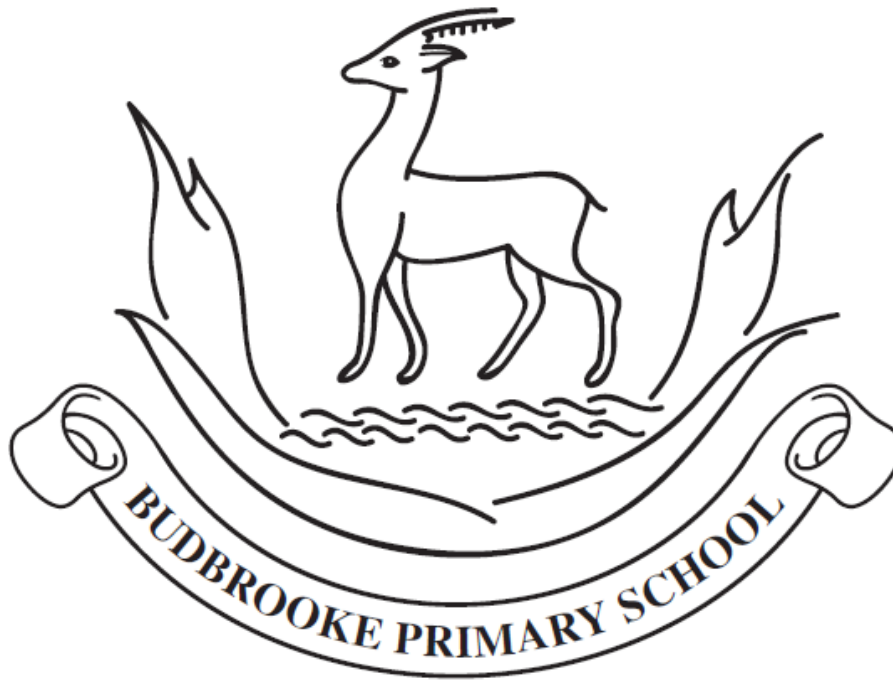


Budbrooke Press

Friday 7th March - Spring Term 2, Week 2

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A message from the Acting Head of School



Dear Parents,

We've had a very busy and exciting week at school, and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you.

Firstly, we've had a number of visitors to school this week, including the Primary Lead for the Community Academies Trust. We are delighted to report that we received glowing feedback about the positive learning environment, the high standards of behaviour for learning, and the exceptional quality of work that our pupils are producing. A huge thank you to our staff and pupils for their continued hard work and dedication to create such a wonderful learning environment that is allowing our pupils to flourish.

We also want to express our gratitude to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to welcome you into school, and the pupils truly enjoyed reading the positive comments you made about their learning. Your ongoing support means a great deal to us and your child.

It was wonderful to see the huge array of characters that came into school as part of our World Book Day activities on Thursday, we even had a life sized dinosaur and it is not very often I have a minion and a banana in my office celebrating their achievements! Pupils especially enjoyed the 'Masked Reader' challenge! The event was a huge success, and all our pupils enjoyed discovering who the masked readers were. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day so special. Your efforts truly promoted a love of reading and enthusiasm for exploring different types of texts.

We also want to say well done to the pupils who participated in the Pancake Race. They did a wonderful job representing the school, showing all of our core values. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event by providing transport and attending – it's always fantastic to see our community coming together to support these experiences. More information can be found in Mr. Brereton's report below.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share that we are beginning to receive items for the development of the Year 5 and 6 gardening area at the back of the school. We'll be providing more information about this soon and look forward to seeing the space take shape in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lisa Hopkins

Acting Head of School/DSL/SENCO

Golden Book



Maple- Jackson

Elm- Alba

Beech- Taylor

Holly- Jack B

Chestnut- Adam

Redwood- Luca

Cherry- Poppy

School Values Reward Winners

Consideration- Lily, Elm

Confidence- Joe, Elm

Collaboration- Bluebell, Chestnut

Curiosity- Grayson, Chestnut

Challenge- Devon, Maple



National Skipping Day Sponsorship Challenge 2025

Children at Budbrooke Primary School will be taking part in National Skipping Day on Friday 28th March 2025 and the PTA have organised an exciting sponsorship challenge to raise money for a new timber trail.

This whole school challenge is suitable for all ages and aims to engage Budbrooke Primary School in a day of skipping fun!

There are many benefits to skipping including it being easily accessible, skipping improves physical and mental wellbeing, it encourages teamwork and children can challenge themselves and see improvements quickly.

The children will be able to follow a variety of skipping challenges at school and at home aimed at improving their skipping, and many other life skills.

