



The Sport Buzz

R A Butler's Half-Term Sports Update— May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a great start to the summer term, with lots of sport being played in the lovely sunshine. This term has seen the start of many new teams training including Rounders, Cricket and Athletics— with a number of competitions happening after half term. There have been many sports competitions this term to be very proud of, ranging from Archery to Football and Cricket. The sports department are so proud of everybody's hard work in both trainings and the competitions across the term. We very much look forward to more sporting achievements in the last term of the year, as well as Sports Day!

Year 5 Sports Leader Multi-Skills Event with Early Years

The summer term kicked off to a lovely start with a multi-skills event led by 27 wonderful year 5 children. These children were selected to receive some sport leader training with leaders from the USSP sport partnership. In the morning, USSP leaders came in to teach 8 different sporting activities that they would have to lead in the afternoon for our Early Years children. The activities ranged from tennis, to howler and even an obstacle relay. The Year 5 leaders listened superbly well all morning and practiced their activities, ready to lead them in the afternoon. The EYFS children enjoyed every part of it, with so many smiles on their faces, coming with such great energy. The year 5s showed excellent organisation skills and led with such great confidence. The whole event was a huge success, with some great feedback from both USSP leaders and teaching staff. Well done everybody, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Finals

It was a busy first week back to term, with the Year 5 & 6 swimming finals happening on the Friday. All of the winning teams from the first event were present at this competition, with the level of competition so much higher. The Year 5 & 6 squad had the privilege of training an hour every week leading up to this event, which benefited them massively. The children all gave it their best shot and swam fantastically well under pressure, in all the different individual and relay races. After all the races, the children knew it was going to be very close— with it all coming down to the last race. After narrowly finishing 2nd in the final race, the children just missed out on Gold in the Year 5 & 6 category— meaning they claimed overall silver and missing Gold by one single point. Everyone should be so proud of this achievement, 2nd place in Uttlesford is the best result for our swimming squad in many years. All the hard work and dedication the children have shown both at the galas and at training every week has proven vital for their achievements this year. Congratulations everyone!

Year 3 Boys Football Festival

The start of the term also saw RAB enter a new event organised by USSP— the Year 3 football festival. 51 children from year 3 (mixed with boys and girls teams) represented the school in a fun and competitive 5-a-side football event at SWCHS. The children were split up into 4 boy's teams and 4 girl's teams on a lovely sunny afternoon. The children showed great effort, teamwork and determination. In the boys' competition in the group stage, RAB Yellow and RAB Orange had won all their games - being unstoppable. RAB Red and RAB non-bibs also played brilliantly well and finished 3rd in their groups. RAB Yellow and RAB Orange progressed to their semi-finals, and both came out victorious in their matches. This meant both teams had made it to the final. After a brilliant game of football, the scores were locked at 1-1 with both teams scoring. The game then went to extra time, where a goal still wasn't scored- and eventually, the referee decided to award both teams joint gold. RAB Non bibs and RAB red also did superbly well in their final matches to finish 5th and 6th overall.



Diary dates Provisional 2026

June

Tues 2nd	Year 5 & 6 Rounders
Weds 3rd	KS2 Quad Kids
Tues 9th	KS2 Golf
Weds 17th	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Finals
Fri 19th	Year 2 3 tees cricket finals
Weds 24th	KS2 District Athletics
Weds 24th	Year 5 & 6 Hockey Trip
W/C 29th June	Sports Days

July

Thurs 2nd	Year 4 Cricket Finals
Thurs 9th	Year 5 Rounders Festival

Team Training Weekly

AM

Thurs Year 5 & 6 Rounders Training

BREAK

Tues Year 5 & 6 Athletics Track

Thurs Year 3 & 4 Athletics Track

LUNCHTIME

Mon Year 5 & 6 Boys Cricket

Tues Year 3 & 4 Athletics Field

Weds Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket

Thurs Year 5 & 6 Athletics Field

AFTER SCHOOL

Fri Year 3, 4 & 5 Swim Squad (2pm)

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Year 3 Girls Football Festival

In the girls' competition, the group stage was a great success too. RAB Non-bibs and RAB Yellow were very resilient during their matches, again showing their great skills and excellent attitude. RAB non-bibs finished 6th overall and RAB Yellow finished 5th overall. RAB Pink won all their games convincingly against several top schools without conceding a goal. RAB Blue battled hard and showed togetherness to finish second in their group, meaning both these teams would play a match to earn a medal. RAB Pink finished first in their group, meaning they would play in a final to win Gold. After a very tense first few minutes, the girls dug in deep and came out victorious 3-0. RAB Blue went into the 3rd place final, with the winner claiming bronze. Once again, the girls produced a wonderful performance to claim the bronze. It was a brilliant afternoon of football with so many children attending the event, well done everybody.



Year 4 Archery Finals

After many months of waiting, practicing and training, it was finally time for our Year 4 archery team to take part in the Archery finals at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. Our Year 4 team qualified for this event back in November, finishing 2nd overall in the previous event. This competition saw all the top teams across Uttlesford in action. Anya, Lottie, Stanley and Raymond, all represented the school at this event- maintaining positive school values throughout. The children did fabulously well shooting very precisely and accurately to get the best score possible. The team shot a team score of 400, which placed them 3rd overall and winning bronze- with 12 teams present. A special mention to Raymond (4MM) for earning a special gold medal during the bullseye challenge. Top 3 in the area is a great achievement and made the school very proud!



