



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 6 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget school finishes next Thursday, at the usual time at the end of the school day. Friday is an INSET day and the school is closed to children.

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

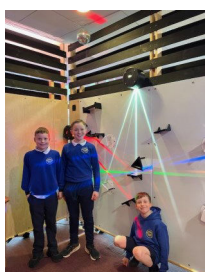
You will have received a letter with all the details today. Please see our flyer as a reminder. There is no need to book, just turn up. We hope to see you there.

KS1 Multi-Skills Panathlon



On Tuesday, 8 KS1 children represented RAB in a fun multi-skills morning at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The children took part in a range of different sporting activities across a fun and action packed morning, interacting with children from other schools. They were all challenged and maintained all of our school's 6R's- especially resilience. They were all lucky enough to receive a very special medal for attending as well as a colourful certificate. Congratulations everyone, we are all very proud of you.

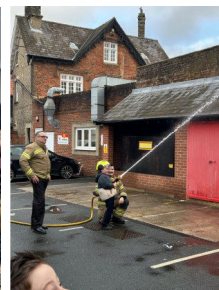
Super Science!



On Wednesday morning, Year 6 had a lovely morning at the Cambridge Science Centre, exploring different scientific concepts through games and challenges. They tested vehicles to see whether the length of the chassis and weight affected speed and investigated how light travels in straight lines. They also generated an AC current using electro magnets to power light bulbs and fans. Using a giant wind tunnel, they tested how a dandelion inspired paper spinner travelled in the wind. Finally, they created land yachts and observed how the different sail shapes and sizes influenced the distance they travelled.

Y2 Fire Station

Year 2 had an amazing morning down at Saffron Walden Fire Station. After learning about fire safety as part of their topic, they had the opportunity to interview firefighters and ask lots of articulate questions about their jobs. They explored the fire station and learnt how quickly firefighters must get ready if they receive a call out (they had five the day before!) Children explored modern-day firefighting equipment like thermal imaging cameras, and compared it to the equipment used in the GFoL in 1666. They learnt about protective clothing (which Miss Robinson can confirm was very heavy) and, after exploring the fire engines, got to use the hoses!



World Book Day

You know how much we love books and reading so we're looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We've got lots of exciting things planned and wanted to get the date in your diaries so that you can think about book inspired costumes over half-term. We absolutely love seeing homemade creations, adaptations and ideas.

Diary Dates Next Week



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| 9-12 Feb | Lunch Menu Week |
| 9 Feb | Heidi Pearson Drop In 3pm |
| 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 |
| 12 Feb | Y5 Parent Reading Workshop 9am |
| 13 Feb | INSET Day—School Closed to Children |
| 16-20 Feb | Half Term |
| 23 Feb | Children return to school |

HELP YOUR CHILD LOVE MATHS!

Wednesday 11th 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.



PTA QUIZ NIGHT – tickets online now available

We have 8 tables left for our annual PTA Quiz Night on Friday 6 March, book soon to avoid disappointment! Tickets are £10 each or you can take a table for £75 (booking fees apply).

You'll be asked for your child's year group when you book a single ticket and you can choose 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 fast friends by the end of the night!

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

Book online now at www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/103861

KS2 Disco – next Wednesday 11 February

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

A few key points:

- ~ 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)

See today's parentmail for all the details.

Mother's Day Gifts for Grownups – on sale now until Friday 27th February.

A reminder that you can buy your tickets for Mother's Day gifts online until Friday 27th February. Visit www.trybooking.com/uk/EKET to select either a '1 GIFT' ticket or a '2 GIFTS' ticket for each child you are buying for. Booking fees apply.

We'll also have ticket stalls in the car park and KS1 playground at pick up and drop off on Thursday 26th February and Friday 27th February – cash and card payments both accepted.

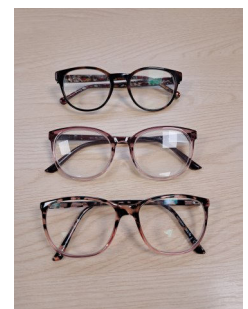
You can also send your money in a sealed envelope clearly labelled 'G4G' with your child's name, class and number of gifts (max 2 gifts per child) and hand this in to the School Office or to the staff at Early/ Late Play.



Each gift costs £3.50. Maximum 2 gifts per child. Tickets can only be purchased in advance.

Strictly no ticket sales after Fri 27th February so we can manage stock in advance of the scheduled 'shopping days'.

Glasses

We have some unclaimed glasses in the office. If they belong to you or child, please come into the office to claim them.



|  Stars of the Week |  |
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| Reception Annie G Phoebe C | Xander C Vita S Margot W Coco T |
| Year 1 Florence H Chester R | Thomas S Dulcie B Jessica S Edie L |
| Year 2 All of 2SH | All of 2MG All of 2QB |
| Year 3 Dolcey S Jack B | Asya G Ethan P Isla C Molly C |
| Year 4 Erdem Z Sophia L | Megan M Millie N Willson Q Fletcher R |
| Year 5 Teddy D Ralph L | George R Oliver C Ellie G Sophie M |
| Year 6 Mabel B Jack E | Alex P Alex M Miller B Freya M |
| Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup | 2QB 5MGL |

|  RAB READING OLYMPIANS | | |
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| BRONZE | SILVER | GOLD |
|  RAB BOOKWORMS | | |
| BRONZE | SILVER Laurie T Dougie B | GOLD |

Future Diary Dates

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| 23 Feb | Y2 Rainforest Rangers Day |
| 23 Feb | Y3 Circus Skills Day |
| 5 Mar | World Book Day |
| 6 Mar | PTA Uniform Sale 3.30pm |
| 6 Mar | PTA Quiz Night |
| 9 Mar | Y1 Pop Up Play Village |
| 11 Mar | Reception Parent Lunch (pre-booked only) |
| w/c 23 Mar | Parent Consultations |
| 27 Mar | End of Term 1.30pm |
| 13 Apr | Children return to school |

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