



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 26 September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Infant Teddy Bear Run



What an enjoyable day! Our teddies and their children had a fabulous time enjoying the fresh air. Each year group spent some time out on the field running with their teddies and playing games. The children did amazingly well, some not stopping once and fun was had by all.

Girls' Football Festival

On Thursday morning, RAB took 30 Y3&4 girls to Katherine Semar school to take part in the girl's football festival, working alongside 4 other local schools in a variety of different games and skills stations. The girls had a brilliant time, being taught lots of different skills and quickly applying them to the matches at the end of the session. It was a brilliant morning, with lots of enthusiastic children taking part and it was lovely to see. In the afternoon it was the turn of Y5&6 girls to enjoy an afternoon of football in the sunshine. They showed brilliant engagement in all activities, working well with other schools and showing their respectful relationships throughout. **Please don't forget that if your child is interested, there are FREE Girls' Football Training sessions every Thursday 4-5pm at SWCHS for KS2 children.**

Infant School Lunches

Next Thursday we have our School Census. Part of the data we are required to submit is Infant School Lunch numbers. We'd like to encourage as many children as possible to sign up as our funding for Infant lunches for the year are based on these numbers. It will be either Fishfingers or Vegetable Burger followed by Chocolate Crispie. Thank you for your support.

Y5&6 School Morning Arrival Time

We are seeing increasing numbers of Y5&6s arriving very early in school. Children SHOULD NOT be on site until 8.35am at the earliest. The gate will open at just after 8.40am. Please help your child time their journey to school and make sure they do not leave home too early. Thank you.

Harvest Collection—Thursday 2nd October

This autumn we will be collecting for the Uttlesford Foodbank. Please see the list 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.

Calling Professional Photographers

Are you a professional photographer? Would you be happy to volunteer your time to come into school and take some pictures that we could use to update the images on our website.? Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy if you are able to help. Thank you.

Diary Dates Next Week

29 Sept-3 Oct	Lunch Menu <u>Week 2</u>
2 Oct	Harvest Festival Donations
3 Oct	PTA Welcome Meeting 9am
3 Oct	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions	



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

Future Diary Dates

6 Oct	Y2 Wonderdome Planetarium	14 Nov	PTA Ceilidh
7 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9-9.20am	21 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations Day
17 Oct	Y6 Young Shakespeare	28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre 4-6pm
20 Oct	Y6 Roman Day HOTP	4 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
12-24 Oct	Parent Consultations	10 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
22 & 23 Oct	Individual & Sibling Photos		Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
27-31 Oct	Half-term	11 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 26 Y7 Applications		Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
3 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children	16 Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am
4 Nov	Children return to school	17 Dec	Carols @ St Mary's Church 10.45am
4 Nov	PTA Textile Collection	17 Dec	1.30pm End of term
10-14 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential	6 Jan	Children return to school

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

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RA Butler Academy Infant & Junior Schools

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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October Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Looking for things for your children to do over half term....? There are two external clubs at RAB during the October half term, see details below. Please contact the providers directly about these clubs, the school is unable to help with your enquiries.



Fab Science

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.



£38 per child
Sibling discount available

HORRIBLE SCIENCE

Monday 27th October
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 28th October
Hertford (Hertford St Andrew)

Wednesday 29th October
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 30th October
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Friday 31st October
St Albans (Garden Fields)

Fake blood, snot, goo, poo and all sorts of general ickiness...all in the name of science! Perfect for Halloween week.

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

Every year, RAB PTA raise around £25,000 to invest in our outstanding school. From brilliant extra-curricular trips to new iPads and books to transformational playground projects, with your support we're able to enrich the RAB experience across all year groups.

Join us next Friday after drop off for our annual PTA Welcome Meeting – meet our very friendly team of parents, hear about our 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!

As PTA members we juggle work, school and childcare 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 or coming along to our regular PTA meetings.



Event teams this year, include:

- ~ Winter Fayre
- ~ Ceilidh
- ~ Gifts For Grownups
- ~ PTA Quiz Night
- ~ Summer Fayre
- ~ KS1 and KS2 Discos
- ~ RABFest 2026
- ~ Uniform sales and textiles collections

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.

Come along next Friday to find out more. We look forward to seeing you there...
PS. We've got biscuits!

Don't forget to follow us on facebook.com/rabpta and [instagram @rab_pta](https://instagram.com/rab_pta)

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u> Verity S Freddie E	Benedict C Millie E	Joy C Margot W
<u>Year 1</u> Chester R Chloe W	Verity P Namruuth D	Theo P Willow A
<u>Year 2</u> Evie L Eva J	Otis M Meena J	Tilly F George E
<u>Year 3</u> Jayden H Jack B	Alex S Ella G	Jack R Jesse W
<u>Year 4</u> Holly N Anya H Isabelle L Annabelle R Freddie B	Ivy S Max G	Noah D Evita P
<u>Year 5</u> Stanley B Lucas C	Enas S Finn H	Amelia M Sophia M
<u>Year 6</u> Lydia P Daniel W	Logan S Melinda P	
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2SH 3SP	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE Oliver L Jack E	SILVER Ivy P Darcey D Johnny M	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE Virein N	SILVER	GOLD