



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 17 April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back with some warmth and sunshine for a new term.

## Diary Dates Next Week



20-24 April	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 2</a>
20 April	Heidi Pearson Drop In 3pm
22 April	Y5 Celtic Harmony
23 April	Y1 Bridge End Gardens
24 Apr	Y2 Swimming

## Adventurers and Explorers



Year 2 kicked off their *Adventurers and Explorers* topic with a thrilling visit to our Forest School area on Monday. After spending time exploring the woodland, the children made an unexpected discovery — a mysteriously large backpack packed with intriguing items, including a sleeping

bag, walking boots, a map and even some toothpaste. The children shared wonderfully thoughtful predictions about who the backpack might belong to and why it had been left behind. Rest assured, the bag was left safely in place for its owner to return and collect...



## Shiver me timbers!

Year 1 had a fabulous Pirate Day to start their new topic 'Ahoy me hearties!' We loved all the costumes. The children all took part in lots of pirate activities including a treasure hunt, writing messages in a bottle and making pirates hats.



## Dangerous Driving

Over the past year, parents have been able to access the former ATS site for parking. This has now been fenced off and we have already had concerns raised by parents about dangerous driving and parking. Please can we remind everyone to obey the rules of the road—not parking on double yellow lines or blocking pavements. Due to dangerous and illegal parking, families are having to walk in the road to get their children to and from school.

**Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Please do not let it take an accident to change poor driving habits.**

We also ask that you are respectful to our neighbours by not blocking or parking in private driveways and being courteous to them. We appreciate you helping us maintain positive relationships with them.

## Y5 Multi-Skills Leader event with Reception

Yesterday, 27 Year 5 children were chosen to be Sports Leaders for the day. In the morning, leaders from Uttlesford Sport Partnership came in to teach the Year 5 children 8 different activities that they would be leading in the afternoon for our Early year's children. They listened superbly well and practiced all morning. Our Early years children came out for an action-packed afternoon - with activities including throwing and catching, beanbags, tennis, howler and many more. They also listened fabulously and came with great energy. The Year 5 children showed excellent organisational skills and were all very confident leading their activities. We are very proud of these children, well done everybody!

## Scooting workshop

Thanks to Ms Chesters from the SWCHS PE Team, our Reception children enjoyed some hands on scooting workshops this week, building in confidence and skill.



## Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

### ONLINE PARENT GROUP - Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

Are you looking for effective ways to help you, help your young person, navigate anxiety and help them manage their worries? The Mental Health Support Team is running 2 online parent groups in June

#### When?

Thursdays  
1pm - 2pm

11th June  
18th June  
25th June  
2nd July

#### When?

Fridays  
9:30am - 10:30am

12th June  
19th June  
26th June  
3rd July

Choose sessions on Thursdays or Fridays. Attendance at all four sessions is expected.

Next steps:  
scan QR code  
complete form  
A practitioner will call you to complete a short assessment



For any questions email: [mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)  
Information for parent/carers





## Parent Coffee Afternoon

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

All  
Welcome!

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



Join us for an evening parent session with guest speaker, Jen Shackleton.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 5pm-6pm

Following our hugely successful coffee morning, Jen will be returning to RAB to repeat her session.

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.

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

“an informative talk to help with the minefield of parenting!” – feedback from coffee morning



## Swimming for our Library!

We'd like to say a big thank you to parent Hayley Ford who is doing a Swim Half Marathon (5k) on the 24th May to raise funds for our school library. She is busy training at the moment and if you want to give her a boost with sponsorship you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/hayley-ford-swim>

## SAT Vacancies

Katherine Semar are looking for an Early Years Teaching Assistant. For further information please visit their [website](#).

## SEND Reforms Webinar for Essex Parents & Carers - 24th April 2026

Please join Essex County Council and Essex Family Forum, the independent Parent Carer Forum for Essex, for an information session on the SEND reforms. This webinar is for parents and carers who live within the geographic boundaries of Essex County Council (excluding Southend and Thurrock residents).

The session will provide key information about the open consultation: *“SEND reform: putting children and young people first.”* The webinar will be hosted by Essex Family Forum and co-presented by:

- Clare Kershaw, Director of Education
  - Ralph Holloway, Head of SEND Strategy and Innovation
  - Alexandra Abercrombie, SEND Strategy Lead: Transformation
- Colleagues from Essex Family Forum

There will also be a Q&A session, where questions can be submitted via the webinar Q&A function. We will also share updates on work taking place ahead of the SEND reforms and how Essex Family Forum is representing the voices of parents and carers across Essex. Your feedback will help shape Essex Family Forum's response to the consultation.

