



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 10 October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival



Wow! It is hard to imagine that our Reception children haven't even been in school for four weeks with their wonderful, confident Harvest Festival performance in front of a very packed audience. RJD treated us to the song *Farmer's Life*, RNB gave us *Pic-*

tures of Autumn and from RCR we had *Big, Red Combine Harvester*. The children articulated their Autumn Poem beautifully and it was all rounded off with the song *Seeds of Friendship* which brought a tear to Mrs Cooper's eye. A huge well done to our Reception Children

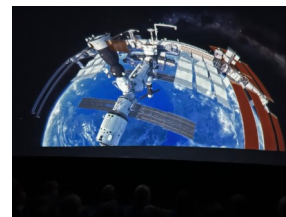
Diary Dates Next Week



13-17 Oct	Lunch Menu <u>Week 1</u>
13-23 Oct	Parent Consultations
17 Oct	Y6 Young Shakespeare
17 Oct	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions	

Wonderdome

Year 2 had an excellent time on their space mission on Monday. In the planetarium, the children zoomed off to the moon and even got to drive on a moon buggy. They looked at the solar system and compared the planet sizes and their relationship to the sun. The experience finished off with a rollercoaster ride across Mercury. It was epic!



Parent Consultations

Bookings for parent consultations have now closed. If you have yet to make a booking, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you.

Book Series—Spy Dogs, Spy Pup & Spy Cat By Andrew Cope

We have been made aware that several titles in the series listed above contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. **Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material**, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions. We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners or removed the offending information. We advise you do them same for copies you may have at home. Here are some images of the front covers to help you identify the books.



Religions at RAB

We sent out a message earlier today about Religions at RAB which has raised some questions. I would like to clarify that children have always learned about religions throughout their time at school and it is compulsory for all state schools to provide Religious Education. Over their time here the children will either have heard from or visited a variety of religions/religious centres. In the way that we invite parents in for Cultural Arts Week to share and celebrate our diverse community, we are doing the same to celebrate the religious breadth of our school, to introduce our children to a broader view and understanding of the world.

Sporting Achievements

We've had a busy week of sport starting with the **Inter Schools Golf Tournament** with schools from across Uttlesford taking part at Ches-terford Science Park. RAB were represented by Freddie W, Johnny M, Bale L, Louis D, Henry D, Max G and Ned S. The children did really well with a couple just missing out on medals. Max and Ned came 3rd in their age division, as did Henry. Freddie and Johnny narrowly lost the year 6 age division by a shot as they collected second place. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to the parents who took the children to the competition.



On Wednesday morning, all schools in the local area competed in the **Y5/6 boys Football Competition** at Herbert's Farm. RAB took 2 teams to the event: RAB Red and RAB Blue. Both teams played some outstanding football, showing their skills against some very tough competition. RAB Red finished 2nd and took home silver medals, whilst RAB Blue finished 5th overall.

In the afternoon, it was time for the **Y5/6 girls football competition** at Herbert's Farm. RAB also took 2 teams to this event. Once again, both teams showed excellent teamwork, working hard together on and off the pitch. All teams played 5 matches in a round-robin tournament. At the end of this, the top 3 teams, including RAB Red, were all tied on points, which meant the decision was based on goal difference. After being so close, the overall outcome meant that RAB Red took home the 3rd place medal, whilst RAB Blue finished 4th overall.

Well done to all the children who took part, you showed brilliant resilience and teamwork in your play.



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



R A Butler Academy Infant & Junior Schools part of the Saffron Academy Trust



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Future Diary Dates

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](#).



PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM today. It was great to see everyone and look ahead to our events, projects and goals for 2025/26. Our next meeting is 2.15pm on Friday 24th October in the Butler Room, please do join us to find out more about what we do and how you might like to get involved.

PTA Ceilidh - 7pm Friday 14th November

Tickets for our first parent social of the year are now on sale! Book now for a night of music, laughter and dancing, all in aid of RAB. See yesterday's email for more details, or sign up here: www.trybooking.com/uk/EPBA

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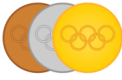

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The handy web browser and app make activating donations a breeze. If you'd like to know more about how it works take a look at our [RAB PTA easyfundraising page](#)



	Stars of the Week	
Reception Edith K Navish K	Raffie H Margot O	Orla A Lucy H
Year 1 Trixie M Jude P	Jaxson N Emilia P	Jacob C Cameron H
Year 2 Bobby L Orla F	Bella B Chloe S	Alannah P Hannah T
Year 3 Henry Y Annabelle J	Thea W Harry C	Asyiah J Isla C
Year 4 Ned S Jessica S	Jack C Matilda F	Fletcher R Phoebe B
Year 5 Aoife F Zac W	Ralph H Cara G	Corey T Annabelle S
Year 6 Ella P Bella M	Ruth C Patrick M	Liam Y Teddy E
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RNB 4CC	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE George W Maisie H Poppy R	SILVER Lucie T	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE Robin M Florence P	SILVER	GOLD