



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 20 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget 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.

Debbie Jenkins, our Learning Mentor and Heidi Pearson, our Pupil and Family Support Practitioner, will be available during Parent Consultations in the Hall if you would like to touch base with them.

## Gym & Dance Show

An absolutely enormous well done to all the children that took part in the annual Gymnastics and Dance Show at Saffron Hall. This is a packed out event on a big stage and the children showed real resilience and risk taking. They have put so much work into their rehearsals and it really paid off, the performances were really fantastic. The gym skills were amazing and the dance was up beat with costumes that dazzled the audience. A very big thank you to Mrs Joubert and Sue Raven for their wonderful choreography and for all the support they have given to children in preparation for the show. You can watch the fabulous performances below. Congratulations to everyone that took part.

[Gym Performance](#)

[Dance Performance](#)



## Summer Term Clubs

We have spaces available in the clubs below. Please email Paul on [sbm@rab.academy](mailto:sbm@rab.academy) if you are interested in a place.

### Monday

am	Basketball	Y5&6
pm	Fencing	Y1&2
pm	Gardening/Outdoor Craft	Y2
pm	KS1 Dance	Y1&2
pm	Basketball	Y3&4

### Tuesday

am	Maypole/Country Dancing	Y2-6
am	Hockey	Y3&4
pm	Cricket	Y3&4
pm	Rounders	Y5&6
pm	3Tees Cricket	Y1&2

### Wednesday

am	Energy Club	Reception
am	Capture the flag	Y2-6
am	Archery	Y3-6

### Thursday

am	Orienteering	Y3-6
am	Karate	Y1&2
Lunch	British Sign Language	Y3-5
Lunch	Chess	Y3-6
pm	Rounders	Y3&4

## Diary Dates Next Week



23-27 Mar	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 3</a>
23 Mar	Y2 Zoolab
24 Mar	Reception & Y5 Road Safety Walks
24 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.50-7.30
26 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.50-7.30
27 Mar	End of Term 1.30pm

## Y5 Road Safety Walks

On Tuesday, the Safer Essex Road Partnership will be delivering a Road Safety presentation to Y5 pupils and then providing roadside training with small groups of children who will be accompanied by a member of school staff.

**Reception Road Safety Walks**—please see your email from school for full details. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning.

## Netball

The children enjoyed a sunny afternoon at the netball tournament yesterday playing against other local Uttlesford schools. We entered 3 teams. RAB 1 won their pool games only conceding one goal and scoring a whopping 49 in the first 6 games. RAB 2 was our year 5 team, winning 2 and losing 2 of their first matches. RAB 3 also won 2 and lost 2, drawing one as well. This took us straight through to the playoffs with RAB 1 competing for top spot, Unfortunately, they just missed out to a strong Great Dunmow team, placing 3rd overall. RAB 2 battled hard but narrowly missed out and finished 9th overall. RAB 3 placed 11th overall in what was a tough competition with 17 teams being present on the day. Well done to all!



## Forest Fun!


Y4 were so fortunate to enjoy their Epping Forest visit in such glorious sunshine. A wonderful sunny day was spent learning about rivers and conducting scientific experiments!



## KS1 Dance Festival

A selection of children from Year 1 and Year 2 went to Great Sampford School today, to perform in the annual KS1 dance festival. The children have worked incredibly hard during rehearsals

and showcased their dances today with great enthusiasm, a big thank you to Mrs Shivers for the choreography and rehearsals. Well done everyone!



### Parent Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm – 3pm

Please note adjusted timing from previous communication

Join us for a session supported by the SPACE Peer Educators – parents and carers with lived SEND experience. They understand the journey and are here to help you navigate it, wherever you are and whatever stage you're at. Hear more about what SPACE can offer, including one to one support and group sessions.

Meet other parents and chat to our school Inclusion Team.

Tea and biscuits provided!

<https://parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk/>

**Welcome to SPACE**  
Support for Parents And Carers in Essex

Search the SPACE website

All Welcome!

## Future Diary Dates

22 April	Y5 Celtic Harmony
11-14 May	Y6 SATs Week
13 May	Parent Coffee Afternoon
8 & 9 July	Y6 Production 6pm
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Coffee Morning & Leavers' Disco

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



## New RAB Library fundraiser has raised over £7600 so far - thank you!


Thank you so much to everyone who has 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 £7600 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.

### Sponsored reading and picture competition

Thank you to everyone who has entered our competitions, and congratulations to all our winners!




1st Prize  
Most Signatures  
Amelie M



Special Recognition  
raising over £320  
Ellie G




1st Prize Photo  
of Yumi reading  
to her guide dog  
in training, Darcy



2nd Prize  
Ellie drawing  
herself reading  
her favourite  
princess book to  
her friends in Kora  
via Face Time



3rd Prize  
Jacob for his  
photo of him read-  
ing to the nurses  
of the community  
hospital



4th Prize  
Bertie for his photo  
of him reading to  
some baby goats

Huge thanks to Hart's Books, Tesco and The Toy Box for donating some absolutely fantastic prizes!!

### Easter Egg Hunt

Our local Easter Bunnies have been very busy getting everything ready for our annual RAB PTA Easter Egg hunt next Friday morning. No booking necessary, as this is a free event for all the children, during school time. We hope the children are looking forward to hopping out of class for a dash around the field in search of some lovely eggs!

	Stars of the Week	
<b>Reception</b> Mason S Mia W	Xander C Dila K	Coco T Blake D
<b>Year 1</b> Ada B Daisy M	Emily N Theo B	Gabby S Alice V
<b>Year 2</b> Sylvie B Ben B	Hannah T Harry B	Meena J Jack W
<b>Year 3</b> David U Sophie B	Harry C Anya I	Austin M Poppy B
<b>Year 4</b> All of Year 4		
<b>Year 5</b> Alfie T Enas S	All of 5LT	All of 5VH
<b>Year 6</b> Ivy P George W	Freddie W Prithiv A	Lucas A Ffion J
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RJD 6SM	

 <b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b> Esmée S	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b> Miller B
 <b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b> Grace D Adalina P	<b>SILVER</b> Henry Y Winnie P	<b>GOLD</b>