



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 3 October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up for Parent Consultations. Bookings are open until Friday 10 October at midday. You can find the links below—don't forget to select the right school:

<https://rabinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

<https://rabjuniors.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Harvest Collection

Thank you so much to everyone for your generous donations which will be passed on to Uttlesford Food Bank after the Reception Harvest Festival next Tuesday.

## Coats

As the weather has now turned Autumnal, please can you ensure your child comes into school with an appropriate (named) coat. We do take the children out in the rain. Thank you.

## RAB Voices ...

...have been invited to perform at the Spirit of Christmas on Saturday 6th December at St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. This is always a lovely event where we will sing our own song and others, alongside Saffron Walden Choral Society. Tickets will be on sale so parents/guardians/friends can be part of the audience. All KS2 children are invited to join RAB Voices and start rehearsing with Mrs Brown for this wonderful event. Regular attendance on Thursday lunchtime will be required, so that they can be fully prepared. If your child would like to take part they should come to the KS1 Hall at 12.30 on Thursday. Y6 should go via the kitchen, to let them know they are taking part in choir and can their lunches be held until it finishes at 1pm.

## Kurling & Boccia

On Wednesday morning, we took 12 KS2 children to the Kurling and Boccia competition at JFAN. It was a fantastic morning of skill, teamwork and above all FUN. RAB took 3 teams, yellow, blue and red which all competed in both Kurling and Boccia games against a number of other local schools. Our yellow team made it through to a nail-biting boccia final where we narrowly lost 2-1 and claimed the silver medal. Well done to all involved!



## Diary Dates Next Week



6-10 Oct	Lunch Menu <u>Week 3</u>
6 Oct	Y2 Wonderdome Planetarium
7 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9-9.20am
10 Oct	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC
10 Oct	PTA AGM 2.15pm

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

## Future Diary Dates

13-23 Oct	Parent Consultations
17 Oct	Y6 Young Shakespeare
20 Oct	Y6 Roman Day HOTP
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
4 Nov	PTA Textile Collection
10-14 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential
14 Nov	PTA Ceilidh
21 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations Day
28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre 4-6pm

4 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
10 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
11 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
16 Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am
17 Dec	Carols @ St Mary's Church 10.45am
17 Dec	1.30pm End of term
6 Jan	Children return to school

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

## Support for families

Please do take a look at the posters below for support which is available locally and virtually to families on a variety of topics.



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



# Health Advice Drop-in for 5-19 year olds

Monday, 6th October, 3rd November & 1st December 2025  
3.30 - 4.30pm

Saffron Walden Library 2 King Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1ES

Drop-in sessions for parents/carers and young people to get advice and support for school aged child with a member of our school health team, where you can discuss things which may be concerning you. No booking needed.

### Areas of support

- Managing worries, low mood, stress or anger issues
- Bullying and friendship issues
- Diet / Nutritional support
- Improving sleep
- Day and night wetting
- Behavioural concerns
- Personal hygiene
- Sexual health
- Information and signposting regarding medical conditions

t: 0300 247 0122

w: [essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)



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## 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<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
November  
1-2pm

**When?**  
Thursday  
6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
November  
9.30-10.30am

**Where?**  
zoom link will be sent to you via email for each session

Choose sessions on Tuesday 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](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)  
Information for parent/carers



COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL FAMILY FIRST AID	20/10/2025	20/10/2025	09:30	11:30
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	21/10/2025	23/10/2025	09:45	11:45
FL ROUTINES RULE	22/10/2025	22/10/2025	19:00	21:00
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	23/10/2025	30/10/2025	10:00	12:00
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN	24/10/2025	31/10/2025	09:00	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING BIG EMOTIONS	24/10/2025	24/10/2025	12:00	14:30

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COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	30/10/2025	30/10/2025	19:00	21:00
FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	12:00	14:30

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COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH	09/10/2025	16/10/2025	09:30	11:30
FL SIBLING RIVALRY	10/10/2025	10/10/2025	12:30	14:30
FL ROUTINES RULE	17/10/2025	17/10/2025	12:30	14:30

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## 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](http://www.rab.academy/vacancies)



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### R A Butler Academy

#### 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.

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## October Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Looking for things for your children to do over half term....?  
Please contact the provider directly about this club, the school is unable to help with your enquiries.

Unleash your child's imagination this October half term at our **Tech & STEM Camp** on the **27th - 31st October** at **R A Butler Infant and Junior School**. Perfect for Years 1 - 6! This autumn, kids will dive into exciting hands-on activities, including:

- Creepy Coding & Robotics
- Spooky Inventions & Virtual Reality
- Epic Engineering & Animation

They'll learn, create, and have tons of fun while exploring the magic of technology and creativity.

