



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 1 May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget it is Bank Holiday Monday next week—enjoy the long weekend!

## Car Park

**Please can we remind families that you are not to drive into or out of the carpark when the barrier is across the car park entrance.** If you are waiting to depart, you **MUST** wait until the exit is opened. This is for the safety of all the pedestrians on site at these busy times.

## Next Thursday—Local Elections

RAB is a polling station, this means members of the public have access to the Infant Hall and the school car park throughout the day and there is likely to be greater traffic in these areas. The Hall will be fenced off so there is no access to the school but we would ask you to be extra vigilant when walking through the car park.

## Next Friday...Non-Uniform Day

Children can come in their own clothes in lieu of donations for the Summer Fayre which takes place on Saturday 16th May. Please see details from the PTA for full information.

## Sports Days

We are keeping our fingers crossed that this glorious weather will be around at the start of July for our Sports Days which will be as follow:

Monday pm: Y1 & Y2

Tuesday am: EYFS

Wednesday am: Y3

Wednesday pm: Y4

Thursday am: Y6

Friday am: Y5

Morning timings are 9.30-11.15.

Afternoon timings are 1.30-3.15

## Mighty Oak

This week, a Y4 team travelled to Anglia Ruskin University to participate in the Mighty Oak Public Speaking competition. We were incredibly impressed by the high standard that all of our team members demonstrated, especially under the pressure of performing to a large, full auditorium and three judges. All children demonstrated resilience and articulacy and a special mention goes to Annabelle for winning the poetry competition! A huge well done to everyone involved and for the effort and time taken to prepare for this event.



## Y2 Cricket Competition

Y2 have been learning cricket in recent PE lessons and showcased their skills in the annual 3 Tees Competition at SWCC on a wonderfully sunny Wednesday afternoon. With 12 teams taking part, all the children should be very proud of how they performed. There were some fantastic outcomes and congratulations to the Navy and Orange teams who have qualified for the Uttlesford Finals next month.

## Year 5/6 Hockey League

Last term, our Year 5 & 6 hockey team competed in weekly fixtures against teams from other local schools in the area at JFAN on a Friday afternoon. Our 3 teams played some excellent hockey throughout the league against some very strong and tough local schools. Final standings: RAB Yellow- 1<sup>st</sup> in Uttlesford, Blues- 4<sup>th</sup> in Uttlesford, Whites- 7<sup>th</sup> in Uttlesford. A huge well done to everyone and to your commitment to weekly training. Thank you to all the parents for regularly driving the children to JFAN.

## Looking for things to do locally?

Don't forget to check our [Virtual Community Noticeboard](#) for local events and half term camps.

## Diary Dates Next Week

4 May	Bank Holiday Monday—school closed
5-8 May	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 1</a>
6 May	Junior Disco
7 May	Infant Hall used as Polling Station
8 May	Donations Day (non-uniform)
8 May	Y2 Swimming

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



### RAB Summer Fayre on Saturday 16 May 11am-3pm

Join us for our annual afternoon of summer fun with lots of brilliant stalls, games and activities including bubble magic area, face painting, bouncy castles, and a performance from the RAB Country Dancing Club, plus refreshments including BBQ, candyfloss and ice cream. Please see Tuesday's parentmail for full details.

#### Can you do a shift?

We don't have enough volunteers yet to run the stalls. Please sign up if you can help – teens and grandparents are also welcome! <https://forms.gle/mFdoyFYZbVT4Xkzk7>

We are also looking for a door (or door size piece of wood) for one of our stalls - please contact us if you have one!

[rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com)

### RAB Summer Fayre Donations Day, next Friday 8 May (non-uniform day)

The Fayre begins with Donations Day and we're grateful for all contributions offered.

Remember, you don't have to shop especially, we're happy to accept any good quality toys, unwanted gifts and unopened bottles you can find at home!

