



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 15 May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say an enormous well done to the Year 6s for the mature resilience they have shown during their SATs week. We are very proud of all the work they have done to prepare for these tests. Thank you also to you at home for all the support you have given them. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the ever popular SATs Breakfast Club. Yesterday afternoon they baked bread which they took to Bridge End Gardens this morning, to celebrate the end of their tests!

Summer Fayre Tomorrow!

The PTA have been working so hard over the last few weeks to set up a fabulous Fayre, and we hope you'll be able to join us between 11-3pm. Full details on the next page.

Congratulations ...

... to Miss Robinson, who is expecting a baby in September! We're very excited for her.

Breaking Up for Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up for half term next **Thursday 21st May** at the end of the school day and children will return on Tuesday 2nd June.

PE Kits on Wednesday

Please could ALL children come into school wearing PE kits on Wednesday. We are having a Friendship Afternoon across the school with an active element.

Thursday Bake Sale

Evelyn in Y3 will be holding a Bake Sale on Thursday to raise funds for two great causes, [War Child](#) and RAB PTA. You will be able to find her tasty treats under the yellow canopy on the Infant playground at the end of the school day. You will be able to pay either with cash or via a QR code. Please do come along and support her.



KS1 Multi Skills Event

On Wednesday morning, 15 KS1 children were selected to attend a multi-skills festival at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The children took part in a wide range of activities working in many different fundamental skills like throwing and catching, jumping and moving at different speeds. They were even lucky enough to try out the new trampoline with a trampoline coach. The children showcased their brilliant 6R's throughout the morning, well done everyone.

Mayor Making Ceremony

Four of our school council members are going to the ceremony to celebrate the new mayor tomorrow at St Mary's Church. They have written and will be performing a speech about our school. Logan, Amelie, Jesse and Muhammad we know you'll be brilliant!



Diary Dates Next Week	
18-21 May	Lunch Menu Week 3
18 May	RCR Gruffalo Performance 9am
18 May	Y3 Mosque Visit
19 May	RJD Gruffalo Performance 9am
19 May	Y4 Production 6pm
20 May	Y4 Production 6pm
21 May	RNB Gruffalo Performance 9am
21 May	End of term 3.25/3.30pm
21 May	Fundraising Bake Sale
1 June	INSET Day—Children not in School
2 June	Children return to school
2-5 June	Science Week

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?	When?
Thursdays 1pm - 2pm	Fridays 9:30am - 10:30am
11th June 18th June 25th June 2nd July	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
information for parents/carers

NHS **mind in West Essex**
Registered Charity No. 1070164

Half-term Camps at RAB

You can see more about The Wow Camp [here](#)
You can book KPop Demon Hunters [here](#)



RAB Summer Fayre TOMORROW – 11am-3pm!

We've got a brilliant Summer Fayre ready for you to enjoy tomorrow. With loads of stalls and activities, including RAB Bake Off, special children's entertainment sessions, chocolate toy and bottle tombolas, Grand Raffle, face painting, BBQ and ice creams and more, family fun is guaranteed.

PTA tokens

Most stalls are token only, these can be purchased tomorrow at the **PTA Token stalls via cash or card payment**. Cards accepted only at our BBQ, Bake Off, raffle and refreshments stalls, and at the external bouncy castle provider.

Grand Raffle – thank you to our sponsors

Buy your tickets tomorrow for a chance to win one of our fab raffle prizes. Huge thanks to our generous Grand Raffle sponsors:

Alphabet Bags: gorgeous, witty printed canvas bags and accessories

<https://alphabetbags.com>

Center parcs: family day pass

<https://www.centerparcs.co.uk/>

Club Excel: £50 voucher

<https://www.clubexcel.co.uk/>

Mocha Cafe: £20 voucher

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

River Island vouchers

<https://www.riverisland.com>

Plus 4 fabulous hampers to be won as well!

