



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 17 October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a reminder that we break up for half term next Friday at the normal time at the end of the school day. **Children will return to school on Tuesday 4th November.**

We say farewell today to Miss Banks in Reception who is starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best over the coming weeks.

Parent Consultations

The teachers have enjoyed meeting you at this week's parent consultations. They are continuing next week. If you have yet to make a booking, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you.

Individual & Sibling Photodays

This is a reminder that children must have full school uniform on Wednesday and Thursday for their individual and sibling photos. Please see the School Comms message sent earlier this week.

Nuts in School

Please can we remind families that children are not allowed to bring nuts to school or any foods containing nuts or sesame seeds. This includes products such as Nutella and pesto as shop bought varieties often contain nut products.

RAB Voices Choir

There are several children who wished to come to rehearsal this term but had other clubs on a Thursday. Therefore, we have moved RAB Voices to every **Tuesday at 12.30pm in the KS1 hall**. The children are aware that they are signing up to perform in the Spirit of Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church on Saturday 6th December at 4pm and therefore making a commitment to attend every week.

KS2 Cross Country

On Wednesday we took 122 children to Herbert's Farm to compete in the KS2 cross country event. The children all did amazingly well, showing true resilience, running their best race and giving it their all in the tricky, cold and windy conditions. All our teams (top 6 children in each category) have qualified for the next competition at Carver Barracks. An extra well done to those that received an individual medal in their race- finishing top 3. Everybody that took part showed a great positive attitude towards the event. It was amazing to see lots of children cheering each other on, showing our great school spirit.

Cross Country Results:

Y6 Girls Team- 3rd, Y6 Boys Team- 2nd
Y5 Girls Team- 2nd, Y5 Boys Team- 2nd
Y4 Girls Team- 1st, Y4 Boys Team- 1st
Y3 Girls Team- 1st, Y3 Boys Team- 1st

Year 3 Multi-Skills Event

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 3 pupils and Year 6 Sports Leaders went to St Thomas More to join other primary schools from around Saffron Walden. The Year 6 Sports Leaders from across the schools did a fantastic job running eight different activities, from rebound catch to football skills and dodgeball. They encouraged everyone, explained the rules clearly, and supported children who found things tricky. They were a real credit to themselves and to RAB! Year 3 had a brilliant time too, working in teams, trying out lots of sports, and building a whole range of skills. They showed all the 6Rs and behaved beautifully - just as we expect! Our Sports Leaders even got a taste of what it's like to be a teacher or coach, learning leadership skills—and patience—along the way!

Thank you to our parent helpers at both events, we really appreciate you giving up your time.

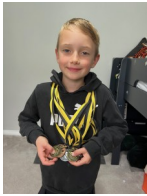
Diary Dates Next Week



20-24 Oct	Lunch Menu <u>Week 2</u>
20-23 Oct	Parent Consultations
20 Oct	Y6 Roman Day HOTP
22 & 23 Oct	Individual & Sibling Photos
24 Oct	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC
24 Oct	PTA Meeting 2.15pm—all welcome
27-31 Oct	Half-term
3 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
4 Nov	Children return to school
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications

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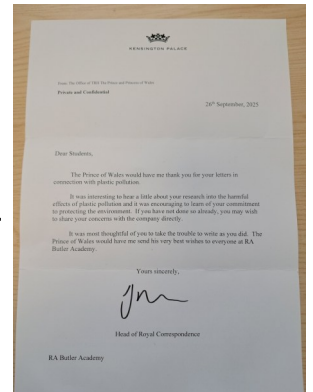
Super Saffron Seal



Flynn in Y4 is proud to represent both RAB and Saffron Seals. In the Saffron Seals Club Championships which took place over 4 nights of racing, he medalled in three different strokes—Freestyle, Breastroke before being the outright lead swimmer in Back Crawl, taking gold in both the 50m and 100m. In the 100m he broke a club record for his age in 1:58!! His total medal haul was two golds, a silver and two bronze. Huge congratulations to Flynn, we're so proud of you.

A Royal Reply

In the Summer term, the previous Y6 cohort wrote very powerful, persuasive letters to the Prince of Wales before he attended the UN World Oceans Day 2025 conference in June. We were delighted to receive a reply recently from Kensington Palace. We wanted to share this with you as it is important for children to recognise their voices matter.



Young Shakespeare Company Visit



Year 6 were treated to a fabulous production of *Romeo and Juliet* by the Young Shakespeare Company today. Romance, bloodshed and tragedy were all part of this famous play and the children were rivetted until the very end.



PTA Ceilidh - 7pm Friday 14th November

Priority tickets for RAB parents are now on sale! Book now to avoid missing out on a night of music, laughter and dancing, all in aid of RAB. See our Ceilidh email for more details, or sign up here www.trybooking.com/uk/EPBA

Turn your daily online shopping into free money for RAB PTA!

Sign up to Easyfundraising here to raise donations for school without paying any extra! [RAB PTA easyfundraising page](#)

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is Friday 24th October at 2.15pm in The Butler Room. Sign in at Reception then come along to get involved!

RAB PTA
Ceilidh
Friday 14 November 7-11pm
Live music, wild dancing & lots of fun!
Grown ups only. Kilts optional!
Tickets £15
[trybooking.com/uk/EPBA](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/EPBA)

Future Diary Dates

27-31 Oct	Half-term		
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 26 Y7 Applications	11 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
3 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children		Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
4 Nov	Children return to school	16 Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am
4 Nov	PTA Textile Collection	17 Dec	Carols @ St Mary's Church 10.45am
10-14 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential	17 Dec	1.30pm End of term
14 Nov	PTA Ceilidh	6 Jan	Children return to school
21 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations Day		
28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre 4-6pm		You can find term dates for this year and next here .
4 Dec	Music Concert 6pm		
10 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm		
	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm		

 Stars of the Week	
Reception Arthur T Edie A	Poppy S Lyra B
Year 1 Liano C Daisy M	Amelia M Theo B
Year 2 Miguel C Ava C	Elijah L Xanthe M
Year 3 Vinny G Oliver H	Henry G Anyia I
Year 4 Texas D Anyia H	Noah Q William S
Year 5 Harry F George F	Jesse L Bea S
Year 6 George S Poppy R	Shanav K Primrose M
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RCR 3MR
Hunter M Coco T	Emmy J Alice R
Ariella Q Lara H	Mark S Elsie P
Flynn W Alan E	Thomas C Tilly S
Eve P Miller B	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE Orla L Vinny G Dolcey S Vira R	SILVER	GOLD