There will be the single bounce challenge, double bounce challenge and a run challenge and for each challenge there will be the chance to earn bronze, silver or gold. There will also be a variety of tricky skipping challenges for the confident skippers and some supportive challenges for those that are new to skipping.

Children who raise money for the PTA will have the opportunity to win prizes.

Enjoy being active,

Mr Brereton.



Pupil Voice- Favourite Books

This week, we have loved celebrating World Book Day. As part of the celebration, we dressed up as characters from our favourite book and bought the book in to share in school. The children of Budbrooke Primary School were asked what their favourite book was and why and here are some of their responses.

"This is my favourite books because it is about lions and they are my favourite animal." - Geogia in Maple Class.

I love it when the thing 1 flies the kite around the house. It's a really funny book!" - Lexi in Elm Class.

"These books are really adventurous!" - Maverick in Beech Class.

"I love reading books like Matilda." - Lola in Holly Class.

"I like this book book because it makes me feel cool. I really like the granny character." - Harvey in Chestnut.

"I really enjoy reading about the different adventures of the wishing chair!" - Amber in Redwood.

"I got this book as a birthday gift and it made me and my sister laugh so much." Sonny in Cherry.

Book Fair 2025



The Book Fair will be visiting Budbrooke Monday 17th March - Thursday 20th March.

The Book Fair will be in the school hall and will be open every morning 8:15 - 8:45 and every day after school 15:30 - 16:00.

Please enter the Book Fair through the door into the hall that is near the Year 3 and 4 playground, please do not come through the office entrance.

Please come along and see the wonderful selection of books on sale - more details will be given nearer the time.

A Message from the Librarians

During the Book Fair, there will be a selection of second hand books for sale that children can purchase as a reduce cost!

All money will be donated to purchasing new books in school.

Don't miss out!

Beech Class Spotlight

Beech Class Beech Class children have made a creative start to the half term. They have enjoyed reading *The Storm Whale* and comparing it with *The Storm Whale in Winter*.

In Science, the children have planted seeds to investigate what a plant needs to survive. They will nurture the seeds and record how well they are growing.

In DT, the children are very excited to be making beach huts. So far, they have investigated the key features of a beach hut and the class is looking forward to collaborating to design and make a beach hut.



Warwick Rotary Pancake Race

There was a lot of pancake flipping fun this week at the Rotary Club pancake relay race in Warwick.

With the sun shining, excited crowds gathered to watch and cheer on the pancake racers.

Budbrooke entered 4 teams into the event held in Warwick Market Square which was attended by competitors from local schools such as Coten End, Westagte, Warwick Prep, Emscote and Newburgh.

In the relay, each racer had to run to the end of the track and back with a frying pan and pancake, toss the pancake twice at certain points and then pass it on to the next Budbrooke racer.

Year 2 Budbrooke Flippers Team 1 won their heat and made it through to the final where they finished in a commendable 4th place. Budbrooke Flippers Team 2 finished 2nd in their heats while the Year 6 teams finished both finished 2nd in their heats and narrowly missed out on the final.

Mr Brereton said: "There was a lot of quality pancake tossing and great team spirit on show. The sun was shining and the atmosphere was fantastic. Thank you to the parents for helping with transport and cheering on the children."





PTA News

Mothers Day Room

Budbrooke School PTA is excited to host the Mother's Day Room on the morning of Friday 28th March. This special event gives children the opportunity to choose a pre-wrapped gift for their Mum, Stepmum, or Grandma, bringing it home as a surprise on the same day!

Each gift costs £4.50, and all purchases must be pre-ordered by 5pm on Tuesday 25th March via the PTA's online shop:

<https://budbrookepta.zero-waste.org.uk/shop/>.

Please note Mother and Grandmother gifts are separate products in the shop and remember to include your child's name and class. Our aim is to help the children make Mother's Day extra special this year!

Mother's Day Room

will take place at school on the morning of

Friday 28th March

Children will be able to choose a gift for the special person (or people) in their lives, be it Mum, Step mum or Grandma!

All gifts will be pre-wrapped (but there will be an example for the children to see) and the children will bring gifts home from school the same day.

Each gift costs £4.50 and all gifts must be **pre-ordered by 5pm on Tuesday 25th March.**

To order, visit the shop on our brand new Budbrooke School PTA website:

<https://budbrookepta.zero-waste.org.uk/shop/>

Please ensure Mother and Grandmother gifts are separate products in the shop and include your child/children's name(s) and class in your order. Efforts will be made to ensure siblings choose different gifts.

Order your
Mother
gift here



Order your
Grandmother
gift here



Fundraising Campaign

Budbrooke School PTA is launching an exciting fundraising campaign to raise £15,000 over the coming year to replace the much-loved timber trail play equipment in the Year 3/4 playground.

