



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 16 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just to remind you, **Friday 13 February is an INSET Day and the school is closed to children.** We hope you enjoy the extra long half term!

It was lovely to see those of you that were able to meet Hayley Doone and Heidi Pearson this week. We thought it would be helpful to share with you the set up of the Inclusion Team and how to contact them.

Diary Dates Next Week



19-23 Jan	Lunch Menu Week 1
19 Jan	Heidi Pearson Drop In 3pm
21-23 Jan	Y4 Burwell House
23 Jan	Heidi Pearson Drop in 9am
23 Jan	Y2&5 Swimming @ LBLC



Inclusion Team at RAB

SEND Focus



Hayley Doone
Assistant
Headteacher
and SENCO

Contact: send@rab.academy



Gill Sarginson
Assistant
SENCO

Pastoral Focus



Debbie Jenkins
Learning Mentor

Contact - referrals via the Senior leadership team or class teachers



Heidi Pearson
Pupil and Family
Support
Practitioner

Mrs Pearson will be holding informal drop in sessions, the dates of which can be found in the weekly diary dates. Please just come to the office if you would like to chat with her.

Thank you and Farewell



Our Key Stage 1 children bid farewell to a wonderful friend of the school, Jean Relf, this week. Following a long career in teaching, including as a Head, Jean, who at the time was a neighbour of the school, was coaxed out of retirement by the sound of our happy children in the playground! She started at RAB five years ago, volunteering an afternoon every week to provide cooking sessions for our Early Years children. She then became a Governor to provide the school with her incredible wealth of experience. Every child she has worked with has benefited from her warmth, enthusiasm and kindness.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jean for her dedication to the school and wish her all the very best in her second retirement!

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday afternoon, RAB took 45 children to attend the KS2 swimming gala at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. All the children did so well to cope with the noise and pressure of swimming against other local schools on the day. It showcased our brilliant 6 Rs, with everyone taking risks as well as staying resilient whilst being in the pool. The competition was very tough this year, but our children rose to the occasion and performed some exceptional lengths. Our Year 3/4 team finished 2nd overall, whilst our Year 5 /6 team finished 1st overall by 2 points. Special mention and thanks goes to Mrs Wesley who has put so much effort into making this possible, and to all the children who attend training every week. Congratulations everybody!

Online Community Noticeboard

We often receive flyers about local events, clubs and half term activities. These are all posted on our [Online Community Noticeboard](#), so do take a look.

Books, books, books

Our reception classes loved visiting the library in town this week. They enjoyed exploring the books and sharing stories. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to walk with us. What a lovely way to spend an afternoon!



Blow your own trumpet!

On Tuesday Years 3-6 were given a LIVE musical demonstration of trumpet by our Brass Teacher Gavin Bowyer. We hope that the children were inspired and that some may now wish to learn a Brass instrument. Mr Bowyer will be offering beginner lessons in groups. If you are interested, please click on the link to fill in a form.

Please also see the poster to a FREE professional Brass Quintet concert for anyone interested in learning. This will be a family friendly event with instruments to try and professional advice. Saturday 24th Jan 2:30pm Great Chesterford Primary School. More details when you click on the link... <https://forms.gle/DrYapaekWrVY8wrk8>



Half Term Club at RAB

Please contact the club providers directly with any queries.

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6TH FEB

FEB HALF TERM 2026

Coding
& Robots

Circuitry
& Inventions

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Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering
Different activity themes each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES

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"Absolutely Fantastic!
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HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.



£38
per child

Sibling
discount
available

GEOLOGY ROCKS

Fossils, volcanoes, earthquakes, tectonics plates and the chocolate rock cycle... it's all going on at Geology Rocks!

- Monday 16th February
Cambridge (Queen Edith)
- Tuesday 17th February
Saffron Walden (RAB)
- Wednesday 18th February
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)
- Thursday 19th February
Hertford (St Andrew)
- Friday 20th February
St Albans (Garden Fields)



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 Stars of the Week	
Reception Elodie J Maeve O	Harriet T Millie E
Year 1 Oscar M Vienne W	Megan L Evie R
Year 2 Felix D Oliver P	Holly R Finley G
Year 3 Ruairi O Polly C	Bourne P Ronnie E
Year 4 Annabelle R Suki L	Charlie A Abriel C
Year 5 Victor H Sth L	Ralph H Ernest C
Year 6 George W Alfie L	Leo M Prayas T
Infant Lunchtime Cup	1MI
Junior Lunchtime Cup	5LT

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Ella D Sophie M Noah N Will W	SILVER Iris M Annabelle S	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Bobby M William M	SILVER	GOLD

Future Diary Dates

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
5 March	World Book Day
6 March	PTA Quiz Night

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