Special Offer: Book the full 5-day camp for just **£175** (only £35 per day) or join for **£39.99 per day**.

Spaces are limited – secure your child's place today: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/r-a-butler-infant-and-junior-school/>



## Join our October Tech and STEM Camp

27th - 31st October

R A Butler Infant and Junior School, CB11 3DG  
Years 1 - 6, 9 am - 4 pm daily, £39.99 per day  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)



**Help us raise £25,000+ this year – sign up to find out more**

Huge thanks to all those who were able to attend our PTA Welcome Meeting this morning where we explained a little more about what we do, how we do it and how much we welcome input from all parents and carers in helping us raise funds and, just as importantly, helping us decide how to invest them meaningfully in our school.

There are lots of ways you can get involved from giving a couple of hours on an ad hoc basis to joining a particular event team to help shape delivery and success from the start. Share what you can offer via our [PTA Sign Up Form](#) and we'll be in touch with more info. We each juggle work, school and childcare and understand the squeeze on your time...

If you have any bright ideas about how to make our funding go further with either matched funding and Company Volunteer Days via your work, or opportunities for grants, we'd love to hear from you: [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com)

Just a reminder that the PTA Committee meets every two weeks on a Friday in the Butler Room at 2.15pm (just sign in at the School Office first) – you are always welcome to pop by and say hello!

**PTA AGM – Friday 10 October in the Butler Room at 2:15pm**

Our AGM will be held during the next Committee Meeting. This is where we deliver our annual report detailing fundraising activities and financial statements for the last academic year, which is then registered with the Charity Commission. All are very welcome to attend. Please join us after signing in at the School Office.

**Save the dates:**

**Textile Collection** - Tuesday 4 November

**Ceilidh** – Friday 14 November - Our first parent social of the year, keep a look out for booking opening soon to secure your ticket!

**Winter Fayre Donations Non-Uniform Day** - Friday 21 November

**Winter Fayre** – Friday 28 November from 4-6pm

We'll need plenty of hands on deck for our Winter Fayre extravaganza so please add your name to the volunteer list if you can spare any time on those days: [PTA Sign Up Form](#)

**WHO we are:** A group of family and friends of RAB who volunteer our time to help our school. Whether you have a few hours once a year or 30 minutes every other week, your contribution would be invaluable to the children in our community.

**WHAT we do:** Organise, promote and run a range of events throughout the year for everyone in the school community.



**WHY we do it:** The PTA enhances school life in so many ways, supporting both financially and culturally:

**CULTIVATING COMMUNITY**

- Fun for children at school discos and Easter Egg Hunts
- Fun for parents at the ceilidh and quiz night
- Fun for families at the winter and summer fayres, and our community camp-out RAB Fest.
- Gifts for Grown Ups at Christmas, Mothers Day and Fathers Day.

**FUNDING FACILITIES**

Last year, thanks to amazing support from the RAB community, we raised £47,000 for the school, and were therefore able to invest:

- £30,000 for a brand new astro pitch, which will be installed this term.
- £10,000 for the new KS1 playground trim trail.
- £2000 on a new playground Quiet Area.
- £1000 for a Scrapstore area refresh.
- Starting the year by giving each class £100 for additional resources, such as books, crafts, activities, beanbags, bookshelves and more.

**ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**

Last year we enriched children's school lives and learning by:

- Giving each year group £1000 for extracurricular experiences.
- Treated every class to a Guinea Pig school pet for a week with our furry friends from SWCH ASU.
- Supporting SEND children with special no-cook baking sessions.
- Supplying our dedicated RAB Readers with their much-coveted special hoodies.
- Celebrating our Y6 Leavers Class with autograph books, class photos and supplies for their brilliant water afternoon.

**HOW to help this year:**

Let us know if you can help at events or committee meetings by filling in the sign up form, we'd love to meet you soon!

Sign Up Form: <https://forms.gle/7Eh8SfMPKCCak4to>

Sign up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/rabpta](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/rabpta) to raise free donations to the school when you shop online, without you spending a penny extra!

**Thank you!**

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 <b>Stars of the Week</b>	
<b>Reception</b> Bodhi B Byron T	Brodie W Saffi R
<b>Year 1</b> Ada B Dilsher S	Ella B Alfie S
<b>Year 2</b> AJ G Amirah J	Elsie-May W Oisin N
<b>Year 3</b> Orla L James M	Connor B Nellie D
<b>Year 4</b> Luca B Kay H	Grace H George W
<b>Year 5</b> Esme W George S	Suki G Tommy W
<b>Year 6</b> Isla B Layla K	Bonnie A George
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1MI 4MM

 <b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Moukshith R Esme M		
 <b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Wanda H Wilf C Max G Finley B		