



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this is a short half term, it is an incredibly busy one. Next week, our Year 6 children undertake their Government SATS tests. They have all been working so hard this year and we are very proud of each of them. We know that next week they will do their absolute best with whatever they are presented with, and their lights will be shining brightly. Remember, these tests are only a snapshot and do not test all your other wonderful talents.

This half term we have already seen one author visit our school and have another one for children in Key Stage 1 next week. These visits are really valuable, and the children absolutely love hearing from the different authors. We have a few more booked in for the remainder of the year as well.

In a couple of weeks we have our sponsored bounce in school. Hopefully the children have been busy collecting sponsorship for their bounces. It will be a really enjoyable activity for the children and the money raised will go towards further OPAL equipment to continue to enhance and replenish our OPAL provision.

Ms Martin  
Headteacher

## **Scarlet Fever**

Please can we ask parents to be vigilant. We have several confirmed cases of scarlet fever across the school and several children with possible symptoms. Please see Parentmail sent out with symptoms and advice. Once children have been on antibiotics for 24hours they are allowed to return to school if they are well enough to do so.

## **May**

W/C 12th – Year 6 SATS Week

Tuesday 13th – KS1 Author Visit – Rachel Bright

W/C 19th – Skern Residential Year 6

Monday 19th – KS2 Author Visit – Fran Preston-Gannon

Monday 19th – Climbing Wall Experience for those not on Year 6 residential or attending Caldecott residential.

Thursday 22nd – Sponsored Bounce

Friday 23rd – Geography Day in School

Friday 23rd – School closes at the end of the day for half term.

W/c 26th – May Half Term

## **June**

Monday 2nd – Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd – School Reopens for Summer Term 2.

Tuesday 3rd – Year 2 Trip to Claydon House

# SEND Updates

A reminder of the SENDCo email address if you need any support with any of the issues raised in this newsletter or have any other concerns about your child's educational needs.

[sendco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk)



The SENDCo's at Bierton School are:  
Mrs G Bramley  
Mrs V Tarling- EYFS

## **Parental Guidance for EBSNA - Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance**

### **Supporting your child**

School staff can support your child with anxiety when they are at school, but they cannot support them when they return home after the school day or in the morning before school starts. At these times, you can address worries in the home setting.

### **Understanding the anxiety cycle**

When your child avoids a situation they fear, they are relieving uncomfortable feelings of anxiety. This relief is only temporary. When they face a similar anxiety-provoking situation, the anxiety can feel even worse. They might think about the last time they avoided the situation and how much better it felt. The desire to avoid the situation then becomes more and more difficult to resist. This is the anxiety cycle.

In EBSNA, a child experiences negative thoughts and feelings about school. Things may happen in school which cause anxiety that may lead to school avoidance, such as academic concerns, peer-related concerns or difficulties with separation. The anxiety cycle continues, as negative thoughts about not being able to cope in school become fixed, and the child avoids school more.

When you identify that your child is at risk of or experiencing EBSNA, early help is important. Avoidance behaviours can become fixed if not addressed early. It can be difficult to intervene when the child has been out of school for some time.

There can be a temptation by the school, parents, or carers to remove the child from school to provide emotional relief. This relief is only short-term and so the longer the child is out of school, the more difficult it can become for them to return.

### **What can you expect from school**

- a key member of staff to take the lead in supporting your child, usually the class teacher or LSA
- school to gather information from you, your child, and staff to find out why your child is worried about going to school
- make an assessment to find out what is making your child's attendance difficult
- work with you and your child to come up with a plan to support your child to manage their worries and feel better about coming to school

- <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/improving-your-childs-school-attendance/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebsna/ebsna-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

# ANDY GRIFFITHS VISITS BIERTON!

Wow! We were huge lucky last week to welcome internationally famous author Andy Griffiths to Bierton. Andy is the co-author of the highly popular- and hysterically funny - 'Treehouse' books. These books have proven to be invaluable in encouraging children to read with their mixture of fun and high-speed silliness. During his visit Andy talked about his new series of books and took us on an animated adventure to the Land of Lost Things. It was possibly one of the best assemblies ever!