#### We'd love

**Jars filled with sweets**/small toys for Jarbola

Clean and washed **teddies** and soft toys

Raffle **prizes**

PLUS suggested donations by year group:

**Reception, Y1 and Y2: Chocolate** of any shape and size (no nuts, please).

**Y3 and Y4: Children's Toys and Gifts**, suitable for **ages 5-11**.

**Y5 and Y6: Anything in a Bottle**, from wine, beer and perfume to sauce and squash...

#### Grand Raffle Prizes

If you, or a business you work with, can support our raffle by donating any **vouchers, gifts or experiences** we'd be very grateful. Drop off at the School Office please or email [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com). In return, we're happy to promote all our raffle sponsors across the school community.

### KS2 Disco on Wednesday 6 May

~ All children in Years 3-6 are invited to our KS2 Disco on 6 May.

~ Y3 and Y4: 5pm - 6.15pm

~ Y5 and Y6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm

~ No mobile phones or coats allowed.

~ Prompt collection of children please.

~ No more than £5 spending money for refreshments and raffle tickets please.

~ £3 payable on the door, cash only.

~ A breakout space will be available in the SENCO office for those children that may need a break during the event.

### SAVE THE DATE: RAB Fest 2026 on Saturday 4 July (ends 10am Sunday)

We'll be sending info out shortly for this year's family overnight camp out. Watch this space...

### Future Diary Dates

11-14 May	Y6 SATs Week
13 May	Parent Coffee Afternoon 1.30-3pm (see flyer on Page 1)
16 May	PTA Summer Fayre 11-3
18 May	RJR Gruffalo Performance 9am
18 May	Y3 Mosque Visit
19 May	RJD Gruffalo Performance 9am
19 May	<b>Y4 Production 6pm—New Date</b>
20 May	Y4 Production 6pm
21 May	RNB Gruffalo Performance 9am
22–31 May	Half term (including Friday 22 May)
1 June	Inset Day (School closed to children)
11 June	Jen Shackleton Parent Workshop 5-6pm
4 July	RABFest
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

★	Stars of the Week	★
<b>Reception</b> Elodie J Isla O	Leonor M Jack R	William B Orla A
<b>Year 1</b> Flo H Josh C	Mayumi E Jasper B	Willow A Benji P
<b>Year 2</b> Cat F Una F	Elijah L Oisin N	Louie T Maxima V
<b>Year 3</b> Jayden H Soren C	Noah H Willow S	Stan M William M
<b>Year 4</b> Charlotte A Kay H	Zayne J Freya B	Arlo M Evita P
<b>Year 5</b> Frankline P Zac W	Finley A Lily D	William W Bertie M
<b>Year 6</b> Ruan G Ella B	Lillie C Prithiv A	Wilf M Miley C
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	RNB 4MM	

	<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b>	SILVER Stanley M	<b>GOLD</b>
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b>	SILVER Adalina P Willow T Ava R	<b>GOLD</b>

### May Half-Term Camps at RAB

**MAY 2026 CAMPS**

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

Example camp activities  
Ages 5-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

 ROBOT LAB	 ECO ENGINEERING	 ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	 3D CREATIONS	 ANIMATION
 COOL CIRCUITS	 CRAZY CODING	 MOVIE MAKING	 MINECRAFT REDSTONE	 VIRTUAL REALITY

**WOW EXPERIENCES**

 INVENTIONS	 ANIMALS	 STREET DANCE	 SCIENCE	 LASER TAG
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Activities vary by location, please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds. For the future. Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, we inspire children to invent, create, and discover. Led by DBS-checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while solving interesting activities, challenges, and real skill-building adventures.

+ £45 per day or **90% OFF** when you book all 4 days for just **£162** +

WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

**May Half Term 2026**

**The WOW Camp**

R A Butler Junior School, CB11 3DG  
28th - 29th May 2026

[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

FISCAL TAX-FREE CHILDREN ACCEPTED

SCAN TO BOOK!

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  
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