



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 21 May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,  
We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **TUESDAY 2nd June**.

## Year 6 Block

When the children return, the demolition of the Year 6 block will have begun. There will be no access to the school site through the green house gate. Year 5 & Year 6 should enter and leave via the Exit Gate at the bottom of the car park.

## Summer Camp

Bookings for the RAB Summer Camp are now open. Please use the link below, the deadline is 9am Friday 5th June.  
[RAB Summer Camp 2026 – Fill in form](#)

## Mayor Making Ceremony



Four children from the School Council were delighted to attend Saffron Walden Town Council's Mayor Making Ceremony at St Mary's Church on Saturday. They experienced the occasion celebrating Cllr Jeanette Curtis' appointment as Mayor and were invited to speak to the audience. They spoke confidently about what it means to be a Gold UNICEF Rights Respecting School, explaining key articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and how these shape everyday life at R A Butler. They also shared their role as school councillors and their current campaign, "20 is Plenty", to improve road

safety on South Road. We are incredibly proud of our four representatives. They brought together the hard work we do on oracy and public speaking, their understanding of children's rights through our UNICEF Rights Respecting School journey, and the action they take as school councillor. A huge well done to Amelie, Muhammad, Jesse and Logan.



## Mosque Visit

On Monday morning Year 3 visited the Cambridge Mosque. They had a guided tour and learnt about the symbolism and importance of the special places within it. The children were very respectful and a credit to our school



## Friendship Day



On Wednesday afternoon, we had our termly Friendship Afternoon and the atmosphere was fantastic. The children spent time with their Buddy Classes. The aim of our Friendship Afternoons is to give the children an opportunity to put into practice what we've been exploring in our assemblies recently —particularly around inclusion, equity, equality and being a good friend. The children took part in a rotations of activities – an outdoor and indoor collaboration and a chance to share books together with a snack. Activities included: Ball mania, Hide & Seek, Parachute games, Jigsaws and board games, Lego, den building, scrap store, marble runs and dominoes, paper plane races to name but a few. As part of the afternoon, we were looking for and celebrating behaviours that showed children being equitable, inclusive and dignified, whilst also giving the children a chance to explore and play within their buddy groups which they loved.



## Go for Gold!

Y4 certainly did Go For Gold! All the practising and rehearsing certainly paid off. Travelling between modern and Ancient Greece with articulate performances and enthusiastic singing the audience was treated to two fabulous performances. Huge congratulations to everyone!



## Thank you...

....from Evelyn to all who supported her bake sale which raised an amazing £276 for War Child. Well done Evelyn!

## SWCHS Vacancies

SWCHS are currently recruiting for the following positions. Details can be found [Saffron Walden County High School - Vacancies](#)

~ Reintegration & Attendance Support Officer  
~ General Catering Assistant

~ Reading Intervention Lead  
~ Inclusion & Attendance Support Officer



## RAB Summer Fayre - THANK YOU!

We are still tinkering with the spreadsheet, but it looks like we raised over £5500!

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes on donation day and came to the fayre on Saturday. We hope you had a wonderful time playing, shopping, eating, drinking and raising money for our school!

We would also like to say a really big thank you to our team of enthusiastic volunteers, who planned, set up, ran stalls and tidied away. We couldn't do it without you - thank you!!

### Grand Raffle – thank you to our sponsors

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>

### RAB Bake Off 2026 - Winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered the Bake Off this year. The cakes and bakes were absolutely astounding and the judges were blown away!

Congratulations to our fantastic winners-

Reception - Eleah

Y1 & Y2 children - Ilya

Highly Commended - Lizzie

Y3 & Y4 children - Willow

Y5 & Y6 children - Freya

Overall - Lexi (Reception)



### 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.

### Future Diary Dates

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	Music Concert 6pm
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