



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 27 March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very swift and busy half of term, fitting in so much learning and so many great enrichment activities. The teachers enjoyed catching up with you during consultations this week. Wishing you all a relaxing, peaceful break, fingers crossed with some lovely sunshine. We look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 13th April.

## Diary Dates Next Week

13-17 Apr	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 1</a>
13 Apr	Children return to school
15 Apr	Reception Scooting Workshops
17 Apr	Y1 Pirate Day
17 Apr	Y2 Swimming



## New Lunch Menu

When we return we will be starting with a [new menu](#), week one.

## Moktar Cup

This is one of Mrs Vincent's favourite events! A very big well done to all the Junior children for the work they've put into their speeches over the last few weeks. So many of the 6Rs coming into play—risk taking, resourcefulness, resilience, articulation! The finals took place yesterday with three children from each year group delivering their speeches in front of their parents, children and the judging panel. Thank you to the Mayor, Rachel Harvey (our drama teacher) and Sarah Spaxman for making the tricky judging decisions—it was not easy choosing a winner. Congratulations to all our finalists, you did a fantastic job!

Y3—Jack H (Y3 Winner), Sadie W, Vienna L  
Y4—Ariana L (Y4 Winner), Matilda W, Lila B  
Y5—Lucas C (Y5 Winner), Benjamin S, Mia Moran  
Y6—Bronte R (Y6 Winner), Lucie T, William C  
Overall Winner—William C



## Y2 Zoolab



Year 2 had an unforgettable time during their ZooLab visit as part of their Remarkable Rainforest topic. Equipped with thoughtful and articulate questions, the children met a whole host of rainforest creatures. They bravely held a snake, a gecko, and even a giant cockroach, and were thrilled to see a tarantula up close. It was a *roar-some* rainforest experience that brought their learning to life!

## Y3 Multi-Skills Event

On Tuesday morning, 12 year 3 children attended a multi-skills event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. Children took part in a number of sporting activities in a fun and non-competitive environment. Activities included bowling, boccia, curling, and the best of all- trampolining! The children showed excellent listening skills, working with SWCHS leaders and alongside their RAB peers. They all received a special gold medal for their great efforts. Well done everyone!

## Young Voices Singing Festival

On Tuesday our junior choir, RAB Voices, went to Saffron Hall for the 2026 Singing Festival which was a true celebration of the joy singing can bring. Seven local primaries attended, each giving individual performances to family and friends before all singing together a song they had learnt in the workshop. They also enjoyed performances from the SWCHS Lower School Choir. Mrs Brown would like to thank all the children who have shown excellent commitment to rehearsals and invested so much in the performance learning challenging harmony parts as well as British Sign Language. What a fantastic experience for everyone.

## SAT Newsletter

You can find this term's SAT newsletter [here](#).

### Tag Rugby Competition

Yesterday, we took our Y4 Tag Rugby team to Harlow Rugby Club for an action-packed afternoon full of great tag rugby. There were 20 different schools in attendance and RAB were put into a very difficult pool with some of the tops teams in the county, drawing 2 of their games and losing 2- with all games being decided by a single point. The children showed some excellent teamwork and scored some sensational tries. From our placings in the group stage, we got put into a new tournament and won all the remaining games. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to secure a top 5 finish in Essex and are awaiting confirmation of our final position. We are so proud of them for making it to the Essex Finals. Tag rugby has been a new concept to all of the children this year and we are very proud of how quickly they have picked it up.



### Essex Cross Country Finals

We attended this event with 18 children on a very windy and blustery day. Each race consisted of the best 130-150 children in the county— with Year 3 & 4 running 1200m and Year 5 & 6 running 1500m. The children did an incredible job in challenging conditions. There were some fabulous individual and team results:

Joseph T (Y3) came 14th

Holly N (Y4) came 3rd

Freddie W (Y6) came 29th

Year 4 Girls—4th

Year 5 Girls—2nd

A huge well done to everyone that took part. We're very proud of your achievement.



### Gardening Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Bulb Sale earlier this term. The club raised £40 which will go towards some strawberry plants—YUM!



Thank you to Mrs Russell for our beautiful Spring display in the Infant Hall.

### SWCHS Teaching Vacancies—Music & Languages

If you are interested in finding out more please visit their [website](#).

#### Future Diary Dates

22 April	Y5 Celtic Harmony
11-14 May	Y6 SATs Week
13 May	Parent Coffee Afternoon 1.30-3pm
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](#).



## RAB Book of Poems 2026 – Front Cover Competition

As part of our exciting activities for **World Book Day** this year, each class has worked together to create a poem. We are turning these into a special book that will be displayed in our brand-new library!

Now we need your help to design the **front cover**.

We are inviting all children to create a cover design using any materials they like.

### All we ask is:

~ Your design is on **A4 paper**

~ It clearly includes the title:

**“RAB Book of Poems 2026”**

Everything else is up to your imagination!

This is a fantastic opportunity to get creative over the **Easter holidays**. The winning design will be chosen as the official front cover of our book!

### How to enter:

Please hand your entry to the **school office** or your **class teacher**

Make sure your **name and class** are clearly written on the back

**Deadline:** Wednesday 15th April

We can't wait to see your amazing designs!

### Happy Easter!

We hope the children enjoyed solving the puzzles and winning their prizes at the Easter hunt this morning - we certainly saw lots of smiles and eager searching, despite the rain!

Wishing you all a happy Easter, and relaxing break.



 Stars of the Week	
<b>Reception</b> Navish K Stanley B	Margot O Freya I
<b>Year 1</b> Lizzie R Marius T	Jacob F Theo P
<b>Year 2</b> Eva J Theo W	Kerem K Jessica J
<b>Year 3</b> Sadie W Paul B	George G Pippa M
<b>Year 4</b> Tilly W Kailan M	Ariana L Riley S
<b>Year 5</b> Mia M Zara L	Poppy S Raphy W
<b>Year 6</b> Leo B Oliver L	Leo M Bronte R
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RCR 4OR

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Ralph L	<b>GOLD</b>
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Annabelle J Finley W George G Kaya E Matilda F	<b>GOLD</b> Florence P Polly C Riley S