



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 23 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Peacock welcomed a baby girl Elsie this week. They are both doing well and we can't wait to meet her.

Brilliant Burwell

The Y4s have had a wonderful couple of days in Burwell enjoying all the craft activities and bringing home some lovely hammer and nail art, enamelling and batik painting. The damp weather didn't spoil the fun of the Burwell Fox game They've also learned the important life skill of putting on duvet covers! We're very proud of how they approached their first school residential which saw them embracing all 6Rs. A very big thank you to the staff that went along to support them, making it such a fabulous experience and to the team organising the logistics beforehand. We hope you enjoy hearing all their tales.

Diary Dates Next Week



26-30 Jan	Lunch Menu Week 2
26 Jan	Heidi Pearson Drop In 3pm
26 Jan	Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service
28 Jan	Y5 WW2 History Off the Page
29 Jan	Y1 Fairytale Day
30 Jan	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



Attendance

Reporting an absence on the day (illness, medical appointment)

Don't forget we now have an email address to report on the day absence. If a child is absent from school it is expected that the parent reports this on the first day of absence before 9:20am, when our registers close. To report an absence, parents may call the school and dial 1 to leave an answer phone message, dial 2 to speak to a member of the office team, or send a message via email to our attendance team at attendance@rab.academy. It is expected that parents contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9:20am.

Leave of absence request

If your child will be absent from school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, a [leave of absence request form](#) needs to be submitted in advance. Further information can be found at www.rab.academy/attendance

Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service

On Monday, Y6 are going to visit St Mary's Church to attend a service commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day. They will be leaving school after lunch and will return to RAB before the end of the school day. All children should already have permission in their planners to go on walks/visits in and around town.

Book Look 11 February 3pm

From 3pm to 4pm all parents will have the opportunity to go into your child's class where they can share their books and learning with you. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent after 3.25/3.30pm

Year 4 Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday, RAB were represented by 21 year 4 children to take part in the Indoor Athletics competition at Dame Bradbury's school. Children competed in a variety of field and track events against 9 other local schools. It was the first time in many years that we have attended this competition, meaning it was new to all the children. Despite this, our Year 4 team did so well after only having 2 training sessions to understand all the different events. RAB finished 2nd overall, missing out on Gold by 4 points!

Individual event results-

Lyra B (4CC)- Gold Standing Long Jump, Annabelle R (4MM)- Gold Javelin, Raymond B (4MM)- Gold Chest Push and Gold Vertical Jump, Freya B (4OR)- Silver Chest push, Charlie A (4OR) & Rex A (4OR) joint bronze Chest push, Dexter R (4MM) bronze speed bounce.

Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday, it was the Year 5 and 6s time to shine in their Indoor Athletics. The children again only had 2 training sessions to prepare for the competition- learning lots of new events and adapting to a different environment. Our Year 5/6s did amazingly as well, going against some tough competition- finishing 3rd overall as a team. Huge congratulations to everybody who competed in the Indoor Athletics this week, it was very challenging to compete in something new to everyone.

Individual event results-

Esme W (5LT)- Gold Standing Long Jump, Josie H (6JR)- Gold Chest push, Ffion J (6AE)- Gold Standing Triple Jump, Joe B (6JR)- Gold Standing Long Jump, Harry B (6JR)- Bronze chest push, Wilf M (6AE)- Bronze Javelin.

RAB also won the boys Paarlauf relay, as well as finishing top 3 in most track events.

Exciting Maths Project

We are taking part in an exciting maths scrapbook project this year for Early Years to Y4. We will be holding parent and child workshops on 11th February so do watch out for more details.

Recorder Lessons

If your child is interested in lessons there are some free taster sessions available for Y1 and above. Please contact Jay on jauger@rab.academy if you would like to sign up.

Update from Smartphone Free Childhood

You might have seen in the news this week that the government made its most significant announcement yet on smartphones, social media and children. They announced:

1. A national consultation on children's use of technology

Over the coming months, the government will consult on big questions about social media age limits, addictive design features, and how children are protected online. Critically, they'll explore the details of how social media age limits could work, and will visit Australia to learn from their approach.

2. A requirement for schools to be smartphone-free

This is more concrete. The government has taken a much stronger position on smartphone bans in schools, backed by clearer guidance and enforcement, with Ofsted checking schools' mobile phone policies and how effectively they are implemented at every inspection.

For the first time, the national conversation is no longer about whether there's a problem with smartphones, social media and children; the conversation is about what the best solution is – which is a huge step forward.

Earlier this month [The Amazing Generation](#) by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price was published. This is a great read for 9-12 year olds on the topic of having a smartphone free childhood.

As reminder, our Smartphone Policy at RA Butler is that children in Y4 and below will not be allowed smartphones in school when they reach Y5 and 6.

Half Term Club at RAB

Please contact the club providers directly with any queries and for bookings.



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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.
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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)

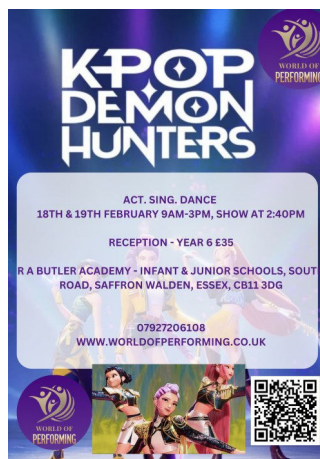
Wednesday 18th February
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 19th February
Hertford (St Andrew)

Friday 20th February
St Albans (Garden Fields)

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R A Butler Infant and Junior School
Years 1 - 6, 9am - 4pm daily, £39.99 per day

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	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u> Sadie H Everleigh M	Skye W Xander C	George R Orin N
<u>Year 1</u> Ilya T Danny C	Alfie S Sam W	Oscar H Richard M
<u>Year 2</u> Elizabeth C Elsie-May W	Zac L Lilly-Mae S	George E Ariella Q
<u>Year 3</u> Seth B Henry D	Martha-Mae T Finley W	Ava R Bea J
<u>Year 4</u> All of 4MM	All of 4OR	All of 4CC
<u>Year 5</u> Ethan F Franklin P	Finlay F Rory S	Amber C Emily C
<u>Year 6</u> Joe B Ella P	Sophia P Ailbhe C	Logan S Alice C
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RNB 3SP	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Ivy S Amaya R Noah H	SILVER Max G Elsie P	GOLD

Future Diary Dates

4 Feb	Y6 Cambridge Science Trip
6 Feb	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3.30pm
11 Feb	R & Y1 Maths Family Scrapbook Workshop 9am Y2-4 Maths Family Scrapbook Workshop 2.30pm Whole School Book Look 3-4pm
11 Feb	PTA KS2 Disco
13 Feb	INSET Day—School Closed to Children
16-20 Feb	Half Term
5 March	World Book Day