To achieve this goal, all profits from PTA events throughout the year will go towards the project, plus supporters can now donate directly via the new PTA website:

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Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Over the past few weeks, the Department for Education has confirmed a 12-month extension to the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme to take the programme to March 2026. This means that our usual delivery of funded holiday activities will again take place in the Easter, Summer & Christmas holidays throughout 2025.

What is HAF?

The HAF programme is funded through the Department for Education for school aged children in full time education from reception to Year 11 (inclusive), who receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving young people the opportunity to access activities with a healthy meal provision over the main school holidays at Christmas, Easter and Summer.

For our upcoming Spring provision over the school Easter holidays, each eligible young person with a Warwickshire HAF code can access a maximum of **4** funded sessions which all include a meal provision. If families are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, a request for a HAF code (unique booking code) can be made online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf from a family directly. We verify all requests before a HAF code is sent out, usually via an email. Alternatively, a member of the HAF team can also be reached through the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 408 1558 if online access is

not possible. HAF codes issued under benefits-related free school meal eligibility are valid for the academic year and stay the same for the three delivery periods.

For more information about the HAF programme, then please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf

Spring Non-FSM HAF Codes (Professional Referral Required):

For each HAF delivery period, we are able to allocate a certain number of HAF codes to young people not eligible for benefits-related free school meals, but who would benefit in attending HAF activities. This is where the family are facing a significant financial barrier and the young person meets at least one of the eligible criteria listed below;

- Have an allocated social worker or family support worker
- Are on an open early help plan
- Are a young carer

This HAF code will be sent directly to the parent or carer referenced, with a duplicate also sent to the member of staff making the referral. The HAF code will be sent within a maximum of 3 working days of the form being completed, with the HAF code eligible for **Spring** delivery only. Once we reach a certain number of HAF codes sent using this referral form, this link will unfortunately have to be closed to keep in line with our funding agreements through the Department for Education. Non-FSM HAF codes will be issued on a first come basis.

The referral link for Spring HAF codes is now **live** from this morning and can be found at <https://forms.office.com/e/kgA1R0AjWU>

Funding for Additional Support:

For all listed HAF activities, we set aside a budget to support activity providers with additional staffing for 1'2'1 requests. If you are supporting a family where this request is likely, then there is additional support available so it can be discussed with the activity provider at the time of booking. Please contact a member of the HAF team if you have any questions on this.

SEND Family Experiences:

We also offer SEND Family Experiences as part of our HAF provision. These experiences are available to families where at least one child/young person is eligible for benefits-related FSM and has a current EHCP. Families can self-refer for these experiences so no need for a professional referral. For our Spring HAF programme, we will again be offering funded SEND Family Experiences at a variety of venues across Warwickshire. Eligible families can complete this form directly <https://forms.office.com/e/xKqY3wjjL6>, this again will go live from

10:00am today. We'll also promote the link on our webpages and through the FIS social media channels at Warwickshire Family Information Service on Facebook.

Each eligible family can book a maximum of **2** experiences this Spring with a variety of activities available, with entrance and food costs covered. These sessions are included within the 4-session limit per HAF code for Winter activities. These experiences available on a first come basis and are often fully booked within a week the form going live, so feel free to distribute this link to any families you are supporting that meet the eligible criteria.

Spring Programme Launch Date - Listed HAF Activities:

We aim to have all our listed HAF activities available from **Monday 10th March** for bookings to commence, we will have in the region of 125 activities available to suit a variety of ages/interests across the County. Listings will be available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf alongside updates through the Family Information Service social media account referenced above.

For any general questions, please feel free to send us an email on hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, a team member can be reached through the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 408 1558.

Thanks,

Colin Naismith & James Holgate (Warwickshire HAF Programme Team)

Absences and Lateness

All absence must be reported via telephone to the school office.

Absence due to illness may be left on a voicemail.

All other absence must be requested prior to absence date. Please contact the school office for application forms.



If your child is unwell and unable to make it into school for any reason please notify the school office of this absence giving a clear reason by **9.00am**. This can be done via email or calling the school office and pressing option 1.

If your child is going to be late after **8.55am** (this is when registration closes) please could you also report this by calling the school office and pressing option 1.

This helps with numbers for the catering team in the kitchen.

Upcoming promotional lunches for 2025!

Diary Dates



March

w/c **10th** British Science Week

w/c **14th** Book Fair

14th Reception NHS Vision Screening

19th Chestnut Class Assembly

28th PTA Mothers Day Room

31st Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Evening (Year 1)

April

2nd Maple and Elm Easter Production

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