

Newsletter Term 5 Number 3 Friday 9th May 2025

Values of the term: Kindness, understanding, forgiveness

‘Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.’ - Dalai Lama

Dear Parents,

It's been another action-packed week at Buckland! On Wednesday, we had the privilege of welcoming members of the Emergency Services to school. The children had the opportunity to meet firefighters, paramedics, and police officers, learning about the vital roles they play in our communities. They explored the vehicles (a definite highlight!) and asked some fantastic questions. A big thank you to Mrs Wrigglesworth-Footit for organising such a memorable visit. Experiences like this are a wonderful way to inspire children, sparking curiosity about different careers and helping them begin to imagine their own futures - even from a young age.

VE Day Celebration – We had a wonderful time marking VE Day in school. The children especially enjoyed hearing stories about Mrs Lines' father, who served in World War II. They took part in a class picnic, engaged in VE Day-themed activities, and looked fantastic dressed in red, white, and blue.



Forest school – Big Acorns have been having a fantastic time at Forest School, enjoying outdoor adventures and hands-on learning in nature. A huge thank you to Mrs Lefebvre for organising and leading such inspiring sessions, and to our amazing Forest School volunteer Hayley Old - these sessions wouldn't be possible without all our volunteers'

support! Please see lots of super photos and news here:

<https://www.bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk/forest-school/>

This week in class –

Acorns have been learning about the emergency services and people who help us this week. We have been discussing all the people who help us in our families, school and the wider community and particularly enjoyed a visit to see the paramedics, police officers and fire fighters (thank you to Austin's mummy for arranging this!) Big Acorns have been learning about odd and even in maths and Little Acorns have been exploring differences in weight and balancing scales.



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Beech have explored the difference between man-made and natural materials, and learnt the four main compass directions as well as finishing writing their Iron Man stories and writing pieces on kindness and understanding for our class worship next week. We have also done tennis, pottery and some maths turning tally charts into tables with Mrs Elliott and learning to count in 5s with Mrs Gorham. However, the highlight was the visit to see the emergency services at the Memorial Hall - all that heavy equipment, sirens and stretchers!

Sycamore - This week we were extremely lucky to spend Wednesday morning learning about the emergency services which was very exciting. In English we have been completing our own research tasks on King Tutankhamun ready for our portfolio next week. In Maths we have been rounding decimals and adding and subtracting capacities. In History and Guided Reading, we have done a deep dive into the life of Tutankhamun. Another great week in Sycamore with lots of focus on the Ancient Egyptians.

Oak - Our Y6's have been working really hard this week in preparation for next week's SATS. They have been in pairs tackling a range of questions in Reading, Maths and SPAG. Next week is another chance for them to show how amazing they are in just one part of their education journey. As a class, we have been playing Tennis on the school playground - this will continue next week where we focus on the backhand and volleying. We have also compared the life cycles of amphibians and insects in science and used Google Drawings to create images as part of our computing work. On top of this, we have been singing a selection of songs from 'Oliver With A Twist' (in preparation for our end of year production) and discussing why VE Day is so important to all of us.

Staffing updates:

Sycamore class –

As shared earlier today on ParentPay, Mr Henry will be leaving Buckland at the end of Term 6. While we are sad to see him go, we fully support his decision to follow his passion for sports and to combine this with his love for teaching. This is a wonderful opportunity for him, and we wish him every success.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Katie Beswick will be joining us in September. With experience in primary education from a range of year groups, Miss Beswick will be a fantastic addition to our team, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her



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to Buckland. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to meet and get to know Miss Beswick before the start of the Autumn term.

Please find a message from Mr Henry here -

Dear Parents of Buckland School,

After much thought, I wanted to share with you all that I will be stepping away from my role as Class Teacher of Sycamore Class at the end of the academic year to pursue a new path in Sports Education and Development. This is a field I am very excited about and allows me to combine my passion for teaching and sport to support children's growth in a more physical and active learning environment.

From my first day back in September, this amazing school community has made me feel welcomed and supported. It has been an absolute privilege to have been able to work with all of the wonderful staff and children that we have at Buckland School. I have truly valued the relationships built with students, families and colleagues, and I am incredibly thankful and proud of the growth and achievements we've shared together.

While I will certainly miss the smiling faces first thing in the morning and the classroom moments we've been able to share. I am excited by the opportunity of continuing to support and inspire young children to be the best version of themselves, this time by encouraging their growth through active, engaging experiences in sport.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness, trust and support throughout my time at this wonderful school. I'm truly grateful.

Mr Henry

Next week: Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs, and we want to wish them the very best of luck. They have all worked incredibly hard, shown great determination, and are well prepared. SATs are just one part of their learning journey, and we are proud of everything they have achieved across all areas of school life. You've got this, Year 6!

Roblox - We would like to remind parents to be aware of the potential risks associated with children playing on Roblox. The platform includes online interactions with other users, which can sometimes expose children to inappropriate content or unsafe communication. Even though Roblox is classed as a PEGI 7, some of the games are most certainly not appropriate for primary aged children – this is difficult to monitor due to the sheer volume of games available. We encourage you to regularly check your child's privacy



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settings, monitor their gameplay, and have open conversations about staying safe online. Please see the attached poster with information for parents – lots of useful tips on the risks with Roblox and how to monitor content.

Please find a link to a podcast called – What Parents and Educators need to know about Roblox – it's 6 minutes and well worth a listen:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5ThQxfXIPA8Gmn2NzkVrjO?si=rsik4mB7QUyxZyWxudejHA&nd=1&dlsi=59e681616cff4c4d>



FOBS –

Don't Miss the FOBS Buckland Festival Weekend!

A fun-filled weekend for all the family — and all in support of our school!

Saturday 7th June @ The Lamb Tavern
BBQ from 4pm • Live Music from 6pm
Tickets: **£10** (children – includes BBQ, ice cream & live music)

£20 (adults – includes BBQ, salad & live music)

Relax, enjoy great food, and dance the evening away while the kids are fully entertained!

Sunday 8th June @ The Memorial Hall (2–6pm)

Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

Fun for all with games, stalls, a bar, raffle, and Open Gardens trail.

Tickets: **£2.50** (under 3s go free)

Bring your friends and family and make a weekend of it!

Every ticket sold helps raise funds for our school — thank you for your support



Get your tickets now <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbuckland/>

FOBS are urgently looking for a new treasurer! Please see info attached to newsletter.

Reporting your child's absence - please can parents notify the office either by email or to the office phone by 8.45am at the latest. **Please**



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not only leave a message with a member of staff – all messages of absence need to go to the office so that Ms Harvey can add the correct information to our registers by 9.10am. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing adverts – we are currently advertising for a lunch time assistant for 5 days a week. If you know anyone who may be interested in this role, then please share - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2025-BCEPS-42359>

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	121	105	101
Termly total	279	261	244

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Daisy M and Penelope

Beech – Noah and Anna

Sycamore – Albie D and Ava

Oak – Lleyton and Henry

Silver badges have been awarded to:

Horse: Ava S-M, Sophia P, Darcey o'L (Bronze)

Ox: Lacey and Laura

Dragon: Tymen

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team