



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This short term is passing very swiftly! We will be **breaking up on Friday 27th March at 1.30pm** and the children will be returning on 13th April.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up for Parent Consultations. Bookings are open until Monday 23 March at midday. You can find the links below—don't forget to select the right school:

<https://rabinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

<https://rabjuniors.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please do contact the office if you have any problems booking your consultation.

## Diary Dates Next Week

16-20 Mar	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 2</a>
16 Mar	<b>Heidi Pearson Drop In 3pm</b>
17 Mar	Parent Coffee Morning— Supporting Anxieties & Worries
18 Mar	Y1 Parent Lunch (Pre-booked)
19 Mar	Y4 Epping Forest Trip
20 Mar	Y2&5 Swimming @ LBLC



## Big Bang Science Fair

What a bang RAB made! On Tuesday, 14 Year 6 students travelled to Herts and Essex Sports Centre to take part in the Big Bang Fair, where they showcased their investigations that they have been working on this half term. The four teams devised an enquiry question and conducted their investigation from start to finish. Predictions were made, tests undertaken, results recorded and conclusions were constructed. The Year 6s showed great resilience throughout as they overcame hurdles and adapted their practice to complete a successful experiment. They demonstrated super articulacy when the judges came round to hear about their investigations. Charlie, Harry, Jack and Alex also won the Best Scientific Investigation for KS2! Everyone made RAB proud!



## Reception Road Show Poster

Is your child starting in Reception in September? Essex are putting on a Starting Reception Roadshow which is being hosted at RAB on Thursday from 6-8pm. There will be various agencies with lots of tips about school readiness so do come along. Please see the poster to the left for further details.



## Uttlesford Hockey Finals



This week we attended the Uttlesford finals of the year 5 & 6 hockey competition at JFAN, entering 3 teams. On the day, there were 12 local teams attending, with a high standard on display. They all started well, with the Yellows and Blues finishing top of their groups, whilst the Whites also did superbly well finishing 2nd in their group. The next round was playing for

places in the semi-final. Both our Yellow and Blue teams qualified, our Whites played some fantastic hockey but unfortunately missed out on qualifying.

First up, it was RAB Blue, who faced a very strong opponent. After a close game, the team narrowly missed out on the finals meaning they went into the 3rd/4th play off and bounced back to win and claim bronze. Our Yellow team showed great determination to win their semi-final 3-0 to set up a great final match for Gold. After a tense opening few minutes, the team did so well and claimed the Gold and a trophy for the school. The Yellows won every match on the day without conceding one goal, making them Uttlesford Champions. We couldn't be prouder of all our 3 hockey teams, and we look forward to the last weeks of our Hockey season before Easter.

Final results: Whites 7th, Blues 3rd, Yellows 1<sup>st</sup> Congratulations to all!

## Parent Coffee Morning

Don't forget we have our parent coffee morning workshop on Tuesday with Jen Shackleton.



**Parent Coffee Morning**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10am**



Join us for an informative session with wellbeing coach Jen Shackleton who will be giving top tips and tools to support children with worries and anxieties.

Meet other parents and chat to our school Inclusion Team.

Tea and biscuits provided!

<https://jenshackleton.co.uk/>



## Early Years Parent Lunch

We were delighted to welcome some of our Reception parents to share lunch with their children this week. We know how much the children enjoyed having you there.



## Litter Picking

Thank you to everyone who embraced our Spring Pickers challenge for the Essex Wildlife Trust. Your support has helped make Saffron Walden a little more welcoming for wildlife.



### Thank you for supporting our PTA Quiz Night!

Thanks to all those who attended our annual PTA Quiz Night last Friday. We've had so much lovely feedback from parents who had a simply brilliant night. Huge thanks to our Yr 1 parent Quiz Master, Phil Robinson-Moore, for running the show, and to everyone who took part. See you next year!!

### Mother's Day Gifts for Grownups raised over £1000!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Gifts for Grownups. We were delighted to open our special PTA Gift Store to the children earlier this week. They chose gifts with great thought and care and have decorated some very fabulous gift labels to cherish the special women in their lives. Hopefully they can keep the surprise until Mother's Day!



### New RAB Library fundraiser has raised over £6200 online so far - thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to help us build a brand new, open plan RAB school library! Our 'Who can you read to?' sponsorship challenge has raised an amazing £6200 online so far!

If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, but would like to donate to help build our new library, you can do so at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/who-can-you-read-to?>

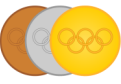

Thank you again for your support and generosity in making this wonderful library possible for our children.




### Sponsorship Forms and Picture Competition deadline - Monday 16th

Please send all entries to [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com) or physical copies into school by Monday to be in with the chance to win some fabulous prizes!!

★	Stars of the Week	★
<b>Reception</b> Clemmie F Macauley H	Ellis M Freddie W	Cece P Lily M
<b>Year 1</b> Teddy P Chloe W	Betsy W Charlie K	Johnny F Zara L
<b>Year 2</b> Ava C Ellie G	Teddy N Oscar M	Raife S Hamish A
<b>Year 3</b> Ralph D Florence P	Nellie D Rufus G	Virein N Isabella H
<b>Year 4</b> Matthew K Anya H	Ariana L Remy V	Wilf C Charles A
<b>Year 5</b> Poppy-Mae S Ava D	Jesse L Cara G	Alex C Thomas C
<b>Year 6</b> Xavier S Tilly L	Albie F Alex M	Marley G Lola S
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2MG	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3MR	

	<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b> Maddie D	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b> Lydia P
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b> Cillian C Hannah O	<b>SILVER</b> Dolcey S Yousef H Phoebe B	<b>GOLD</b>




**Are you a parent or carer?**

Join our community meet-up for parent carers of SEND children and adults with disabilities.

**EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Thursday 19th March  
Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Venue: Zafferano Lounge, 12A Market Place, Saffron Walden, CB10 1HR  
Save Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, in your diary for our next catch-up

Scan the QR code or use the link to book.  
  
<https://forms.office.com/e/OJAFHT8tHm>

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**Future Diary Dates**

23 Mar	Y2 Zoolab
24 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.50-7.30
26 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.50-7.30
27 Mar	End of Term 1.30pm
13 Apr	Children return to school
8&9 July	Y6 Production 6pm
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Leavers' Parent Coffee morning & Leavers' Disco

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

**Half Term Club at RAB**

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



**fab science**  
EASTER 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

**CHANGING STATES**

Explore solids, liquids and gases with all kinds of hands on experiments. Make your own ice cream, hold a cloud and try to save a snowman!

Monday 30th March  
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 7th April  
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 8th April  
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 9th April  
Hertford (St Andrew)

Friday 10th April  
St Albans (Garden Fields)

**BOOK NOW AT: [FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](http://FABSCIENCE.CLASSFORKIDS.IO)**

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**Happy Easter!**

**KPOP DEMON HUNTER PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP**  
ACT. SING. DANCE  
9am-3pm, Show at 2:40pm  
Wednesday 8th April  
Reception - year 6  
£35 a day

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