



Outdoor Adventures

'Not all classrooms have four walls.'

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an unforgettable three day residential at Laches Wood.

From the moment they arrived, the excitement was clear, and the experience did not disappoint. The visit was packed full of outdoor adventures designed to challenge, inspire, and build confidence. Pupils took part in a wide range of activities including bush craft, where they learned to start fires using flint and cotton wool, and den building, developing practical survival skills. They also pushed themselves physically through indoor rock climbing and high ropes, showing resilience and determination as they worked to overcome fears and support one another. The thrill continued with axe throwing and archery, two activities that quickly became favourites among the group.

Every child showed excellent teamwork, perseverance, and enthusiasm throughout. Being away from home is never easy, but these children formed their own supportive community. They looked after each other, encouraged one another during challenges. Many wonderful memories were made, and the pupils returned feeling proud, accomplished, and closer as a team.



Community

Each half term we celebrate our school community and our achievements. All the pupils enjoyed a special archery session and KS1 pupils enjoyed popcorn and a movie.



Children's Mental Health week

'Your mind is like a garden, take care of it and it will bloom beautifully.'

Pupils enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas and cosy wear. They were reminded of the importance of looking after their mental health and how the strategies they learn can support them. As part of our commitment to wellbeing, the school delivers *MyHappyMind* lessons weekly, where pupils are taught a range of practical strategies to help them manage their emotions. It is wonderful to see these strategies being used confidently in school.



Chinese New Year

Pupils took part in a range of activities to learn about and celebrate Chinese New Year. This year marks the Year of the Fire Horse, symbolising energy, passion, confidence, and a strong sense of adventure. Children researched the traditions of Chinese New Year and explored the meaning behind the Fire Horse.

Ramadan

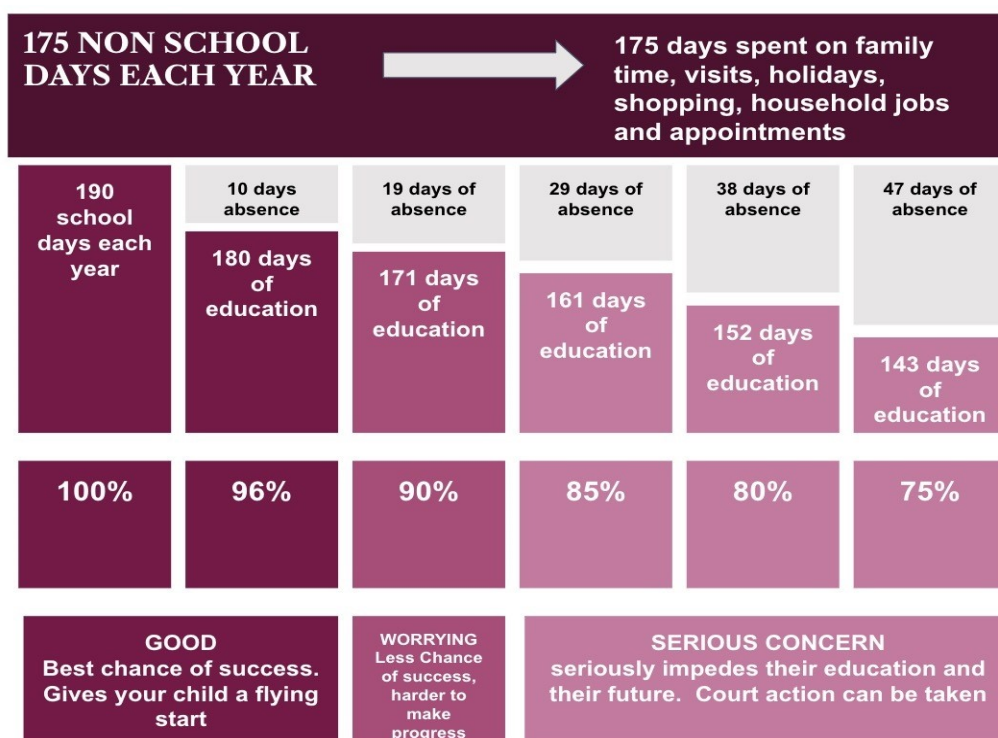
We were delighted to welcome one of our past pupils, Hussain Khan, back to Butts Primary School for a special assembly. Hussain shared his inspirational journey since leaving our school, speaking with honesty and passion about the values that have shaped him. He also talked to our pupils about the importance of Ramadan and Lent, helping them understand the meaning behind these significant periods of reflection, kindness, and self-discipline. His message encouraged our children to embrace perseverance, compassion, and respect—values that unite all communities.



Regular School Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's development, progress, and long term success. Even a small number of missed days can have a big impact on learning, confidence, and routine.

Understanding attendance percentages can sometimes be confusing, so use the chart below to see how the number of days absent affects your child's overall attendance.



Congratulations to **Year 5** for achieving 97.8% attendance for the month of February.

Target good attendance = 96%

2.03.26—Forest School Y3
 9.03.26—Forest School Y2
 10.03.26 - Parents evening
 10.03.26— Y6 Bikeability

Key dates for your diary

17.03.26—Y3 AStars community walk
 18.03.26—Y4 Ancient Egyptian day
 20.03.26—Red Nose day
 5.03.26—World Book day celebrations

