



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 28 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

An enormous thank you to all our PTA Elves for creating a magical Winter Fayre for you to enjoy today.

Astro Grand Opening



We were delighted to announce that the updated astro is now open.

Thanks to Mr Leeman's inspiring Marathon Run and our very own sponsored marathon organised by the PTA you have helped us raise £30,000 towards to refurbishment of the astro. The new drainage system has passed the test of the torrential rain over the last few weeks!

Diary Dates Next Week



1-5 Dec	Lunch Menu Week 2
1 Dec	Spring Term club sign up closes 9am
4 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
5 Dec	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC

15 Jan 2026 Y2-3 & Reception 2026 Deadline
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Healthy Schools Award

A very big thank you to Mrs Jenkins who has been key in helping us gain our Healthy Schools Award from Essex which recognises a school's commitment to providing an environment that supports the wellbeing of the whole school community.



Autumn Term Clubs

All clubs have now finished with the **exception of Y3&4 Gardening who have their final session on Thursday 4th December.**

Spring Term Clubs

Don't forget to sign up for Spring Term clubs. The deadline is 9am on Monday [SchoolCloud - RA Butler Academy Infant School](#) or [SchoolCloud - RA Butler Academy Junior School](#)

Book Look—Thursday 11 December

Between 8.40 and 9.10am, all parents will have the opportunity to go into their child's class where they can share their books and learning with you.

Lunch Time Stick Area

Any children in Y2—6 who wish to use the Stick Area at lunch time must bring a change of shoes with them. Their days are: Monday Y2, Tuesday Y6, Wednesday Y3, Thursday Y4, Friday Y5.

Sporting Success

On Wednesday, we hosted the KS2 archery competition for the local schools. We entered two Y4 teams, one Y5 team and one Y6 team. The children showed some excellent archery skills, being very precise and accurate with their shots. They all did amazingly well to score some great points for their teams. In the year 5/6 competition, our Y6 team finished 3rd overall and our Y5 team finished 6th. In the Y4 competition, one of our teams finished in 2nd place whilst the other team finished in 6th place. This means one of our Y4 teams has qualified for the next round. As well as team success, there was also individual success. Special mentions go to Harry B for finishing 1st overall in the Year 5/6 boy category, Wilf M for finishing 3rd overall in this category, and Stanley S claiming 3rd place in the Year 4 boy category. Well done to everybody involved.



This morning, we attended the KS2 multi-sports Panathlon event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. All eight of our children were in a team together, participating in many different activities, ranging from kurling & boccia to hand tennis. All of the children did superbly and represented the school so well. They were praised highly for their positive teamwork and resilience throughout the event. As a result, all eight of our Y6 children received a medal for their strong efforts. Congratulations to all!

Pop Up Play Village

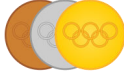

Our Early Years children had a fabulous time earlier this week at the Pop Up Play Village. It was lovely to see them engaging in creative role play as explorers, the emergency services and vets amongst others.



Future Diary Dates

w/c 8 Dec	Xmas Assault Course	16 Dec	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am
10 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm	17 Dec	Carols @ St Mary's Church 10am
	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm	17 Dec	1.30pm End of term
11 Dec	Whole School Book Look 8.40-9.10am	6 Jan	Children return to school
11 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm		
	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm		You can find term dates for this year and next here .
15 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day		

★	Stars of the Week	★
Reception Mason S Dollie D	Reggie R Arthur G	George D William B
Year 1 Grace O Loki S	Harrison E Aitana L	Phoebe M Callum W
Year 2 Adam T Lilly-Mae S	Leoni C Ruby S	Paco C Raife S
Year 3 Ralph D Paul B	Beatrix M George G	Ethan R Willow T
Year 4 Sophia L Jack G	Oscar A Levi J	Annabel P Eddie H
Year 5 Buzz M Logan M	Zara L Lucas P	Charlie C Bertie M
Year 6 Oliver L Grace T	Dion G Annie B	William C Emily S
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RJD 6AE	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Ava D Ralph L Henry M Isabelle M Cara G Thomas C	SILVER Amelia-Mae C	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Elsie P Austin M Grace B Stan M Alex T Vienna L Jack R Lucas S Kaya E	SILVER	GOLD








Zones of Regulation

Online Course

This engaging two-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

Date: 02/12/2025 **Time: 09:45 - 11:45**

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Community & Family Learning Courses



COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL FAMILY FIRST AID	ACL HARLOW & THE LIBRARY	01/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)	10:00	12:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER	ONLINE LIVE	4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	10/12/2025	19:00	21:30
FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLLEXIA	ONLINE LIVE	10/12/2025	12:30	14:30
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	12/12/2025	12:30	15:00
FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	CHIPPING ONGAR LIBRARY	16/12/2025	11:00	12:00

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Youth Vaping

Essex are conducting research on vaping to help develop support for parents and carers to have non-judgemental conversations about the risks of vaping for young people and are interested in hear from parents of children aged 9-14. If you would like to take part in the [survey](#), it is open until 14 December.