



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 26 June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the welcome return of regular June temperatures next week, just in time for Sports Days, it is our expectation that all children are in school.

## Huge congratulations...

.... to William C in Y6 who has been longlisted in the Booker Prize Foundation's competition to find three child judges who will join the adult judges (Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Lolly Adefope and Sanchita Basu De Sarkar) to select the winner of the Children's Booker Prize 2027. Good luck for the next round William!

## Diary Dates Next Week

29 June– 3 July	<a href="#">Lunch Menu Week 2</a>
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
3 July	Y2 Swimming
4 July	RABFest

## Sports Days

Just a reminder that children should be dropped off as usual wearing sports kit and house t-shirts. Parents should leave the school site and then return to the Main Gate where you will be able to sign in and out.

Gainsborough Red

Irving Blue

Burghley White (house colour is yellow but it attracts thunderbugs!)

Shaw Green

You can find dates and timings in the diary dates above. Full details can be found in the email sent earlier this week. Please take a moment to read our guidelines below. Thank you.

### Rules for Parents and Visitors for Sports Day

We welcome our parents and family members onto our school grounds to share in Sports Day. To enable all children, staff and visitors to enjoy the event, please adhere to the following:

- In the Round Robin activities, please follow your child's group and cheer from the sides
  - In the track events, please sit/stand on the trackside where indicated and stay on that side
  - School staff will take your child to the toilet. Please do not take them your self
  - Visitors may use the single adult toilet in the Year 5 corridor. This can be accessed via the steps on the KS2 playground (see signage)
  - All events are scored and marshalled by our Year 5 and 6 leaders – please do not argue with them about any results – their decision is final
  - No smoking or vaping anywhere on site
  - Please do not give your children snacks during the event
- Photos and videos may be taken, but they MUST be for personal use only and not uploaded on to any social media sites.

Thank you for your co-operation in making this a safe and fun event

### Early and Late Play

Liz, Tina and the team would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who came to club this week. With the extremely hot weather and such challenging conditions, you were all truly amazing. We loved spending some extra 'chilled' time together, chatting, playing in the shade, and cooling down with some well-deserved ice lollies. Your great choices and positive attitudes really stood out, and we were so proud of how well you coped — you made a very hot week a really happy one!

### 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.

### 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](mailto:meganpaynrecorder@gmail.com)

### Vacancies at SWCHS

SWCHS is currently recruiting for Science Technicians and Student Support Officers. You can find full details on their website—[Saffron Walden County High School - Other Staff Vacancies](#)



#### Reception and KS1 Discos - RESCHEDULED 15th July!

The annual Reception Party and KS1 Disco has been rescheduled to 15th July due to the hot weather this week.

#### 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.

We can't wait to see the children having a wonderful time with their friends and celebrating their year together!

#### Future Diary Dates

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
15 July	Reception & KS1 Discos
17 July	Y6 Water Afternoon
20 July	Y6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.30-11
20 July	Leavers' Disco
21 July	End of term 1.30pm

	Stars of the Week	
<b>Reception</b> Phoebe C Navish K	Michaela M Reggie R	Orin N Margot W
<b>Year 1</b> Loki S Oscar M	Ella S Evie R	Richie M Jude P
<b>Year 2</b> Ava C Harry W	Isaac P Ruby S	Sadie A Tilly F
<b>Year 3</b> Winnie P Sophie B	Alex B Thea W	All of 3SP
<b>Year 4</b> Edie A Suki L	Ivy S Levi J	Henry B Louisa F
<b>Year 5</b> Seth L Esmee S	Louis D Tommy W	Noah N Edward C
<b>Year 6</b> Leo B Harry B	Rosie B Shanav K	Niamh S Ethan C
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	All Classes All Classes	

 <b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b> Seth L	SILVER	<b>GOLD</b> Lucie T
 <b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>		
<b>BRONZE</b> Harry K Evely R	SILVER	<b>GOLD</b> Matilda Phoebe B



## 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  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2026



9.15am-10.15am