



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 5 September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had a wonderful Summer. The weather has definitely taken an autumnal turn, ready for the start of a new term. Even though it might be sunny in the morning, please can everyone bring a coat every day—we had some soggy children yesterday.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. They have settled in brilliantly and are already engaging in their learning. Our Reception teachers have very much enjoyed their home visits and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Early Years cohort from Monday.

Diary Dates September



8-12 Sept	Lunch Menu Week 2
8 Sept	Y2 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
9 Sept	Y4 Meet the Teacher 9am
9 Sept	Y3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
10 Sept	Y5 Meet the Teacher 9am
10 Sept	Y3 West Stow
11 Sept	Y6 Meet the Teacher 9am
12 Sept	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC

Meet the Teacher Autumn

Parents with children in Y2-6 have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers next week. They will share information about the coming year with you. We do hope you will be able to come along. For those unable to attend, the slides will be shared via Seesaw.

Y2 Monday 8th September 2.45pm KS1 Hall

Y4 Tuesday 9th September 9am KS1 Hall

Y3 Tuesday 9th September 2.45pm KS1 Hall

Y5 Wednesday 10th September 9am KS2 Hall (please go to the bottom of the carpark)

Y6 Thursday 11th September 9am KS2 Hall (please go to the bottom of the carpark)

Autumn Term Clubs

Please be aware clubs this term will not start until the **week commencing 15th September**.

Housekeeping Reminders

Seesaw

Your teacher will use Seesaw as their communication tool with you. Children will be receiving login codes, so do look out for them. If you have any problems logging in, please contact the school office.

Reading Records

Your child will be bringing home their reading records. Please can you sign the permissions slip on the inside cover. Thank you,

Attendance

Reporting an absence on the day (illness)

If a child is absent from school it is expected that the parent reports this on the first day of absence before 9:20am, when our registers close.

To report an absence, parents may call the school and dial 1 to leave an answer phone message, dial 2 to speak to a member of the office team, or send a message via email to our attendance team at attendance@rab.academy. It is expected that parents contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9:20am.

Leave of absence request

If your child will be absent from school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, a [leave of absence request form](#) needs to be submitted in advance. Further information can be found at www.rab.academy/attendance For medical appointments, please provide the office with a copy of your appointment letter/email.

Earrings

If your child has pierced ears they may wear one small single pair of studs. No other jewellery is permitted. Children **MUST** be able to remove earrings in order to take part in PE. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings and the school is unable to take responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

Saffron Walden Schools Smartphone Policy

We've had some lovely positive comments from parents about the town wide Smartphone Policy which is being introduced over the coming years. As a reminder:

1. Current and continuing policy: Only Y5 and Y6 children are permitted to bring phones to school as they are allowed to go to and from school independently (with permission). Children in Y4 and under are not permitted phones in schools.
2. Current 6 will be permitted smartphones as many will already have them. However, please do not allow your child to access social media including WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram until they are the legally allowed. SWCHS reports that these apps cause significant issues with regard to student wellbeing.
3. Current Y5: we would encourage families not to purchase smartphones for children and to consider non-smart phones.
4. Current Y4 and younger year groups: the non-smart phone policy will be fully operational. Children in these year groups will not be allowed to bring smart phones into school in Y5 or Y6. If they do need a phone it should be a non-smart phone.
5. This policy will then follow the children through to SWCHS.

A Message from Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood have shared a 10-minute video they have made for children aged 10–13: the years when phone pressure hits hardest. It's fast, fun and packed with big ideas:



- ▶ How smartphones changed the world
- ▶ How they're designed to grab your attention
- ▶ The hidden superpowers you unlock by waiting
- ▶ Teens on why smartphones aren't all they're cracked up to be

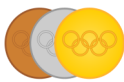

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw

Watch it yourselves and share it with your children. We hope it'll be a useful conversation starter for any family feeling the smartphone pressure.

Lost Property

Our pile of un-named lost property is already starting to grow. Please could you take the time this week-end to name all your child's belongings, including water bottles, with full names. Thank you.

 Stars of the Week	
<u>Year 1</u> Danny C Ilya T	Faye E Dulcie B
<u>Year 2</u> Leo T Oliver P	Reuben L Isaac P
<u>Year 3</u> Rufus G Pippa M	Seth B Henry D
<u>Year 4</u> Kailan M Raymond B	Tom D Seb C
<u>Year 5</u> Henry M Gracie S	Louis D Finley A
<u>Year 6</u> Ivy P Tilly L	Ryan E Sophia P
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2MG 5MGL

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
	BRONZE	SILVER
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
	BRONZE	SILVER
		GOLD Rex A