Year 2 Three-Tees Cricket

In the final week of April, it was time for the annual year 2 three-tees cricket competition at Saffron Walden Cricket Club. This event happens each year, and we are able to take the entire year group. The children had been learning the rules of the three tees game in their PE lessons, understanding the new concepts so quickly. In a glorious afternoon full of sunshine and cricket fun, the children were put to the test, playing against year 2 children from different schools as well as their RAB peers, in a competitive environment. The children were split into 12 teams in 4 different groups, with each team having to play 5 group games to determine the final positions. There was some exceptional batting, fielding and speedy running on show, which was lovely to see. In group A, RAB Navy finished 2nd winning all but one game, losing their last game by 1 run and RAB Orange finished 4th overall. In Group B, our yellow, green and red teams played superbly well to all finish in the top 5 of their group. Group C held RAB Pink, RAB Purple and RAB Light Blue. After fabulous determination, our purple team finished 5th, pinks finished 3rd and light blue finished 2nd. In the final group, RAB Yellow 2 came out victorious winning all their games, whilst RAB Green 2 finished narrowly second and RAB Black finishing 4th. Overall, it was a lovely afternoon and all of our year 2 children should be very proud of how they acted and performed outside of school. It was amazing to see so many happy faces in a wonderful event. This result means that RAB Navy and Orange have qualified for the Uttlesford finals next month at Audley End House.

Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket

On the 7th May, our Year 4 cricket teams consisting of 29 children, competed in a rapid fire competition at Saffron Walden Cricket Club. As this competition came so early in the term and rain cancelling training sessions, the children only managed to have 2 full training sessions before the event. With many different complex rules and conceptions to get their heads around, the children did really well to perform on the day. The children were split into 3 teams, with RAB Navy and RAB Orange in group 1, and RAB pink in group 2. Throughout the afternoon, the children excelled especially with their batting, gaining several runs against their opponents and hitting lots of boundaries for 6s and 4s. There were also outstanding fielding and diving catches on display. All our teams did tremendously well. RAB Navy finished 3rd place winning 3 matches and losing 2 very close games by a couple points. RAB Orange showed superb teamwork and finished 5th overall in their group. Finally, RAB Pink finished 5th overall in their tough group, playing fabulously whilst maintaining their 6 Rs. These results mean RAB Navy have qualified for the next competition in July.



KS1 Inclusion Event

Our final event on this half term was the KS1 inclusion event held at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. Fifteen children from KS1 were selected to represent the school and partake in a range of multi-skills activities alongside their peers from RAB as well as others from local schools. All of the children were challenged in difficult games, learning new skills and ways of interacting in an inclusive sporting environment. Fundamental skills were also taught to the children, including throwing, catching, jumping and moving at different speeds. The children were even lucky enough to try out the new trampoline with a special trampoline coach. Everyone maintained their school values throughout, especially staying resilient in some difficult activities, and developing their respectful relationships with their peers. The children represented the school so well, and are so proud of the way they acted.

ZEN ZONE & MILEAGE MAKERS FUN

In the autumn term, we launched 2 new sporting initiatives to encourage children to be active during a breaktime in the week. 'Zen Zone' is a new yoga and mindfulness session that is led by Mrs Joubert on a Wednesday breaktime in the KS2 hall. The focus is on learning new yoga poses, stretching, movement, breathing and mindfulness. The club is open to everyone as a non-competitive way of being active and to find enjoyment in a different way through sport.

'Mileage makers' is another way of staying active for the children at RAB, in an inclusive and non-competitive way. This club is led by Mr Moss either on the astro or field on a Monday breaktime. The focus is on endurance running, where the children try to run as many laps as possible in a breaktime. Active Heroes minutes are rewarded for participation. These 2 initiatives have been very popular with the children and we are always open to more children being involved and coming along. Please see below the winners in each year group from this half term for 'Mileage Makers'

Year 3– Joseph (3SP) 84 laps (6 miles)

Year 4– Holly (4MM) 52 laps (4 miles)

Year 5– Harry (5LT) 126 laps (8 miles)

Year 6– Bale (6JR) 45 laps (3 miles)

Sporting Achievements

Billy (5MGL) competed in the East Regional Finals for trampolining last month. He achieved his highest-ever "time of flight" (how high he jumps) and his highest ever routine difficulty score. He's now headed along with one other in his category to his first National Finals at the Utilita Arena in Birmingham this July, where he'll be part of Team East representing the East of England. This is such an excellent achievement and we couldn't be prouder of Billy. We wish him the very best of luck at nationals in the summer. Go Billy!

We love to hear about your sporting achievements outside of school. Please send them into pe@rab.academy so we can feature these in our sports Buzz and share them within the school community.



Looking ahead ...

New squad training timetable will be sent out after half term, so please keep an eye out. KS2 PE next term will be Orienteering as well as lots of preparation for Sports Days. We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to many more sporting events in the last half term of the school year.

Sports Day Dates and Timings:

EYFS– July 1st 9:30-11:15am

Year 1 and 2– June 29th 1:30-3:15pm

Year 3– June 30th 1:30-3:15pm

Year 4– June 30th 9:30-11:15am

Year 5– July 2nd 9:30-11:15am

Year 6– July 2nd 1:30-3:15pm