### Details of Webinar:

**Date:** Friday, 24 April

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Location:** Online (Microsoft Teams)

### Click here to register for the webinar:

[https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/40d03842-334b-4e23-b526-f4a6b37e293d@557b6444-6ea6-490e-a88d-453893f6453a?fbclid=IwY2xjawRMjMZleHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETBQd3dXZGtoYmxPVUljOVNuc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHsznieOM1XmIE\\_JzLCmqNyksYWHM12XbSanTqb6wCI5NE9AzT6b1lweaSjHp\\_aem\\_PvzWL\\_Mq9M6Jfb-RTctHjQ](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/40d03842-334b-4e23-b526-f4a6b37e293d@557b6444-6ea6-490e-a88d-453893f6453a?fbclid=IwY2xjawRMjMZleHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETBQd3dXZGtoYmxPVUljOVNuc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHsznieOM1XmIE_JzLCmqNyksYWHM12XbSanTqb6wCI5NE9AzT6b1lweaSjHp_aem_PvzWL_Mq9M6Jfb-RTctHjQ)

You can also share your views here:

[https://padlet.com/Essex\\_Family\\_Forum/essex-family-forum-send-reforms-ga4psbq9rodwhi2p](https://padlet.com/Essex_Family_Forum/essex-family-forum-send-reforms-ga4psbq9rodwhi2p)

### Future Diary Dates

1 May	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3pm
4 May	Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
7 May	Infant Hall used as Polling Station
11-14 May	Y6 SATs Week
13 May	Parent Coffee Afternoon 1.30-3pm
16 May	PTA Summer Fayre 11-3
18 May	RCR Gruffalo Performance 9am
19 May	RJD Gruffalo Performance 9am
20 May	Y4 Production 6pm
21 May	RNB Gruffalo Performance 9am
21 May	Y4 Production 6pm
22 –31 May	Half term (including Friday 22 May)
1 June	Inset Day (School closed to children)
8 & 9 July	Y6 Production 6pm
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Coffee Morning & Leavers' Disco
21 July	End of term 1.30pm

# Health Advice Drop-in for 5-19 year olds

Date: Thursday, 9th April, Tuesday, 5th May, Monday, 1st June & Monday, July 6th, 2026

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Saffron Walden Library 2 King Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1ES  
Drop-in sessions for parents/carers and young people to get advice and support for school aged child with a member of our school health team, where you can discuss things which may be concerning you. No booking needed.

**Areas of support**

- Managing worries, low mood, stress or anger issues
- Bullying and friendship issues
- Diet / Nutritional support
- Improving sleep
- Day and night wetting
- Behavioural concerns
- Personal hygiene
- Sexual health
- Information and signposting regarding medical conditions

t: 0300 247 0122

w: essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



**FREE FAMILY FUN!**

**20 years 2006-2026**

FEATURING:  
John McCambridge - Really Big Pants  
James Mayhew - James Campbell  
Laura Henry-Allain - Kate Winter  
Nazima Pathan - And many more!

**Linton Children's Book Festival**

16-17th May 2026  
Linton Village College

www.lintonbookfest.org

With generous support from:  
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND, LINTON PARISH COUNCIL, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, GO ALL IN.

## May Half-term Clubs at RAB

Please contact the club provider directly if you are interested.

**MAY 2026 CAMPS**

Tech-powered camps, packed with **WOW** experiences!

Example camp activities  
Ages 8-11, Camps run 1 am - 4 pm

**WOW EXPERIENCES**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

R A Butler Junior School, CB11 3DG  
01441 873150  
www.nextthingeducation.com

**KPOP DEMON HUNTERS**

ACT, SING, DANCE  
9AM-3PM, SHOW AT 2:40PM  
27TH MAY  
RECEPTION - YEAR 6  
£35 A DAY

R A BUTLER ACADEMY - INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS, SOUTH ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX, CB11 3DG

07927206108  
WWW.WORLDOFPERFORMING.CO.UK

★	Stars of the Week	★
<b>Reception</b> Beau T Elijah M	Lyra B Ali K	Eleah C Joy C
<b>Year 1</b> Evie B Liano C	Indi S Jospeh M	Ella S Namruuth R
<b>Year 2</b> Henry T AJ G	Xanthe M Rory M	Declan L Lara H
<b>Year 3</b> Phoenix F James M	Connor B Ella G	Willow T Alex T
<b>Year 4</b> Jessica S Ralph H	Hannah O Jack C	Flynn W Lottie P
<b>Year 5</b> George F Ethan F	Freddie S Jesse P	Grace G Charlie C
<b>Year 6</b> Bella M Ollie A	Daniel W June L	Mary M James L
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1MI 6SM	

	<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>	
BRONZE	SILVER George F Charlie T	GOLD
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
BRONZE	SILVER Bella M Amaya R Poppy B	GOLD