



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 17 July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget **we break up at 1.30pm on Tuesday**. We will welcome the children back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Farewell

We say a very fond farewell to Emma Russell who leaves as at the end of term. She joined us over nine years ago and her warm smile has been a welcome sight for many new Reception children and their parents. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for the future.

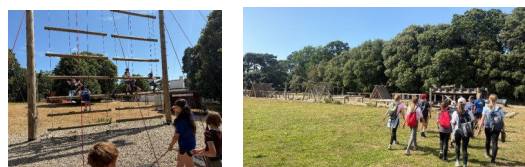
We also say happy maternity leave to Miss Robinson!

Bawdsey Residential

The Y6s have been so lucky with the fantastic weather this week, sunny, dry but not too hot. They've enjoyed so many exciting activities in their groups including the trapeze, an obstacle course, Jacob's Ladder, abseiling, den building, archery and much more. They were also able to make the most of the centre's fabulous location with coastal walks. The residentials are always a lovely way to see our 6Rs evidenced in the real world and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the children's company. A very big thank you to the staff that made the trip possible from all the pre-departure administration by the office, to the staff giving up their time, including a Sunday, to make is such an unforgettable experience for our Year 6s.

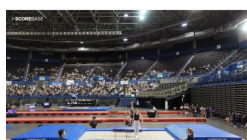
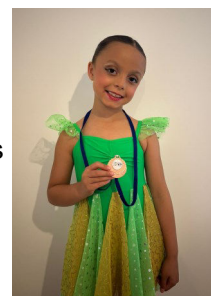
Diary Dates Next Week

20-21 July	Lunch Menu Week 2
20 July	Y6 Parent Coffee Morning 9.30-11
20 July	Y6 Leavers & Y5 Disco 6-7.45pm
21 July	End of term 1.30pm



Dance Success

Huge congratulations to Vienna in Y3. Her modern group has qualified for the National Finals and will be competing in Eastbourne next weekend. We know how hard Vienna works and how much practise she put into her dance and we're very proud of her achievement. Good luck in the Finals Vienna!



Bouncing High

Congratulations also to Billy in Y5 who competed in the inter-regional trampolining finals at the huge Utilita Arena in Birmingham recently where he was (the youngest male) representing the East of England in his first national competition. He is now 19th in the United Kingdom for his age and category. We're very proud of you Billy.

School Lunches

Due to increasing costs, school lunches will be charged at £2.70 per lunch from September. This is not a decision we have taken lightly as we do understand the impact it may have on families. From September Free School Meal eligibility has been extended to families in receipt of Universal Credit. You can find out more information about Free School Meal eligibility by visiting:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

Meet the Teacher Autumn

Parents with children in Y2-6 in September will have the opportunity to meet with their new teachers in the Autumn term. They will share information about the coming year with you. Current Reception had their transition meeting earlier this term.

Y2 Monday 7 September 9am

Y3 Friday 11 September 9am

Y4 Tuesday 8 September 9am

Y5 Wednesday 9 September 9am

Y6 Thursday 10 September 9am

Community Noticeboard

There are a lot of activities taking place in and around Saffron Walden over the holidays so do take a look at our virtual [Community Noticeboard](#) for more details.

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SAT Newsletter

You can find the latest SAT news letter [here](#).

Dog Safety Assemblies

Reception to Y5 had great Dog Safety Assemblies this week. Fun and informative and we thought this picture was a great reminder of safety around dogs.



Anne Frank Trust Workshop



Yr 5 took part in a great session exploring gender inequality with the Anne Frank Trust. We explored who Anne Frank was and what issues she faced because of her gender. We then learnt about the history of gender equality and milestones that have been covered in the past. We also look at stereotypes of gender in the workplace using standard community-supporting jobs.

Town Walk



The Year 3 children enjoyed a town walk and picnic on Thursday afternoon. They all ate their healthy snacks which they had designed and made in our design technology lessons. After this they took part in a traffic survey at different points around the Common. Back in school we have had some very interesting conversations about what we observed. Everyone was very resilient in the hot weather.

Live at Latitude

You may remember that we shared with you that Esme in Y5 was a regional poetry competition winner. She will be reading live on stage on Thursday at 7pm and you can tune in here to hear! They will also announce the overall winner. Good luck Esme! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002yv0s>

★	Stars of the Week	★
Reception Bodhi B Phoebe C	Freya I Zac J	Lucy H Hunter M
Year 1 Teddy P Flo H	Alfie S Namruuth D	Zara L Bella D
Year 2 All of 2SH	All of 2MG	All of 2QB
Year 3 Paul B Jack C	Ronnie E Robyn B	Bea J Isla C
Year 4 Allie D Max G	Ben P Lani E	All of 4MM
Year 5 Isabelle M Stanley B	George R Jesse L	Ellie-Mae S Sebby G
Year 6 All of 6JR	All of 6SM	All of 6AE
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2QB	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	4OR	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Asyiah J Asya G Hudson M	William M Sam P Vienna L Martha-Mae T Evelyn R Jack H Keira P Robyn B Oliver H	Lucas S Amaya R Henry G George G Kaya E

Summer Holiday Workshops

The workshops on the right are being hosted at RAB over the Summer. Please contact the providers directly if you would like to book on.

WOP Sports Day Showdown

The ultimate sports day experience for every child. High-energy games, races, team challenges and classic games – all in one action-packed day.

9am-3pm
19th August
Reception - year 6
£35 a day

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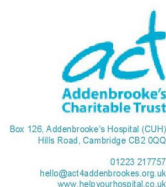
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POP STAR MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

ACT. SING. DANCE 9am-3pm,
Show at 2:40pm
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14 July 2026

Dear R A Butler Academy Year 6

On behalf of everyone at Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, I would like to say a huge thank you for the incredible donation of £1088 to our Children's Services. What a phenomenal amount to raise! We are so grateful for all the energy and effort you put into raising such an incredible amount. We are so impressed and every single one of you should be very proud.

With your help we want to ensure that every child experiences the best possible care. We strive to make the hospital experience as positive and worry free as it can be – whether by providing specialist play and music therapy, improving surgical and diagnostic tools to help children recover better, or offering therapeutic support to the whole family when they need it most.

Thank you once again for your wonderful contribution towards our care. We are truly grateful.

We would like to wish you all the best as you move onto secondary education and we hope that you have a wonderful and fun last week at R A Butler Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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PACT for Autism

PACT for autism is a small charity who support families with autism, those who are going through the process of diagnosis or those who just want to learn more about it. Please see information below about a summer workshop they are holding.

PACT - Summer - Thinking ahead

Join us on our free online workshop for PACT Parents and Carers including Grandparents

29th July

8pm - 9pm

We will be thinking about and sharing experience around :

Changes to routine

Navigating days out / changes to usual spaces / being at home

Switching / changing between activities sensory and health

finding inclusive clubs and activities

Please do book a free space and we will send the link to join the day before...

Any questions please **[contact us](#)**
[Summer holidays - Thinking ahead](#)



Fab Fun Friday 2026

What an amazing display of colour and joy we saw at school today! Thank you to everyone who donated and took part!

Y6 Leavers Disco for all Y6 and Y5 children – Monday 20 July

The PTA is delighted to be working with the Y6 Leavers parent team to bring this year's Leavers Disco. Lots of fun in store!

Who: All Year 6 and Year 5 children (Year 6 only in fancy dress for the parade)

Cost: £3 cash payable on the door

Timings: 6pm-7.45pm

6pm: Annual Y6 Fancy Dress Parade in KS2 playground (for Y6 parents and Y5 children only)
Y6 parents and carers to leave site quickly after parade to allow children to move inside for disco fun
7.45pm collection from KS2 Hall (no child will be allowed to walk home alone)
Sensible amount of money to enjoy the refreshments (50p-£1), photo booth (50p) and raffle (20p a ticket)

Car park will be closed to disco traffic. Please park with consideration for our neighbours.

The fancy dress parade has channelled lots of crazy creativity over the years, from tubes of Pringles, a Barbie in a box, SuperMario, cast of Scoobie Doo, Haribos, a full Sunday lunch, a Zoltar machine, Mr Men, butterflies and more. It's a chance to let loose and dress to impress!

RAB book of poems

These wonderful books were sent home with the children last week. We are very proud of this beautiful work of creativity! We do have a very small number of books to sell. If you missed out, please contact the office or send an email to rabutlerpta@gmail.com