RAB Bake Off 2026

Our annual cake decoration competition is open to all RAB children. Cakes will be judged on their creativity and presentation either as whole cakes or as smaller baked items eg cupcakes or biscuits. This year's theme is 'My favourite book' in celebration of 2026 National Year of Reading, and our fundraising for the new school library.

All entries must be delivered to the Bake Off team in the KS1 Hall **by 12pm latest**. Judging will begin shortly after midday with winners announced at 12.30pm.

Please label entries with name, class and cake flavour - no nuts please

All cakes entered will be sold at our Bake Off cake sale. If you wish to reserve your cake to buy it back, please let the Bake Off team know.

Please label any Tupperware (lid & base) or cake board you want returned with your child's name and class.

Entry categories

Reception children

Y1 & Y2 children

Y3 & Y4 children

Y5 & Y6 children

RAB Fest 2026 - Sign Up now!

It's that time of year again and summer sun is on the way. We're talking sizzling BBQs, ice creams, water fights, family hangouts with friends as the sun sets and goey marshmallows toasted over the campfire. Yep, that's right, it's RAB Fest Camp Out 2026!

Registration is open for this year's annual RAB fest at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLScTifdUoZGfl-pXQc9q9jBOsqL-DMu965hRCG7ZKNODwQ1NBg/formResponse>

See our parentmail for full details.

Father's Day Gifts for Grownups

Online tickets for Father's Day gifts are available until 29th May. Book online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/112450>

Booking fees apply. Maximum 2 gifts per child. Tickets can only be purchased in advance.

We will be selling tickets in person, at drop off and pick up on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th May.

	Stars of the Week	
Reception Sadie H Otis H	Arlo O Zac J	George R Lucy H
Year 1 Franco D Jasper H	Aitana L Jaxson N	Phoebe M Bea S
Year 2 Evie L Adam T	Emilia S Finley G	Ollie W Simbie G
Year 3 Ruairi O Amaya R	Vira R Finley W	Elsie P Isla P
Year 4 Ned S Isabelle L	Levi J Pip L	Aaron F Annabel P
Year 5 Mark F Bryher T	Finn H Billy O	George T Iris M
Year 6 All of 6JR	All of 6SM	All of 6AE
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2SH 4CC	

		
RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Rory S	SILVER Prayas T	GOLD
		
RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD

Future Diary Dates	
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22 –31 May	Half term (including Friday 22 May)
1 June	Inset Day (School closed to children)
2-5 June	Science Week
3 June	Y6 Bawdsey Parent Zoom Meeting 6pm
11 June	Reception trip to Duxford
11 June	Jen Shackleton Parent Workshop 5-6pm
12 June	Y1 Colchester Zoo
17 June	Y2 Thetford Forest
29 June	Sports Day 1.30-3.15pm Y1 and Y2
30 June	Sports Day 9.30-11.15am Y4, 1.30-3.15pm Y3
1 July	Sports Day 9.30-11.15am EYFS
2 July	Sports Day 9.30-11.15am Y5, 1.30-3.15pm Y6
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

Are you a parent/caregiver looking for effective ways to help your young person navigate anxiety and manage big emotions?

The Mental Health Support Team can offer sessions during the Summer Holidays



Sessions are FREE

Sessions are with you to support your young person

Sessions are online or face to face.

Scan here to complete an enquiry form...




Symptoms of Anxiety

- Worrying or having negative thoughts
- Experiencing lots of fears
- Tearfulness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Becoming angry or irritable
- Clingy
- Feeling unwell; constant stomach ache, feeling sick

Symptoms of Challenging Behaviour

- Having lots of angry outbursts or 'tantrums'
- Ignoring or refusing to follow requests
- Verbal aggression e.g. shouting, swearing
- Physical aggression e.g. hitting, biting
- Damaging things
- Excessive anger when not getting their own way



Vacancy at SWCHS

There is currently a vacancy for a General Catering Assistant at SWCHS You can find further details at: [Saffron Walden County High School - Other Staff Vacancies](#)