



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 5 June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Week



What a fantastic way to start our final half term of the year! Science Week was packed with hands-on learning, real-world science and amazing experiences. There was such breadth and variety of activities on offer. Children explored science in action through a wide range of practical activities

designed to spark curiosity and deepen understanding. The playground became a launch site as children designed and launched rockets, while elsewhere they learned about the engineering behind bomb disposal and how specialist robots are used to keep people safe.

In the classroom, science came to life in creative and memorable ways. Pupils created colourful DNA bracelets, investigated a germ-ridden crime scene and used real surgical instruments on watermelons, under the guidance of a neurosurgeon, to explore medical science. They also became wildlife detectives, analysing time-lapse photography taken from the on-site forest school, investigated the digestive system, and explored food science by designing and tasting their own bespoke crisps.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all our amazing parents and STEM volunteers who shared their passion and knowledge with the children and especially to Hester Wheeler and Talia Bywater for arranging and co-ordinating such an incredible week.

Diary Dates Next Week

8-12 June	Lunch Menu Week 2
8 June	Heidi Pearson Drop In 9am
10 June	Class Photos
11 June	Class Photos
11 June	Reception trip to Duxford
11 June	Jen Shackleton Parent Workshop 5-6pm
12 June	Y1 Colchester Zoo
12 June	Y2 Swimming @ LBLC
12 June	Heidi Pearson Drop in 3pm
12 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale 3.30pm top of car park



Arriving in School

We would like to remind you that **children should be in school before the gate closes at 8.55am**. With the Year 6s now based in the Infant hall, it is increasingly disruptive as everyone has to be walked outside of the building through the main gate.

School Lunch Menu

There have been a few changes to the menu and you can find the latest version in the link in the Diary Dates above.

Smartphone Free Childhood Information Evening—7.30pm @ Saffron Screen on Tuesday 16th June

As announced last year, children in Year 4 and below will not allowed to bring smartphones to school, and parents of children in Year 5 are discouraged from buying smartphones for their children. To help parents understand these changes, there will be **a cross-town information evening** about becoming a town of smartphone-free schools **at SWCHS, Saffron Screen on Tuesday 16th June at 7:30pm**. This is open to all parents and carers across Saffron Walden and the villages. It will be a 60-minute panel discussion with our town's school leaders and an expert speaker on smartphones for children, with time for questions. As parents from all four Saffron Walden primary schools will be invited, we expect spaces to be limited. Please book a free ticket to secure your seat. **[Saffron Walden Smartphone-Free Schools parent event on Tuesday 16 June - secure your spot! – Fill out form](#)**

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Saffron Walden

Parent Talk:

Why our schools are going smartphone free in Saffron Walden

Meet with local school leaders and our specialist speaker to understand the changes

When	Where	All parents welcome. See you there!
Tues 16 June 2026 7.30pm	Saffron Screen (Q6) Saffron Walden County High School, CB11 4UH	

Disabled Parking Spaces in School

Please can we remind all families and visitors that the disabled parking spaces in the car park are only for use by people with Blue Badges which should be clearly displayed in the windscreen. Thank you for your understanding.

Swimming for Books £820

A very big thank you and congratulations to parent Hayley, who completed her 5k half-marathon swim. She has raised an incredible £820 for our new school library.

Class Photos

This is a reminder that we have our class photos coming up on Wednesday and Thursday. Your child should come into school wearing school uniform (including jumper/cardigan) and school shoes on their photo day, please. If your child has PE on their photo day, they should bring their PE kits into school, and they will change in school. If your child has a before school sports club they can come in their PE kit but please ensure they pack their full school uniform & shoes.

Relationships & Sex Education Survey

We'd really like to hear your thoughts on the draft Relationships Education Policy, please see full details in the email sent earlier this week. You can find the details on the links below:

Review our DRAFT '**Relationships Education Policy including Sex Education Policy** (available on our website – [here](#))

Review our **Planning Outline** (available on our website – [here](#))

Share views through our **RSE consultation survey**

As part of our review, we would like to invite you to take part in a consultation so that your views can help shape the final curriculum. We value your input and want to work in partnership to ensure that the programme reflects both statutory requirements and the needs of our school community. You can complete our consultation from at [RSE Consultation Survey – Parent/Carer Feedback – Fill in form](#)

Consultation Period: 2/6/26 – 19/6/26

Don't forget our Parent Workshop next Wednesday

This will start promptly at 5pm with tea and coffee available from 4.45pm in the Butler Room. Please see the flyer to the right for details.

Vacancies at RAB

We are currently recruiting for Teaching Assistants to provide SEND support. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

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



Thursday 11th 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



RAB Fest 2026 – payment deadline this Sunday


We have a handful of spaces left for this year, if anyone wants to sign up, please email us on rabutlerpta@gmail.com.



For all those who have already secured their pitch for this year's annual family camp out: don't forget to submit your completed order forms and payments by Sunday 7 June. Your place may be at risk if we don't receive your form and payment by the deadline. Thank you!

Future Diary Dates

w/c 15 June	Walk to School Week
16 June	Smartphone Free Information Evening @ Saffron Screen 7.30pm
17 June	Y2 Thetford Forest
24 June	EY Party & KS1 Disco (information to follow)
25 June	Y6 SWCHS & JFAN Transition Day
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
6 July	Move Up Morning
7 July	Open Afternoon 3-4.30
8 & 9 July	Y6 Production 6pm
12-15 July	Y6 Bawdsey Residential
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Coffee Morning & Leavers' Disco
21 July	End of term 1.30pm

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u>	Raffie H Margot O	Remi L Jayden S
<u>Year 1</u>	Jaxson N Betsy W	Eddie C Callum W
<u>Year 2</u>	Fred N Evelyn B	Lyra S Paige E
<u>Year 3</u>	Shriyansh C Rosabelle Y	Grace B Jesse W
<u>Year 4</u>	Freya B Norah Q	Shlok B Wanda H
<u>Year 5</u>	Ralph H Suki G	Annabelle S Max P
<u>Year 6</u>	Ryan E Ben C	Amelie C Audrey B
Infant Lunchtime Cup	1OJ	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	5LT	

		
RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER Lucas C Ava D Bea S Maisie H	GOLD
		
RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Ruairi O Keira P	SILVER Ralph D Vinny G	GOLD