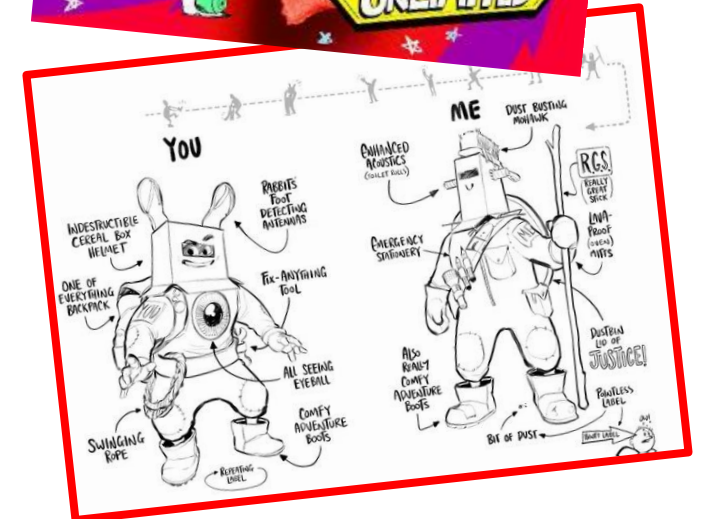
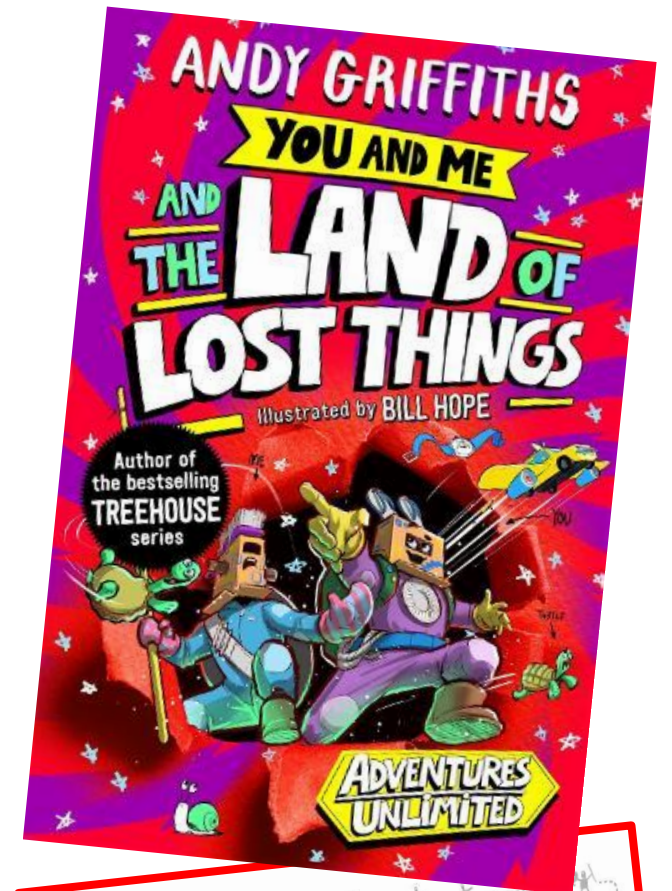


What we thought...  
"Andy is hyper and kept up with the craziness of the crowd! He was inspiring!"

Reuben (Year 5)

"Andy Griffith was awesome and his books are interesting and exciting."

Jessica (Year 3)





# Maths

## June 28<sup>th</sup> - Perfect Number Day

June 28<sup>th</sup> is also known as Perfect Number Day because 6 and 28 are both perfect numbers, numbers whose divisors add up to themselves.

## Numicon

Numicon is an effective learning tool for helping children visualize numbers. Numicon works by using a multi-sensory approach. The nature of Numicon resources means that children can learn by seeing, feeling and understanding mathematical concepts through play.

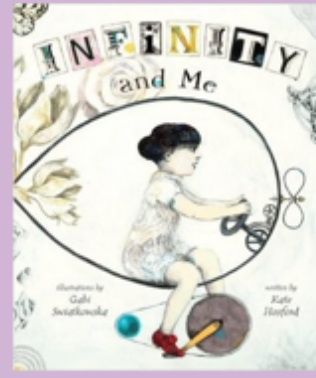


## Did you know?

In a room with 23 people, there's a 50% chance that two people share the same birthday.

## Book recommendation: Infinity and Me

When I looked up, I shivered.  
How many stars were in the sky?  
A million? A billion? Maybe the  
number was as big as infinity. I  
started to feel very, very small.  
How could I even think about  
something as big as infinity?



## Times Tables

Times tables are crucial for building a strong foundation in mathematics, making more complex math easier to learn and apply. They are essential for developing mental math skills, enhancing confidence in math abilities, and aiding in real-world tasks like shopping, budgeting, and cooking.

Remember to login to Numbots and TTRS to earn certificates and Dojos!




## Family Challenge

Can you solve this?

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \text{Red flower} & + & \text{Red flower} & + & \text{Red flower} & = & 60 \\ \text{Red flower} & + & \text{Blue flower} & + & \text{Blue flower} & = & 30 \\ \text{Blue flower} & - & \text{Yellow flower} & = & 3 \\ \text{Yellow flower} & + & \text{Red flower} & + & \text{Blue flower} & = & ? \end{array}$$

## Shout Outs

Well done to the following children who have earnt the most coins in Numbots or TTRS over the past month.

	Numbots	Times Table Rock Stars
Reception	Connor (Ash)	
Year 1	Alexander (Birch)	Max (Beech)
Year 2	Thanvi (Cedar)	Alessio (Cedar)
Year 3	Arya (Hazel)	Tiynash (Hazel)
Year 4	Riley (Pine)	Theo (Pine)
Year 5	Alex (Spruce)	Ralph (Spruce)
Year 6	Tanvi (Walnut)	Jeiel (Whitebeam)

# Nursery Trip – Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital



The nursery class of Bierton School had the most wonderful trip this week. For many it was their first time on a coach, we travelled through the countryside to Haddenham to visit our local animal rescue centre. The children were able to see close up, the work that this hospital does to take care of our native wildlife. We met a hedgehog, deer, badger, a polecat and many birds. It is so important to us a team that we show our children the world, not just on screens, but through books, exploration and real-life experiences. We had such a lovely day and thank everyone involved for making it possible. Thank you, parents, for both your contributions and trust!



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# kids play café

Raising Money For Bridge The Gap

FREE  
LUNCH

BALL  
PIT

Thursday 29th May

SOFT  
PLAY

**1st session 10am - 12pm / 2nd session 1pm - 3pm**

**£5 per child per session** - this includes 2 hours of free play and a kids' packed lunch! There will be a Bluey bouncy castle, ball pit and soft play as well as toys and games to play. There will also be a café with hot drinks and delicious cakes for parents to buy.

**Adults go free**, but you will be required to supervise your own child / children. No need to book, just pay on the door!

**COME ALONG WITH YOUR KIDS AND HELP RAISE SOME MONEY FOR BRIDGE THE GAP!**

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