



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 24 October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the year we have had—fantastic learning, lots of sport and music, some great trips and workshops. The teachers have enjoyed sharing your child's achievements with you over the last couple of weeks. I wish everyone a restful half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Year 6 Parents FOR ACTION

Don't forget you **MUST** submit your Secondary School Application by the **deadline of 31 October**
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

Diary Dates Next Week



27-31 Oct	Half-term
3 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
4 Nov	Children return to school
4-7 Nov	Lunch Menu Week 1
4 Nov	PTA Textile Collection
7 Nov	Y6 Parent Maths Workshop 9am
7 Nov	Y5 & 6 Swimming @ LBLC
31 Oct	Deadline for Sept 2026 Y7 Applications https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions

New Lunch Menu

There will be a new menu when we return from half term which you can find on the link in the diary dates above. We will start back on Tuesday of Week 1. The only change will be Wednesday 5th November, the day we return, when we will have special a Fireworks lunch:



Clubs After Half-Term EARLIER FINISH

As the clocks go back this weekend and it will start getting darker earlier, after half term **ALL OUTDOOR CLUBS AND TRAINING SESSIONS WILL FINISH AT 4.15**, this **does NOT include Gardening Club** which will finish at 4.30. Indoor clubs will still finish at 4.30.

Textiles collection – Tuesday 4th November, at drop off

If you are having a rummage in your closets over half term we will happily take the items below for our **textiles collection on the first morning back after half term** in partnership with Happy School Bag, a scheme that allows us to clear out those closets, divert textile waste from landfill and raise funds for RAB. It's a win, win, win! Your child should have brought home a Happy School Bag for you to fill, but please just use bin liners or other plastic bags if you need to. Bags will be collected shortly after drop off. Happy sorting!

What **we need**:

Adults' and children's clothing - clean, dry and wearable please
Paired shoes
Console games, souvenirs
Handbags, belts, hats, accessories
Jewellery, toiletries, perfumes

What we **cannot accept**:

Uniforms, underclothing
Bric-a-brac, toys
Mats, carpets, blankets, curtains
Household linen, pillows, duvets
Dirty, damaged or wet clothes

Year 5/6 Dodgeball

On Thursday, we took 6 teams along to the local school dodgeball competition which had over 60 children participating. There were 3 tournaments taking place, we had a team representing RAB in each tournament. Tournament 3 saw RAB Pink finish in 5th place, showing off their great dodging skills against tough competition. In tournament 2, RAB were represented by RAB Yellow and RAB Green. Again, both teams did amazingly well, showing great resilience throughout, and maintaining their school values- especially when playing each other. RAB Green finished 1st place and RAB Yellow finished 4th place.

In tournament 1 we were able to enter 3 teams- RAB Navy, RAB Red and RAB Orange. This was a very tough pool, and all the teams did exceptionally well. RAB Red showed great work ethic, finishing 5th overall. RAB Navy and RAB Orange made it through the pool games on top, meeting each other in the semi-finals. After a close and tense match, RAB Navy won the match and progressed to the final to play Katherine Semar- whilst RAB Orange was playing for 3rd place against Katherine Semar 2. After some exceptional dodging, ducking and dipping, both RAB Navy and RAB Orange won their final matches- meaning the Navy team finished 1st overall, and the Oranges finished 3rd overall in tournament 1. This means both teams have qualified for the next round of competitions, due to take place in December. We are very proud of all our teams and how everyone showed good team values, applying all the things learnt in training. Well done everyone.



What have the Romans ever done for us?

As the Y6s found out on a fantastic Roman Day quite a lot! They enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities, including making clay pots, charms and mosaics. In the afternoon, they enjoyed performing as Roman soldiers, dancers, actors or servants whilst enjoying their feast. A fantastic way to bring their topic to life and we loved all the costumes. Thank you to our parent helpers for running the stalls



Looking for things to do locally....

..... You can find flyers that are shared with the school on our Online Community Noticeboard [here](#).

Finance & Admin Assistant Role at Late Play

This is a part-time role working remotely and flexibly for 16 hours per week Monday to Friday (hours of work are flexible but a typical working day will be 3.25 hours). The post is for 42 weeks per year (term-time plus 4 weeks). Please visit the Vacancies Page of our website for further details.

Cleaner

The school is looking for a cleaner via our agency, Nightingale. It would be for two hours a day after school, 3.30-5.30pm, term time only, £12.85 per hour. For further details, or to apply by sending a CV, please contact Sharon Woodley at s.woodley@nightingalecleaning.com

Essex Online Community Learning Courses

Essex runs lots of free online courses including topics such as Positive Parenting, Family Wellbeing, Support-

Future Diary Dates

10-14 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential	6 Jan	Children return to school
10 Nov	Y3 Viking Day	You can find term dates for this year and next here .	
12 Nov	Y2 Parent Lunch (pre-booked only)		
13 Nov	Y4 Parent Times table Workshop		
14 Nov	PTA Uniform Sale		
14 Nov	PTA Ceilidh		
17 Nov	Infant Flu Immunisations		
19 Nov	Y1 Parent Lunch (pre-booked only)		
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		



Christmas artwork card and gift project – order deadline Friday 7 November

As part of the Christmas card and gift fundraising project we run each year, your child will have brought home a unique order card today showcasing their fabulous festive artwork.

Please check your inbox for our parentmail [link to parentmail text] with all the information you need to help you place your order. Do **keep order cards safe** until you have placed and received your order as your codes are unique and must be referenced at all stages. Any questions please email rabout-lerpta@gmail.com

Winter Fayre donations – what's hiding at home?!

If you're looking to clear out cupboards over half term, please keep an eye out for much needed donations for the annual Winter Fayre. We're particularly looking for:

- ~ Clean, washed **teddies and soft toys** (we urgently need to restock our supply!)
- ~ Children's **toys or games** suitable for ages 5-11 (no baby/toddler stuff please) - unwanted/nearly new, in good enough condition to be a prize
- ~ Unwanted **halloween sweets and chocolates** (nut free)
- ~ Unopened **bottles** of anything eg. perfume, sauce, wine...
- ~ Save your **jars** for the jarbola!
- ~ Raffle prizes

More on this after half term but, in the meantime, make a note in your diary:

Fayre donations day (non-uniform day!) – Friday 21 November at drop off

Winter Fayre – Friday 28 November from 4-6pm

Next pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 14 November at pick up

We'll be opening the doors of the PTA pre-loved uniform shed on 14 November from 3.15pm for you to stock up. PE tops, shorts, skorts £5; school jumpers and cardigans £3; trousers, shorts, skirts and dresses £1. Cash or card accepted.

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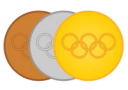

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PTA Ceilidh - 7pm Friday 14th November

Today is the last day of priority tickets for RAB parents! Book now, before we open spaces to the wider community. Don't miss 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



 Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u> Stanley B Slater R	Oliver B Blake D
<u>Year 1</u> Lizzie R Marius T	Betsy W Isabella L
<u>Year 2</u> Sylvie B Henry T	Kerem K Fred N
<u>Year 3</u> Florence P Amaya R	Aahan T Charlotte M
<u>Year 4</u> Holly N Bertie P	Zayne J Robin M
<u>Year 5</u> Muhammad T Esmee S	Billy O Henry J
<u>Year 6</u> Joe B Chrissy R	Esme M Teddy M
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1OJ 3RD

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Logan M George F Lucas C Laurie T Billy O Amelie M Lily D Jesse P Jesse L Ellie G Phoebe T Annabelle S Edward C Stanley M Annie L Iris M Prithiv A Bella M George S	SILVER Primrose M Ryan E Chrissy R Xavier S Josie H Jack E	GOLD Freya M Ella P
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Polly C Isla C Willow T Phoebe B Vira R George G Henry G Ted H	SILVER	GOLD