



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 30 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We held a Fire Drill this morning and I'd like to share that the children were so good at coming out calmly and quietly. We're very proud of how they approached the drill.

## Outdoor Clubs 4.30pm

As we inch towards Spring and the days are getting longer, our outdoor clubs will now finish at 4.30pm. This means that ALL CLUBS NOW FINISH AT 4.30pm.

## 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

## EY to Y4 Maths Workshops 11 February

You will have received a letter with all the details today. Please see our flyer as a reminder. We hope to see you there.

## Step Back In Time



Year 5 had a wonderfully immersive day this week, travelling back in time to life in a 1940 village. The recently evacuated children joined their new classroom with their strict teacher Mr Ward, where they learnt about gas mask safety, money denominations and practised their handwriting with dip pens. The children were on their best behaviour to avoid receiving the cane or having their mouths washed out with soap!

The afternoon was spent in the local village using their ration books, identity cards and shillings to complete shopping tasks and run the local businesses and cafes. The children looked great in their outfits and we'd like to thank all our parent volunteers for their support.

## Once Upon A Time...



We've been afraid of the big, bad wolf, huffed and puffed the house down, and run away as fast as we can! The Y1s had an exciting Fairy Tale day dressed as different characters including knights, princesses, pigs and gingerbread men. They all looked fantastic. They created their own Fairy Tale characters, made up their own stories for these characters,

made flapjacks and also took part in a Fairy Tale dance lesson! At the end of the week they had visit from Wizard Belzar who talked them through potion making for their instructional writing work.

## Active Maths Festival



Yesterday, we took 30 Year 3 children to the Active Maths Festival at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. They took part in a range of fun activities that combined both PE and maths, working with one another to solve some tricky problems. They also showed great engagement with the Year 9 SWCHS leaders and represented the school so wonderfully - maintaining their 6 Rs outside of school. It was a great and successful afternoon for all involved, well done everybody.



## Big Smiles

Early Years had a visit from Katherine the Dentist who talked to the children about how important it is to look after our teeth by thinking about the food we eat, what we drink and how we brush them. The children were so engaged, listened carefully and asked some thoughtful questions.



## Diary Dates Next Week



2-6 Feb	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 3</a>
4 Feb	Y6 Cambridge Science Trip
6 Feb	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3.30pm
6 Feb	Y2&5 Swimming @ LBLC
6 Feb	Heidi Pearson Drop in 9am

HELP YOUR CHILD LOVE MATHS!

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am EYFS & Y1  
2.15pm Y2 to Y4

Don't worry:

- It isn't a maths lesson
- We won't be teaching maths
- There isn't a test!

The focus is on fostering positive attitudes towards numeracy for you and your child. There will be a 30 minute workshop followed by an activity session with your child in class.

We hope you will come and join us.



## Free Parenting Courses

There are many free parenting courses available through Essex ranging cover topics such as Talking, Listening, Managing Emotions through to First Aid and Fussy Eaters. You can sign up via their website

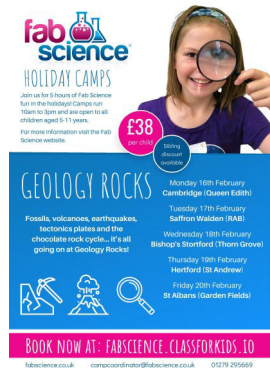
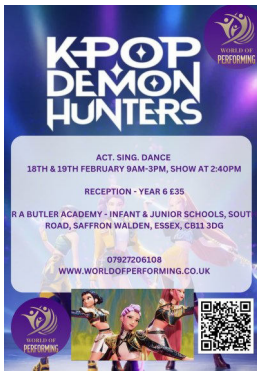
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## ZZZZZZ

This February is Children's Sleep Awareness Month. As we mentioned previously, sleep was a topic that came up in the children's wellbeing survey, so we hope you find this information useful: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/childrens-sleep-awareness-month-2026-lets-teach-sleep/>

## Half Term Club at RAB

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



## PTA QUIZ NIGHT – Tickets on sale NOW!

The annual PTA Quiz Night is back on Friday 6 March (7pm for 7.45pm start).

With quiztastic fun, prizes to be won and a well-stocked bar, it's always a brilliant evening – no swotting up necessary.

Tickets are £10 each or £75 for a table of 8 (plus booking fee) sold online only at: [https://](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/103861)

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There are 12 tables of 8 players available. Each table will form a Quiz Team. Simply hop online and find a table with spaces free and select the number of tickets you would like. You'll be asked for your child's year group when you book and you have the option to be seated with parents of the same year group where possible. Don't be shy, if you don't know your fellow players at the start of the evening we guarantee you'll be swearing allegiance by the end of the night!

There is also the option for a lead booker to reserve and pay for a whole table of 8, subject to availability. As lead booker you will be responsible for allocating players to your table.

Whether you plan to bring a gang or just yourself, the PTA Quiz Night is a fun and friendly way to get social with your fellow RAB parents. Grown-ups only though please!

**Be quick! This event often sells out fast. Online booking opens today!**

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/103861>

## KS2 Disco – Wednesday 11 February

Dancing, raffle and fun competitions, including best dressed and best dancer!

A few reminders:

- ~ Y3 and Y4: 5pm - 6.15pm
- ~ Y5 and Y6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- ~ Drop Off KS2 Hall
- ~ Prompt collection of all children please via KS1 gate
- ~ The carpark is closed to all disco traffic
- ~ £3 pay on the door
- ~ This event is CASH ONLY
- ~ No phones or coats left please
- ~ Named purse or wallet with small sum of money for refreshments and raffle, no more £3 (in addition to entry fee)

Parentmail with more information to follow.

	Stars of the Week	
<b>Reception</b> Verity S Cora B	Saffi R-B Reggie R	Ollie B Halima H
<b>Year 1</b> Trixie M Niko F	Aitana L Emilia P	Eddie D Lottie C
<b>Year 2</b> Maya W Jude H	Otis M Isaac P	David D Alannah P
<b>Year 3</b> Jack C Grace D	Connor B Nellie D	Yousuf H Theo W
<b>Year 4</b> Ben L Matilda O	Oscar A Ophelia M	Arlo M Filippos P
<b>Year 5</b> Muhammad T Henry M	Bea S Mia M	Dougie B Max P
<b>Year 6</b> Henry H Alfie L	Freddie W Lydia P	Jasper M Amelia Mae C
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1RB 4CC	

 <b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Bronte R	<b>GOLD</b> Isla B Jack E
 <b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b> Ivy S	<b>SILVER</b> Riley S Max G	<b>GOLD</b>

### Future Diary Dates

- 11 Feb R & Y1 Maths Family Scrapbook Workshop 9am  
Y2-4 Maths Family Scrapbook Workshop 2.15pm  
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
- 6 March PTA Quiz Night

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