading and language development.

But that's not all! We've also invested in a subscription that grants each child online access to the complete range of Monster Phonics books. This means that learning and development can continue beyond the classroom, providing an additional avenue for exploration and growth.

To ensure that your child can make the most of this exciting opportunity, we'll be organizing log-in information and parent/carer training in the near future. This training will guide you on how to navigate the online platform and support your child's progress effectively.

We are truly enthusiastic about the positive impact these resources will have on our students' phonics development.



New Literacy scheme = Literacy Tree: We are thrilled to share further exciting news about an initiative that will enhance the English learning experience for our students at ABP.

Introducing the "Literacy Tree" program – a comprehensive, thematic approach to primary English education that centers around children's literature. We believe that immersing students in the world of literature fosters a love for reading and strengthens their language skills.

We are delighted to inform you that the PTA has generously contributed funds to support the purchase of new books for the Literacy Tree program. This invaluable donation ensures that our students have access to a diverse range of high-quality literature, enriching their learning journey.

At ABP, we are committed to continuous improvement, and the Literacy Tree program is just another example of how we are dedicated to making our best even better. We believe this initiative will not only enhance academic achievements but also instil a lifelong passion for reading in our students.



Get Ready for Aspirations Week (next week!): We are thrilled to announce that next week is 'Aspirations Week' at ABP! This special event is designed to ignite inspiration and provide valuable insights into various career paths for our students.

Throughout the week, we have arranged a lineup of exciting visitors, both in person and virtually, who will share their experiences and expertise to motivate and guide our students toward their future employment goals.

We sincerely appreciate the support and engagement of parents and external volunteers who have graciously offered their time to participate in this event. Your involvement plays a crucial role in making Aspirations Week a success, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to inspiring the next generation.

We encourage you to discuss with your child the various speakers and activities planned for the week, as it promises to be an enriching and eye-opening experience for all involved.

A BIG 'Thank you' to Mrs Smith for all her hard work planning/organising this year's Aspirations week!

Winter Weather: As winter weather settles in, we want to highlight the importance of safety on our school site. We are actively gritting the premises to mitigate risks, but your cooperation is vital.

- **Gritting Efforts:** Our Site Manager (Mr Stone) is working diligently to keep the school site safe. Despite his efforts, we urge everyone to be cautious, especially during icy conditions.
- **Communication Channels:** In case of snow or adverse weather, timely updates will be shared through our social media platforms and school communication channels. Stay tuned for important announcements regarding any necessary changes to normal school operations.
- **Prepare for Winter:** Please ensure your child is adequately prepared for the winter weather. This also includes a warm outdoor PE kit. PE has commenced in our large marquee; however, some lessons will still be taking place outside (if safe to do so).



Your understanding and cooperation in prioritising safety are greatly appreciated. For any concerns, feel free to contact the school office.

Water Bottles: Water is essential for staying hydrated and maintaining good health. It helps improve concentration, cognitive function, and overall well-being. Encouraging your child to bring a water bottle to school ensures they have easy access to water throughout the day, promoting a positive learning environment.



Please also make sure your child's water bottle is labelled with their name to prevent mix-ups.

Congratulations to:



▪ **Isla** - I'm thrilled to share the fantastic news that Isla organised a charity night at her house last week to raise money for the Dogs Trust. It was a family-filled evening with a raffle, tombola, bingo, and homemade treats.

Isla's efforts paid off, and she raised an impressive £103! She visited the Dogs Trust on Sunday to hand over the funds. Congratulations to Isla for her compassion and success.

▪ **Lewis** - Lewis has recently been awarded the prestigious Blue Peter reading badge in recognition of his passion for books and his outstanding reporting on them. This is a significant achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of him.

Well done and congratulations to you both!



And lastly – Free school uniform event:



FREE School Uniform

free for everyone,
no referral needed!

Events

Fridays 3 - 4.30pm	Saturdays 10 - 11.30am
19th January 16th February 15th March 19th April 17th May 21st June	20th January 17th February 16th March 20th April 18th May 22nd June



Community Church Chadwell St Mary
 Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)

RM16 4QR


Save the planet 🌍, and your pennies 💰 !


Hundreds of items in stock:


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polo shirts Shirts & blouses Skirts Trousers Socks Pinafore dresses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jumpers & cardigans Blazers & ties PE kit incl football socks Plimsolls Black shoes Coats
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Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	Lower School	Class 3	99.19%	%
	Upper School	Class 9	100.00	%
	Whole School		96.17	%
Congratulations to all classes				

	Safeguarding Concerns
	<p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. 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>

	LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK
	<p> Grandparents Day – All Year Groups NHS Post Screening Link – Year 6 School Uniform Flyer – All Year Groups Big Treat Day – All Year Groups Aspirations Week Letter – All Year Groups Young Voices – Choir Attendees Only </p>

Dates for your Diary

January 2024	
Thursday 4 th January	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
w/c 15 th January	Aspirations Week
23/24 th January	Grandparents' day

w/c 29 th January	Multicultural week
February 2024	
w/c 11 th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother’s Day celebration 2pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Friday 22 nd March	Spring Term Reports to parents
Tuesday 26 th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
April 2024	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
May 2024	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father’s Day celebration
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
July 2024	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (TBC)
Friday 5 th July	SEND paperwork due to CE
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents

