



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 7 November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break. We've heard the wonderful news that Miss Banks' baby girl Otilie arrived last week. They are both doing very well and we can't wait to meet her.



Everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank the children and parents for the very generous Harvest Festival collection which weighed an incredible 501.3kg. This is enough to provide around 1000 meals! How fantastic is that?

Clubs

Don't forget **ALL OUTDOOR CLUBS AND TRAINING SESSIONS FINISH AT 4.15**, this **does NOT include Gardening Club** which will finish at 4.30. Indoor clubs will still finish at 4.30.



Anti-Bullying Week

Our Anti-bullying Week will take place from 17th November, a week after the national week, so that our Y5s can take part as well. There will be activities taking place throughout the week, including a Friendship Afternoon on Wednesday 19th November and we invite all children to come into school wearing odd socks on that day.

Fireworks on the Common

If you are going to see the Fireworks Display on the Common this weekend, do look out for the wonderful guy that school mum Louise has entered into the competition. We're so impressed with your creativity! Do give the Alien a big cheer if he is mentioned. Enjoy the show!



Reverend Zooms In

On Wednesday, Year 4 had a Zoom meeting where they interviewed Rev. Sanders, who is a teacher and vicar. This was to summarise the content of the RE unit on Christianity. All the children were engaged and asked thoughtful and challenging questions. Several children commented that it was really interesting talking to someone who practises a faith, as well as learning about it in school.

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service

There is lots of support available through this organisation for families, all the way from pre-birth to 19 (or 25 for children with an EHCP). Do have a look at the video to see what they have available. It is a wonderful resource.

[PB19 Overview of Services New with Audio 1](#)



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition @ KS

Yesterday, RAB took 3 teams to the Year 5/6 tag rugby competition at Katherine Semar. The competition was split into 2 tournaments. RAB were represented in both—Tournament 1 had RAB Navy and RAB Green, and Tournament 2 had RAB yellow. After some exceptional rugby and skills on show, our teams did tremendously well determined to do their best. RAB Navy finished in 1st place in Tournament 1, playing all their games without losing- working extremely well as a team. RAB Green finished 4th place in Tournament 1, only losing 1 game



throughout the competition and showing their resilience right to the end. And finally, RAB Yellow finished 2nd place in Tournament 2, showing a great attitude against other local schools. As a result, RAB Navy and RAB Green have qualified for the next round at Carver Barracks in a couple of weeks. Well done to all the children involved!

Diary Dates Next Week



10-14 Nov	Lunch Menu Week 2
10-14 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential
10 Nov	Y3 Viking Day
12 Nov	Y2 Parent Lunch (pre-booked only)
13 Nov	Y4 Parent Times table Workshop 9am
13 Nov	Gifts for Grown Ups Ticket Sales
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14 Nov	PTA Uniform Sale
14 Nov	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



Winter Fayre 2025

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

Winter Fayre – Friday 28 November from 4-6pm

The RAB Winter Fayre is one of our biggest annual fundraisers and the children absolutely love it! Packed with games, stalls, crafts and treats, make sure you read the Winter Fayre flyer that will come out next week with all the information.

Tokens

We are using tokens at the Winter Fayre this year so please note all stalls, except for the BBQ, will only accept tokens. Tokens will be available to buy in the lead up to the fayre and on the night with either cash or card.

Santa's Grotto tickets – pre-bookable online from 8pm Friday 15 November

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNVK> (booking fee applies)

Can you spare an hour to help at the Fayre?

Lend a hand on the day by running a stall for an hour or packing away on Friday 28 November: sign up to help make it happen: <https://forms.gle/8A1H88hcWS1eK3fNA>

Don't forget Donations Day on Friday 21 November

This year, we're particularly in need of clean teddies and soft toys, plus jarbola donations (jars filled with sweets and little toys) alongside our usual suggestions for donations by year groups:

Reception, Y1 & Y2: Chocolate of all sizes (no nuts)

Y3 & Y4: Children's Toys and Gifts (suitable for ages 5-11 please)

Y5 & Y6: Bottles of any type eg wine, sauce, perfume, squash

Check your cupboards first as we're very happy with anything unopened (chocolate and bottles) or in nearly-new condition (toys and games) – no need to shop especially.

The Fayre relies on your generous support – we are truly grateful for any contributions you can offer.

Christmas Gifts for Grown Ups – tickets on sale

'Elfridges', our seasonal PTA department store will be open again this year for Christmas Gifts for Grown Ups. Teaching the gift of giving, this event allows your child to choose a gift for the special grown ups in their lives, from mums and dads to grandparents, aunties and uncles, big cousins or any of their everyday superheroes! Presents come home wrapped and ready to place under the tree.

Elfridges will open at school in mid-December but we sell tickets in advance so we can ensure a fantastic range of presents are in store once we know how many children will be our valued customers again this year...

Tickets cost £3 each, max 2 tickets per child (each ticket will allow 1 gift) **Advance purchase only.**

Online ticket sales until 10pm Friday 21 November (booking fees apply) :<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/97133>

In person sale at drop off and pick up on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th November

Cash and card accepted

Find us in the **KS1 playground** by the exit gate or at the **top of the car park**

You can also send cash in an envelope to the School Office or Early/Late Play **labelled clearly** with 'G4G', your child's name and class and how many tickets you want (max 2 per child).

See our parentmail for all information.

Pre-loved uniform sale next Friday 14 November

We'll be opening the doors of the PTA pre-loved uniform shed on 14 November from 3.15pm for you to stock up. Cash or card accepted.

Christmas cards and gifts project - deadline today!

Many thanks to all those who placed an order with Class Fundraising this year. Once orders have been received and checked by us, they will be sent home with your child – hopefully towards the end of November. We can't wait to see all their artwork transformed! Any questions, please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com.

Ceilidh Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to lack of ticket sales, we have had to cancel the Ceilidh. All tickets purchased will be re-funded.



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Zafferano Lounge
12A Market Place,
Saffron Walden CB10 1HR

Are you a parent or carer?

**SEND children and adult
carers community catch up**

Join us for a free soup or
toastie, a free relaxing
wellbeing spa experience,
and complimentary tea &
coffee!

For more information or to confirm your
attendance please contact Christine, Rita or Emily!

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Emily - 07596 890 819

Rita - 07360 689 075



Future Diary Dates

17 Nov	Infant Flu Immunisations
19 Nov	Odd-Sock Day
19 Nov	Y3 Guided Reading Parent Workshop 9am
19 Nov	Y1 Parent Lunch (pre-booked only)
20 Nov	EY Phonics/6Rs Parent Workshop 9am
21 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations Day
25 Nov	EY Pop Up Village
28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre 4-6pm
4 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
w/c 8 Dec	Xmas Assault Course
10 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
11 Dec	Whole School Book Look 8.40-9.10am
11 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
15 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
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](#).

 Stars of the Week	
Reception Georgia W Macauley H	Zac J Archer S
Year 1 Evie B Teddy P	Jasper B Mayumi E
Year 2 Bobby S Ellie G	Joshua G Oscar F
Year 3 David U Adalina P	Robyn B Albie N
Year 4 Charlotte A Freddie B	Rex A Ariana L
Year 5 Frank K Isabelle M	Oliver C Lily D
Year 6 Ella B Johnny M	Ailbhe C Bronte R
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2QB 5LT

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Charlie T Lucas P Ellie-Mai S Dougie B	SILVER Mabel B Jack E Shanav K	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD