



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 9 January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed spending time together over the Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They very much enjoyed snow play with their friends on the first day back.

In light of the wintery weather, please could we ask that you take a moment to read our [Severe Weather](#) plan. Thank you.

Meet the New Team

You are warmly invited to meet Hayley Doone (SENCO & Assistant Head) and Heidi Pearson (Pupil & Family Support Practitioner) next week. They are looking forward to meeting you.

Applications for Y3 2026 & Reception 2026

Don't forget all applications must be submitted on-line by 15th January. You can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy and let her know you have completed your Y3 application.

Clubs

All clubs will start next week. Outdoor clubs (including Gardening Club) will end at 4.15pm until further notice in the Butler Buzz. Indoor clubs will finish at 4.30pm as normal.

Menu Change

Thursday—All Day Breakfast or Breakfast Burrito, Fruit in Jelly
Friday—Fish Fillet or Southern Crumb Burger, Crumble & Custard
It would be hugely beneficial to the school financially if Reception, Y1 and Y2 children could be encouraged to take a school lunch on Thursday. It is census day and this does impact our school funding. Thank you.

Tesco Tokens

RAB is the beneficiary of the Blue Token scheme over the next few months so don't forget to add a token into the collection when you do your shopping. The money will be going to support the school's Free School Meals Breakfast club. Thank you.

This information has been shared with us by the Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service and may be of interest to you:

Parents and Carers Training—The Dark Web

Delivered by Essex Sexual Health Service Outreach & Education
Thursday 29 January – 20:00pm – 21:00pm

Are you looking for ways to build awareness of what the Dark Web is, understand why young people might access it, and gain a basic understanding of the risks involved?

In this free 1 hour online session, we explore what the Dark Web is, how it differs from the Deep Web and Open Web, and the ways it can be accessed. The session helps parents and carers understand why young people might be drawn to the Dark Web, the risks involved, and what steps to take if a young person has already accessed it. It also provides practical guidance on talking to young people about online safety. Delivered by a CEOP Ambassador, Essex Sexual Health Service.

The session is available to parents and carers living in Essex, or if their young person attends a school in Essex (excluding Thurrock and Southend) and will also include an overview of support that is available in Essex.

Register here: <https://orlo.uk/kiQn7>

Diary Dates Next Week



12-16 Jan	Lunch Menu Week 3
12 Jan	RJR Town Library Visit 1pm
13 Jan	Meet the SENCO & Pupil & Family Support Practitioner 9am
13 Jan	RJD Town Library Visit 1pm
15 Jan	RNB Town Library Visit 1pm
15 Jan	Meet the SENCO & Pupil & Family Support Practitioner 2.30pm
15 Jan	Y2-3 & Reception 2026 Deadline
	www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
16 Jan	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC

MEET OUR NEW TEAM

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO AN INFORMAL COFFEE AND HELLO WITH:

HAYLEY DOONE
SENCO & ASSISTANT HEAD

HEIDI PEARSON
PUPIL & FAMILY SUPPORT PRACTITIONER

GILL SARGINSON WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

13 JANUARY 9AM
15 JANUARY 2.30PM
KSI HALL

YOUNGER SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME

The Great Fire of RAB!



Year 2 got off to a fiery start! What an exciting beginning to their Great Fire of London Topic. Over the Christmas break, the year 2 children were challenged with making a Tudor style house. The Fire started in the RAB Bakery and spread rapidly! Not even the snow could stop it. Mr Belzar loves standing by with the extinguisher!



Happy New Year! What's coming up this term...

We hope you enjoyed a lovely break over Christmas and are feeling refreshed for another brilliant term at RAB. We're back and looking forward to raising and investing more funds for the school at a time when budgets couldn't be squeezed any tighter.

We've got a few PTA dates to highlight this term:

- Pre-loved Uniform Sale after school on Friday 6 February
- KS2 Disco on Wednesday 11 February (Y3 & Y4: 5pm-6.15pm; Y5 & Y6: 6.30pm-7.45pm)
- Annual PTA Quiz Night on Friday 6 March from 7pm
- Easter Egg Hunt in school on Friday 27 March

We'll have more on these, plus tickets for our Mother's Day Gifts to follow shortly but, in the meantime, make a note in your diary...

Our first PTA meeting of the term is next Friday 16 January at 2.15 in The Butler Room (sign in at Reception). Come along if you'd like to find out how you can help out!

Thanks for your support.
RAB PTA

Community Support



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



Health Advice Drop-in for 5-19 year olds

Monday, 2nd February 2026 and Monday, 2nd March 2026
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

t: 0300 247 0122

w: essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



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Course Code	Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Venue	Start Time	End Time
HO5C40OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	12/01/2026	19/01/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO2C40OL25	FL Managing Big Emotions	13/01/2026	20/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2A40OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	13/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO2C44OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	13/01/2026	13/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2C42OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	14/01/2026	04/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO3A43OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	14/01/2026	11/02/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO4B41OL25	FL Setting Boundaries	15/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO4C42OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C52OL25	FL Praise, Rewards and Limit Setting	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5C41OL25	FL Understanding Neurodivergent Children	16/01/2026	27/02/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO1A40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO1B40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2A42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO2B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO3C40OL25	FL ESOL for Families	21/01/2026	04/03/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO4C53OL25	FL Talking So Your Children Will Listen	22/01/2026	29/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C44OL25	FL Fussy Eaters	22/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4A45OL25	FL SEND Support for Families	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO4A50OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO4B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO5B40OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	23/01/2026	23/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30
HO5A44OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO5B46OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2C45OL25	FL Managing Anger in Young People	27/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5B48OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30



If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website aclessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

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4 Questions

Every Parent Should Ask **DAILY**
if Your Child is Online



1. How was your ONLINE WORLD today?



2. Did you see anything online that you didn't like?



3. Did anyone send you something that made you UNCOMFORTABLE?



4. Did you send anything to anyone that you shouldn't have?



WHY THESE QUESTIONS MATTER :

LET'S
TALK



Normalise Talking About Online Life



Build Trust & Openness



Prevent Problems BEFORE They Escalate

**STOP
IT EARLY!**





For
Working Parents

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★	Stars of the Week	★
Reception Bodhi B Freddie E	Arlo O Freddie W	Stanley W Ines R
Year 1 Sonny C Oliver S	Hadley B Emily N	Benji P Bella D
Year 2 Harry W Elsie B	Leo H Oscar M	Simbie G Margaux T
Year 3 Winnie P Sophie B	Shriyansh C Keira P	Virein N Grace B
Year 4 Otis L Tilly W	Daniel F Sam B	Bennet P Henry B
Year 5 Alice G Ava C	Freddie S Lenny T	Poppy S Hudson C
Year 6 Ruan G Harry B	Bonnie A Esme M	Jess B Niamh S
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2SH	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	4MM	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER Logan M Bryher T Amelie M Annie L	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Paul B Shlok B Matilda F Rex A Sam B	SILVER Elliot W	GOLD

Future Diary Dates

- 21-23 Jan Y4 Burwell House
- 26 Jan Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service
- 28 Jan Y5 WW2 History Off the Page
- 29 Jan Y1 Fairytale Day
- 6 Feb PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3.30pm
- 11 Feb PTA KS2 Disco
- 13 Feb INSET Day—School Closed to Children
- 16-20 Feb Half Term
- 6 March PTA Quiz Night

You can find term dates for this year and next [here](#).

Half Term Club at RAB

Please contact Tech Camp directly with any queries.



NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS

LIMITED SPACES
BOOK BY
6TH FEB

FEB HALF TERM 2026


Coding & Robots


Circuits & Inventions


LEGO Engineering


Minecraft Madness


Tech Fun

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Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES

What Parents Say

"Absolutely Fantastic!
First time attending &
my son loved it!"

★★★★★

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