



NEWSLETTER



"Nurturing every little acorn to become a mighty oak!"



Mrs Burrell's Bulletin

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and we are incredibly grateful for your time, support and partnership. Working together really does make such a difference to our children. We place huge importance on transition because we want every child's start to a new year to be exceptional. We are incredibly proud of how we support our children as they move into their new classes, but we are never complacent and are always looking for ways to make their experience even better. Over the past couple of weeks, our Senior Leadership Team have been spending time in classrooms and, most importantly, chatting to the children about how they are feeling. The response has been overwhelmingly positive! Our children are happy, settled, engaged and already embracing their new year groups. It has been wonderful to see! Your voice matters too. We are always looking at what we can learn and how we can make things even better, so we have included a short [transition questionnaire](#) for parents. We would really value your feedback – what worked well, what helped your child and anything we could consider for next year. Thank you, as always, for helping us continue to improve.

Have a lovely weekend!

A plea for the staff...

Sadly, we have had a small number of occasions recently where members of staff have been spoken to rudely, had voices raised at them or have been left feeling upset or intimidated. I know this does not reflect the overwhelming majority of our wonderful families, but I do need to be clear that this is not acceptable. Our staff go above and beyond every single day because they care enormously about your children. We won't always get everything right, we are human and mistakes sometimes happen, but I see first-hand just how relentlessly this team works to give our children the very best. Behind every member of staff is also a person: someone's mum or dad, daughter or son, and they deserve the same kindness and respect that we expect them to show our families. Our door is always open. If you are worried, frustrated or unhappy about something, however big or small, please come and talk to us. We will listen and we will work with you to find a way forward. Even when emotions are running high, however, we ask that conversations remain kind and respectful. We will not tolerate aggressive, intimidating or disrespectful behaviour towards our staff. I have attached our Parent Code of Conduct as a reminder and very much hope that is all it needs to be. We are all on the same team and ultimately want exactly the same thing: happy, safe and successful children. I make no apologies for the fact that the children will always be at the heart of every decision we make.

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Uniform reminder

Please choose shoes rather than boots

Tracksuit bottoms or shorts rather than leggings/cycling shorts

Please keep branded logos small and discreet

[CLICK HERE FOR ALTERNATIVE APPROVED SHORTS FOR YEAR 5/6 ONLY](#)



Mighty Oak Awards

Here are the winners of our White Court 'Mighty Oak' awards...

Tigers Erin F	Kangaroos Stanley C	Ducks Leon P
Puffins Leo W	Manatees Albert D	Turtles Oskar P
Otters Emelia B	Koalas Mia H	
Toucans Arthur	Chameleons Jacob J	Octopus Emilia
Sloths Luna D	Flamingos Ruby M	Pandas Ralph L
Chimps Seb M	Bears Rafe G	Lobster Dottie H
Racoons Luca B-W	Eagles Theo L	Ocelots Macy S

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S CUP WINNERS.....

HOUSE CUP

READING CUP



ROWLING

JEFFERS



Mighty Oak Shining Stars

A special mention to the winners of our OPAL Mighty Oak award Ben G and Oliver T, always going above and beyond, being extremely helpful and creative. Well done!

What's coming up...?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SEPTEMBER

14th - 16th Bikeability for Yr 6 continued.
16th - Phonics & Fun with Your Little One.
Yr 1 9:15-9:50 a.m.
FS 10:10-10:50 a.m.
18th - Harvest Service
w/c 21st - French Week
25th - Individual Photographs

OCTOBER

6th - ACL Course - Managing big emotions 1.
w/c 12th - Aspiration Week
13th - ACL Course - Managing big emotions 2.
13th - Parents Evening 4:30-7:30 p.m.
15th - Parents Evening 4:00-6:30 p.m.
20th - ACL Course - Setting Boundaries.
20th - Little Acorns Parent Event 2:00pm
21st - Foundation Stage Stay & Play 9:15-10:15 a.m.
23rd - Little Acorns Parent Event 2:00 p.m.
23rd - TOPS Time Celebration.

Community Page ([Click here](#))

Please visit our community page. Here you will find fliers for events and clubs in the local area, currently including:

- [NEW](#) Coding Club at Braintree Library [Click here](#)
- KEGs Foundation Festival [Click here](#)
- Futsal sessions for girls in Year 5/6. [Click here](#)
- Report dangerous parking [here](#)
- Snackanory Toddler Group [click here](#)
- Free **Cooking** Classes! [click here](#)
- [Click here](#) for a fabulous **SEND** resource to support parents and carers
- Information regarding e-scooters
- Glurbs app to learn languages at home!
- ...and much, much more!



An incredible trip to the Houses of Parliament!

Our School Council had the most amazing trip to the Houses of Parliament on Thursday! After a fantastic tour, we even sat in the public gallery of the House of Commons and watched MPs debating, before taking part in a workshop all about how laws are made – democracy in action! After a quick lunch, we headed to Great Scotland Yard, where, thanks to the wonderful Mrs Havelin, we had been invited for a very special tour of the Mounted Police stables. We met the officers, got up close to the magnificent horses and even met one of the horses who helps protect the King! It was a real 'wow' experience and we ALL felt incredibly lucky to be there... although we're not entirely sure whether the children or the teachers were more excited! A HUGE thank you to Mrs Havelin for arranging such a special opportunity for us. As always, our children were absolutely amazing and represented White Court brilliantly – we couldn't have been prouder of them!





WE STILL NEED YOU!

Tesco Fruit and Veg Grants Programme

White Court School is seeking funding to purchase new resources for the foundation stage playground to enhance our outdoor learning, physical activity, and imaginative play.

We need your support. You can vote for White Court to receive the funding in the following stores:

2134 Braintree Superstore CM7 3HQ

2172 Braintree Great Notley Superstore CM77 7WW

2174 Braintree Marks Farm Superstore CM77 8AA

4337 Braintree Coggeshall Road Express Express CM7 9EL

2954 Halstead Superstore Superstore CO9 2JN

Voting will commence in store the week commencing Monday 3rd August 2026 until the end of November 2026.

Please tell all your friends and get those votes in!



Thank you for your recent contributions:



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