



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 19 September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a gloriously sunny day, which brought an unexpected visitor to the school—a baby deer! It is resting in a quiet, shady spot to return home when the site is empty.

Our Reception children have had such a wonderful start to school. It has been lovely to see how quickly they are settling in and feeling comfortable in the school environment. They have started learning about the 6Rs through stories and are enjoying accessing all that the classrooms have to offer during active learning. We are so impressed with them!

Diary Dates Next Week

22-26 Sept	Lunch Menu Week 1
23 Sept	PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 3.30pm
24 Sept	KS1 Teddy Bear Run
24 Sept	Junior Flu Immunisations
26 Sept	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



31 Oct **Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications**
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/>



Egyptian Day



Year 4 had an incredibly exciting History Off the Page day on Monday to kick-start their History topic of the Ancient Egyptians! History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. The workshop gave them the feeling of what it was like to be an Egyptian during the 14th Century BC under the reign of Pharaoh Akhenaten through several different creative activities, including making Egyptian games, making canopic jars and scribing names in hieroglyphics. In the afternoon, the children performed dramas, dances and ate an excellent Egyptian feast. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and we are very grateful to the grownups who came and helped on the day.



British Sign Language Club

We have a few spaces available in our Thursday lunchtime British Sign Language Club. If you have a child in Y5 that is interested in joining please email Paul on sbm@rab.academy There is no charge for a lunchtime club. If we have more interest that spaces, names will be drawn out of a hat.

Future Diary Dates

2 Oct	Harvest Festival Donations
3 Oct	PTA Welcome Meeting 9am
6 Oct	Y2 Wonderdome Planetarium
7 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9-9.20am
17 Oct	Y6 Young Shakespeare
20 Oct	Y6 Roman Day HOTP
20-24 Oct	Parent Consultations
22 & 23 Oct	Individual & Sibling Photos

27-31 Oct	Half-term
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 26 Y7 Applications
3 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
4 Nov	Children return to school
17 Dec	1.30pm End of term
6 Jan	Children return to school

You can find term dates for this year and next [here](#).

Vacancies at RAB



R A Butler Academy

Pupil & Family Support Practitioner

We have a unique and exciting opportunity to join the school's Inclusion & Pastoral team. This role will support the school in all matters relating to pupil welfare, family support and signposting, behaviour management, safeguarding and child protection.

If you have experience of working in social care, other family support teams or a school, and this sounds like an opportunity you would like to pursue, we'd love to hear from you.

Full details and an application form can be found at www.rab.academy/vacancies





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Midday Assistant

Lunchtimes - Termtime Only

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player to join our friendly Midday Assistant team to support our children at lunchtimes in the dining hall & with positive play outside.

This post would be ideal for someone looking to get their first experience of working in a school environment which could potentially lead to something more.

Full details and an application form can be found at www.rab.academy/vacancies





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Harvest Collection—Thursday 2nd October

This autumn we will be collecting for the Uttlesford Foodbank. Please see the poster on the right for the things they are collecting. There will be collection tables at all the entry gates so you can leave any donations at drop off time. Please can you ensure packets are unopened and in date. Thank you for your support.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our PTA will be hosting a second hand uniform sale after school on Tuesday at 3.30pm. You will find them by the Uniform Shed, just inside the big blue gates at the bottom of the school car park. Cash and card payments accepted.

Support for Families



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

Are you looking for effective ways to help you, help your young person, navigate anxiety and help them manage their worries?

The Mental Health Support Team is running 2 online parent groups in **NOVEMBER**

When? Tuesday 4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th November 1-2pm	When? Thursday 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th November 9.30-10.30am	Where? zoom link will be sent to you via email for each session
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Choose sessions on Tuesday OR Thursday
Attendance at all four sessions is expected

Notes for each session are emailed for you to try out the ideas each week

Next steps:

- scan QR code
- complete form
- practitioner will telephone to confirm details



For any questions email: mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk
Information for parent/carers






Understand Anxiety for SEND Children Online Course

Looking at anxiety, the causes of anxiety and how to support your child or young person.

