



The Butler Buzz

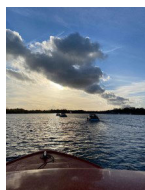
R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 14 November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Birthday to RAB! It was our 60th Birthday on Tuesday so the whole school sang Happy Birthday to us! Don't forget Friday is non-uniform day in lieu of donations for the PTA Winter Fayre (see correspondence from the PTA).

Amazing Aylmerton for Y5



I would like to start by saying an enormous thank you to all the staff that made the Aylmerton residential so much fun for the children. The weather may not always have been on their side, but that didn't stop them making the most of everything the centre had to offer. With team building activities, night walks, boat trips on the Broads and coastal visits, the days were jam packed. The children put all the 6Rs into practise and were a real credit to the school. We hope you haven't got too much damp washing....!



Remembrance Day



At 11am on Tuesday the whole school gathered for a two minute silence. Mrs Vincent and some Ambassadors then went to lay our wreath alongside the others at the war memorial in town. The children learnt about the meaning of Remembrance Day during assemblies this week.



Congratulations and Thank You...

.... to Louise for her Bonfire Alien Guy. She came second in the competition raising £150 for the school!

Y2 Parent Lunch

It was lovely to welcome some of our Y2 parents who joined their children for lunch earlier this week. We hope to run another lunch date later in the year for those that were unable to book onto this one.



Smartphone Policy

With Christmas present buying looming on the horizon, we just wanted to remind families of our Smartphone Policy that children in Y4 and below will not be allowed smartphones in school when they reach Y5.

Anti-Bullying Week Next Week



Don't forget Wednesday will be Friendship Afternoon and we invite all children to come into school wearing odd socks on that day.

Y2-3 Applications Now Open

Y2 parents have now received information about how to apply for Y3 places for next September 2026. **All applications must be submitted on-line by 15th January 2026.** You can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy and let her know you have completed your application.

Reception 2026

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2026. The application window is now open and you can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions **You must apply by 15th January 2026.**

Diary Dates Next Week



17-21 Nov	Lunch Menu Week 3
17 Nov	Infant Flu Immunisations
19 Nov	Odd-Sock Day
19 Nov	Y3 Guided Reading Parent Workshop 9am (Junior Hall)
19 Nov	Y1 Parent Lunch (pre-booked only)
20 Nov	EY Phonics/6Rs Parent Workshop 9am
20 Nov	Y1 Town Walk
20 Nov	Second Hand Uniform Sale
21 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations Day (Own clothes day)
21 Nov	Y5&6Swimming @ LBLC



WINTER FAYRE 2025

Help! We urgently need volunteers to run fayre stalls

With only a few volunteers currently signed up to help at the Fayre, we desperately need more parents to help out on a shift. We also welcome older siblings who are happy to run a stall with you or with a friend – we've had lots of lovely ex-RAB pupils return over the years to help out!

Shift 1 is 3.25-5pm and Shift 2 is from 4.55pm-6.15pm.

If you're helping at Shift 1 you will be able to collect your children early before you start.

Please also consider if you can stay to help pack away at the end – it's a long day for PTA helpers and with more hands we'll make quick work of getting the school ready for Monday morning...

Sign up to help out here: <https://forms.gle/8A1H88hcWS1eK3fNA>

Don't forget Donations Day next 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.

Santa's Grotto online booking opens tonight at 8pm

Book tickets to meet Santa in his magical winter wonderland at the Winter Fayre. £2.50 per child, including a small gift: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNVK> (booking fee applies). If you try the link before 8pm, it will say it's sold out – IGNORE this as plenty of tickets are available and will be released at 8pm. Can't get online? Don't worry, we always make sure there are a couple of slots for each session from 4.30pm available to buy at the Fayre itself.

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.

Raffle Prizes

We are also on the lookout for raffle prizes and would be extremely grateful to any local businesses who would be happy to donate any vouchers or prizes! Thank you!

Christmas Gifts for Grown Ups– tickets now on sale

Don't forget tickets are now available and cost £3 each, max 2 tickets per child (each ticket will allow 1 gift). Tickets must be purchased by next Friday 21 November. Advance purchase only.

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

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).

Uniform Sale - Postponed to Thursday 20th November

Our next uniform sale is after school on Thursday 20th November. Come down to the uniform shed, by the greenhouse gate at the bottom of the carpark, to grab a bargain!

Friday 28 November

4 - 6pm



Friday 21 November

Winter Fayre Donations Day

Friday 14 November

Grotto booking goes live Friday

Friday 28 November - Cake Donations

Plus any extra donations for the Winter Fayre (drop off)



KS1 Multi-Skills Event @ Lord Butler Leisure Centre

On Thursday, 16 of our Infant children were invited to attend a multi-skills event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. They participated in a number of different activities across a fun and eventful morning. They all had a brilliant time and learnt lots of new skills along the way, whilst working with children from different local schools. Congratulations to everyone involved!



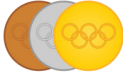

Viking Hoards



On Monday, our Y3s were treated to a full day of Viking-themed learning for our very own 'Viking Day'. You may have spotted a number of little (and not-so-little!) Norsemen roaming the playground and corridors as the year group immersed themselves in pre-medieval life. The morning saw the children decorating shields and trying their hand at archery, before an action-packed afternoon of sailing marauding longboats, writing runic inscriptions, and acting out scenes from daily settler life. The day was filled with enthusiasm, creativity and lots of hands-on learning. Both children and adults — including a very enthusiastic 'Mr Ironbeard' — had a fantastic time, and the activities offered a brilliant way to deepen understanding of Viking culture and history. Thank you to the Y3 team for such a memorable and engaging day.



★	Stars of the Week	★
Reception	Arlo E	Remi L
Louis M	Dila K	Lily M
Mia W		
Year 1	Marlon V	George P
Flo H	Evie R	Bea S
Jasper H		
Year 2	Teddy N	Harry B
Theo W	Evelyn B	Lyra S
Una F		
Year 3	Alex B	Poppy B
Luke E	Willow S	Penny B
Sadie W		
Year 4	Charlie A	Kaya E
Eddie A	Megan M	Stanley S
Darcy D		
Year 5	All of 5LT	All of 5VH
All of 5MGL		
Year 6	Charlie T	Freya M
Leia T	Moukshith R	Jack C
Maisie H		
Infant Lunchtime Cup	10J	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3RD	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE Joe B	SILVER Layla K Henry H Esme M Bonnie A	GOLD Johnny M Ivy P Josie H
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE Jack H Finley W Aahan T George G Elliot W Annabelle J Henry Y Penny B Isabella H Poppy B Lyra B Raymond B	SILVER Virein N Finley B	GOLD

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

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Future Diary Dates

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](#).