



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 19 June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,



Hot, hot, hot!

We know that next week is going to be a scorcher! Please can you ensure your children come in with a hat and water bottle and long lasting suncream applied. Thank you.

Diary Dates Next Week

22-26 June	Lunch Menu Week 1
24 June	EY Party & KS1 Disco
24 June	Autumn Term Club Sign up 8pm
25 June	EY Transition to Y1 Meeting 9am
25 June	Y6 SWCHS & JFAN Transition Day
26 June	Y2 Swimming

Huge congratulations...

.... to Esme in Y5. She entered a Children's Poetry Competition for BBC East on the theme of generations and won! She did a secret recording in school last week and it aired yesterday—you can hear it [here](#) and you can read all about it [here](#). Not only that, she'll performing it live at Latitude! She had a warm up today by reading it out in Celebration Assembly. What an amazing achievement, we're really proud of you.



Autumn Term clubs

You will be able to sign up for Autumn Term clubs from Wednesday 24th June at 8pm. Please look out for a letter coming early next week with full details

Y2 Thetford Trip

Year 2 had a brilliant day out in Thetford Forest on Wednesday. Our young adventurers and explorers tackled a range of forest trails, showing curiosity, teamwork and plenty of enthusiasm along the way. After a well-earned picnic lunch, the children enjoyed time together in the forest playground, climbing, swinging and laughing with friends. A big thank you to the grown-ups who were able to join us — your support helped make the day such a success.



Plant sale

Our Gardening Club will be holding a plant sale at the end of the school day on Wednesday 1st July. You'll be able to find a selection of blooms and veggies at the exit gate. They are only able to accept cash.

Nits

Unfortunately we have been informed their cases of nits, particularly in Y5. Please can we ask all families to check and treat your children if necessary over the weekend. Thank you for your support.

THE PIANO - by Esme W

It's ancient and worn down,
Clunky and colossal,
So why does great nan still have it?
It's not a precious fossil

My great nan has dementia,
But this helps memory weave back through,
She hums along, remembering the song,
What a wonderful thing this can do

She owned the piano,
And used it in her childhood,
And when she had children,
Taught to them as every mother would

Like a river that keeps on flowing
Knocking away the dam
Like an athlete that kept on going
As they ran and ran and ran

It was played by my nanny,
And the talent kept moving on,
It was passed down generations,
To me, my aunty passed it on

And now it is my turn playing,
The piano standing there,
So, I play the tunes, change the moods,
And everyone gathers round my chair

From one generation to the next,
Through family gatherings together,
The piano at the heart,
I want this to go on forever

KS2 Quad Kids

On Monday morning, 32 children from KS2 competed in a Quad Kids competition at JFAN on a cold and windy morning (hard to imagine today!). Eight children from each year group made a team, consisting of 4 girls and 4 boys. Each child competed in 4 different Athletics events including Howler, Standing Long Jump, Sprint and Long Distance. All our children performed superbly, their hard work and determination in each event were something that really stood out to all the teachers, and they should all be hugely proud of their achievements at the event.

Results Below-

Year 6- 2nd place overall

Year 5- 5th place overall

Year 4- 1st place overall

Year 3- 6th place overall

Year 5/6 Cricket

Boys

On Wednesday morning, our Year 6 boys cricket team competed in the Uttlesford finals dynamo's cricket competition at Saffron Walden Cricket Club, with a chance to qualify for the Essex Finals. The boys were put into Group A, playing against 3 very strong local schools. In the first 3 games, the boys got off to a great start, batting phenomenally and being excellent in the field- winning all their group games convincingly. They went straight into a final match, playing against the winners of Group B who had also won all of their games. The final was very intense and went right down to the wire, with RAB winning by 35 runs. This result therefore means the boys have now qualified for the Essex Finals in Billericay in 2 weeks time. Well done everyone!



Girls

On Wednesday afternoon, it was time for our girl's cricket team to also compete in the Uttlesford finals, again with a chance of qualifying for Essex finals. The girls were put into Group B initially, playing 2 group games against local schools. The girls started fantastically well, winning both games by over 50 runs. This meant they had also made it to the final game, playing for a chance at qualification for Essex Finals. After a superb game of cricket, and some outstanding catches in the field, the girls stuck together and won the final by 15 runs. This result confirmed their place in Billericay.



Everyone should be superbly proud, as both our boys and girls went unbeaten during the competitions. Good Luck in the Finals!

3 Tees Cricket

This morning, we took 2 teams that had qualified previously to the Y22 Three tees cricket competition at Audley End House. The children were split into 2 groups and played 6 group games against very tough and impressive opposition. The children focused fabulously, playing in the wonderful sunshine with a lovely backdrop. RAB Navy won 3, lost 2 and drew 1, finishing 3rd overall in their group, whilst RAB Orange finished 5th overall in their group. RAB Navy then played 3rd place from group 2, which they narrowly lost by 2 runs- resulting in 6th place overall. RAB Orange came very close and finished 10th overall. It was a lovely morning for the children, performing really well in tough conditions. 2 teams in the top 10 in Uttlesford is a great achievement and one all children should be extremely proud of.



Future Diary Dates

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
1 July	Gardening Club Plant Sale 3.30pm
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
13 July	Adoptive & Looked After Children Parents Support Group 9.15
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.30-11
20 July	Leavers' Disco



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:

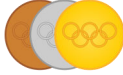

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Father's Day Gifts for Grownups

We had some very discerning shoppers through the doors of the PTA Department Store this week! Lots of careful choices and beautifully decorated gift labels will hopefully add up to a lovely surprise on Sunday for the dads, granddads, uncles and everyday superheroes who make their lives special. Thank you for your support – we've raised almost £1000!



	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u> Slater R Dollie D	Benedict C Poppy S	Molly P Oakley R
<u>Year 1</u> Danny C Ilya T	Amelia M Marlon V	Oscar H Noah R
<u>Year 2</u> All of 2SH	All of 2MG	All of 2QB
<u>Year 3</u> Aaron K Luke E	Albie N Vira R	Willow T Stanley M
<u>Year 4</u> Texas D Otis L	Daniel F Millie N	All of 4CC
<u>Year 5</u> Frank K Aoife F	Finley A Zara L	Dougie B Iris M
<u>Year 6</u> All of 6AE	All of 6JR	All of 6SM
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1OJ 5MGL	

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER Henry M	GOLD Prayas T
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Albie N Shryiansh C Charlotte M Pippa M Ronnie E	SILVER Anya I	GOLD Robin M



Saffron Walden

Adoptive and Looked After Children Parents Support Group

Please come and join us for the first meeting of this new group, set up to try and fill a gap in local support for parents of adopted or looked after children.



About the Group

Parenting through adoption and fostering brings unique joys and challenges. This supportive and welcoming group offers a safe space to:

- Share experiences with other parents
- Talk openly without judgement
- Learn practical strategies and resources
- Build connections and friendships
- Support each other through different stages of family life



Who Is It For?

- Adoptive parents at any stage
- Foster parents
- Prospective adopters
- Families with children of all ages



What to Expect

- Relaxed and confidential discussions
- Practical tips on attachment, trauma, and identity
- Time to listen, share, and be heard
- Tea, coffee, and a welcoming atmosphere



When & Where

R A Butler Academy, Saffron Walden- 01799 523651
13th July 2026



9.15am-10.15am