Date: Various - check website
Time: check website

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'UNDERSTAND ANXIETY' in the 'Find a course...' box









Support your Child Attend and Enjoy School

This adults only course, will provide time for you to share experiences and learn tips and ideas to help SECONDARY children to attend and enjoy school.

ONLINE Date: Dates available
Time: Please check on website

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'SUPPORT SCHOOL CHILD' in to the 'Find a course...' box









Setting Boundaries Online Course

Empower your parenting journey with our 'Setting Boundaries' course. Learn the importance of clear, consistent limits and how they contribute to a child's sense of security and well-being.

Date: 16/09/2025 to 23/09/2025 (more dates available online)
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'BOUNDARIES' in the 'Find a course...' box









Managing Big Emotions Online Course

Develop an understanding of emotional expression and how to manage big emotions in young people.

Dates: 30/10/25 19:00-21:00, 25/11/25 13:00 - 15:00
more dates available online

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'BIG EMOTIONS' in the 'Find a course...' box









Positive Parenting Online Course

This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family.

Date - 11 September to 16 October 2025
more dates available online
Time: 12:45am - 15:15pm

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'POSITIVE PARENTING' in the Search Courses... box







Shopping list

- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Cooking & Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Beans & Soup
- Tinned Veg & Fruit
- Coffee & Tea
- UHT Milk
- Cereal & Oats
- Long Life Juice & Squash
- Microwave Puddings
- Noodles & Rice
- Instant Mash & Stuffing



Welcome back! We hope you're all settling into the back-to-school September rhythm. We're looking forward to another action packed year ahead of fundraising.

PTA Welcome Meeting on Friday 3 October at 9am in the KS1 Hall

Join us on 10 October for our annual PTA Welcome Meeting to meet the team, hear about plans for this year and share your ideas and feedback too. Don't be put off if you have a younger 'helper' in tow – we're all parents so babies and toddlers are always welcome!

With school budgets squeezed ever tighter, we are proud to contribute to the happiness and wellbeing of our children at RAB with a wide range of fantastic extras supporting their learning, playing and memory making here at the school.

As PTA members we juggle work, school and childcare too and understand that you may have limited time to spare. There are lots of ways you can help from ad-hoc volunteering to joining an event team. Join us at the Welcome Meeting to find out more. We look forward to seeing you there!

Autumn PTA Diary Dates:

We have lots of great events planned for the next few months, pop these dates in your diaries to make sure you don't miss out!

PTA Welcome Meeting - 9am Friday 3rd October in KS1 Hall

Uniform Sale - Tuesday 23rd September

Textile Collection - Tuesday 11th November

Uniform Sale - Friday 14th November

Ceilidh - Friday 14th November

Winter Fayre Donations Day - Friday 21st November


Winter Fayre - Friday 28th November

Look out for more information about individual events throughout the term.

Please follow us on social media for all our latest news and updates!

Facebook: facebook.com/rabpta

Instagram: [rab_pta](https://instagram.com/rab_pta)

	Stars of the Week	
Reception Annie G George G	Sylvie S Erik R	Elias K Eleah C
Year 1 Niko F Robyn P	Kalev K Freddie B	Jacob F Noah R
Year 2 Ivy R Jude H	Rory M Elizabeth C	Aniah A Thomas M
Year 3 Grace D Dolcey S	Asya G Ethan P	Sam P Austin M
Year 4 Matthew K Freddie S	Sam B Freya B	Leo B Wanda H
Year 5 Poppy-Mae S Mark F	Alfie T Mia M	Stanley M Alex C
Year 6 Josie H Xavier S	Prithiv A Rosie B	Lola S Robert L
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RJD 4OR	

		
RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Xavier S Henry H Chrissy R	SILVER	GOLD
		
RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD