



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 12 June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Let's Walk to School

Next week we are taking part in the Living Streets national campaign – Let's Walk to School. The aim is to encourage children to get active and to walk, scooter or cycle to and from school. The children will be completing activity diaries over the five days and the classes will be tracking the number of active journeys across the week. We hope you can support us in this active campaign – Happy walking and wheeling!

Diary Dates Next Week

15-19 June	Lunch Menu Week 3
w/c 15 June	Walk to School Week
16 June	Smartphone Free Information Evening @ Saffron Screen 7.30pm
17 June	Y6 Crucial Crew pm
17 June	Y2 Thetford Forest
19 June	Y2 Swimming

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

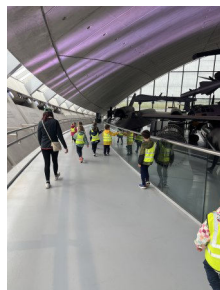
As announced last year, children in Year 4 and below will not allowed to bring smartphones to school, and parents of children in Year 5 are discouraged from buying smartphones for their children. To help parents understand these changes, there will be **a cross-town information evening** about becoming 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](#)**



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

What superstars team Reception are! They had a very soggy but super day at Duxford IWM yesterday. The children were really resilient, walking all the way down to the American Hanger in a lot of rain. Once there, they asked thoughtful questions and made some interesting observations. They were really impressed and awed by the scale of the planes and helicopters. After lunch, they headed into Hanger 1 to explore the planes and other vehicles there, before squeezing in a rather wet play outside in their park. We are all so proud of how well the children conducted themselves, they were fantastic ambassadors for the school.



We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo..

As part of their African Animals topic, Y1 visited Colchester Zoo today. They had a fantastic time and had great fun seeing elephants, giraffes, snakes, ostriches, rhinos and monkeys. We're very proud of all the children who demonstrated excellent respectful behaviour whilst there.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out on both trips. We appreciate you volunteering your time.

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**

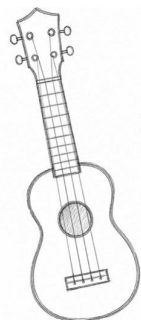
As part of our review, we would like to invite you to take part in a consultation so that your views can help shape the final curriculum. We value your input and want to work in partnership to ensure that the programme reflects both statutory requirements and the needs of our school community. You can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

Consultation Period: 2/6/26 – 19/6/26

KS2 Golf Tournament

On Tuesday, RAB had several golfers representing the school in the Uttlesford inter schools golf tournament held at Chesterford Science Park. Despite the weather everyone got round the course well and performed superbly. In the morning Johnny M won the Year 6 individual title by two shots in a strong field - with Bale L, Freddie W and Louis D also competing in this competition. After lunch, Max G, Ned S and Henry D all competed in a pair's competition against tough competition too. Ned and Max narrowly missed out on Gold and claimed the silver medal. All the children did the school very proud and gave it their all. Thank you to parents for taking the children along.

Ukelele Lessons from September



Ukulele Lessons

In school lessons from September 2026
Small groups from Year 1 upwards

Free taster sessions are available

To enquire please contact Mrs Payn -
meganpaynrecorder@gmail.com

Are you a parent/carergiver 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...



<https://forms.gle/8P64pDvYchN5mJdBA>

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

Mind in West Essex

Vacancies at RAB

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

Future Diary Dates

24 June	EY Party & KS1 Disco
25 June	EY Transition to Y1 Meeting 9am
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



The RAB book of Poems

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, every class worked together to write their own original poem. The children showed fantastic imagination, creativity and literacy skills, and the results have been brought together in this beautiful full-colour book.

This is your chance to own a special piece of RAB history. As this is a one-time print run, copies will only be available during the ordering period. Celebrate the incredible achievements of our pupils, support our new school library, and secure a unique keepsake that can be treasured for years to come.

Buy your copy here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GOSW>

Deadline for orders is Monday 22nd June.

Reception and KS1 Discos

The annual Reception Party and KS1 Disco take place on Wednesday 24th June!

RECEPTION

Local legend Calamity Clown will host a special Reception Party from 3.45pm until 4.30pm.

Y1 & Y2

Calamity Clown will host a brilliant disco with games for the KS1 Disco (Years 1 & 2 only) at 4.45pm until 5.45pm.

~ Tickets cost £3, including all refreshments. Advance tickets only. Deadline: 10pm Monday 22nd June. Online booking fees apply.

~ You will be asked for your child's full name and RAB class for each ticket purchased.

~ Paying by cash: £3 in a sealed envelope marked with 'Disco' and your child's name and class. This must be handed in to the office before pick up on Monday 22nd June.

Please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Book online here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GJWI>

RAB Fest 2026

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

★	Stars of the Week	★
Reception All of RCR	All of RNB	All of RJD
Year 1 All of 1RB	All of 1MI	All of 1OJ
Year 2 Elsie B Zac L	Poppy H Sonny A	Leo L Rory G
Year 3 Elliot W Henry Y	Evelyn R Hudson M	Mark S Samuel P
Year 4 Freddie S Annabelle R	Tom D Robin M	Bella M Leo B
Year 5 Victor H Alice G	Leo D Willow T	William N Amelia M
Year 6 Grace T George W	Annie B Lillie C	Jess B Riley D
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2MG 3MR	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Harry C Martha-Mae T	SILVER Rex A	GOLD

Summer Holiday Workshops @ RAB

Please click on the links below for further information and booking details.



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