



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 4 September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a summer we have had! I hope you all had a fabulous time making the most of the sunshine. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. The teachers have enjoyed getting to know their new classes and hearing about their holidays. Our Reception team have spent this week visiting our new Early Years children at home and we are very excited to welcome them to RAB on Monday.

We are delighted to be welcoming the Year 6s into their brand new block, which was completed just in time for the new term. All of the children will be able to visit it soon once our beautiful new library is stocked with books and ready to welcome class visits.

Diary Dates Next Week

7-11 Sept	Lunch Menu Week 2
7 Sept	Y2 Meet the Teacher 9am
7 Sept	Y3 West Stow Trip
8 Sept	Y4 Meet the Teacher 9am
9 Sept	Y5 Meet the Teacher 9am
10 Sept	Y6 Meet the Teacher 9am
11 Sept	Y5 & 6 Swimming @ LBLC

Meet the Teacher Autumn 2026

We look forward to welcoming you to our Meet the Teacher sessions next week, please find the times and venues below. The teachers will share information about the coming year with you.

Y2 Monday 7 September 9am—Infant Hall
Y3 Friday 11 September 9am—Infant Hall
Y4 Tuesday 8 September 9am—Infant Hall
Y5 Wednesday 9 September 9am—Junior Hall
Y6 Thursday 10 September 9am—Junior Hall

Housekeeping

Attendance

The school gates open at 8.42 and close at 8.55. All children are expected to be on site by the time the gates close. If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and walks to school themselves, they should time their departure to arrive when the gates open, they should not be arriving early on site.

Leave of Absence

Term time absences are only authorised under very exceptional circumstances. Applications for a Leave of Absence must be submitted well in advance and the form can be found on the Attendance page of our website, all with full information about the school's attendance expectations. www.rab.academy/attendance

School Car Park

Parents cannot access the car park between **8.15-9.00** and **3.10-3.40**. This is to allow staff to park so they can get to work and to allow parents and children safe access to the school site during drop off and pick up. Please can we ask that you park respectfully and legally taking our neighbours into consideration.

Permissions in Reading Records

Your child will be receiving a reading record over the coming days if they have not already done so. Please could you complete the permission slip in the cover when you receive it.

Junior Lunches

Please can we kindly ask that Junior lunches are paid in advance and accounts do not go into arrears.

Smartphone Free School

Only children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to bring phones into school as they are allowed to walk independently to and from school. We are transitioning to being a Smartphone Free School. **This means that our current Y5s are not permitted to have smartphones in school. By September 2027, no children will be allowed smartphones in school.** You can find our policy on the [Policy page](#). For families in Y5 and below, please keep this in consideration when purchasing a phone for your child. There are lots of alternatives on the link below, which also includes tracking options <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

Uniform

We would like to remind you of our uniform expectations which can be found at www.rab.academy/schooluniform

Thank you for your support with all these matters.

Clubs

All clubs will start the week commencing Monday 14th September, the week after next.

Thank you from our Fundraisers

You may remember at the end of the Summer term there were two fundraising stalls on the playground. Lucy (Y5), who was collecting to buy toys for Addenbrookes Paediatric Oncology Ward who supported her brother, raised over a £1000 alongside some toy donations. Well done, Lucy an amazing achievement! The team supporting Wanda's (Y5) sister, Winnie, with ongoing care costs raised £1700 selling t-shirts. A very big thank you from both groups (and us at school) for your incredible generosity.

Latitude Winner

Last term we shared with you that Esme (Y6) was one of the regional winners of the BBC/Latitude poetry competitions and was invited to perform at the festival. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that she was the overall winner and you can read all about here—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c07rg4gkm4mo> Huge congratulations Esme!

Summer Fundraisers

A big thank you to Xanthe and Ivy in 3RD who decided they wanted to raise money over the summer for 'the best school'. They made up little bags of mixed items such as stick on jewellery and crystals and spent afternoons outside drumming up business raising a wonderful £35. Congratulations girls!



Vacancies

RAB is currently recruiting for Midday Assistants and a School Cleaner and Early/Late Play are looking for a SENCO Play Leader. You can find further information about all three roles at www.rab.academy/vacancies

	Stars of the Week	
Year 1 Beau T Skye W	Harriet T Jayden S	Freya I Roman M
Year 2 Faye E Alfie S	Kalev K Tim M	Cameron H Oscar H
Year 3 Chloe S Rory G	Adam T Xanthe M	Ruby S Finley G
Year 4 Shryiansh C Isabella H	Ronnie E Florence P	Albie N Henry D
Year 5 Annabelle R Edward G	Freddie B Eddie H	Holly N Noah D
Year 6 George R Alex C	Stanley B Ralph H	Gracie S Lenny T
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2MG	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	4MM	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD Bella M

Future Diary Dates

w/c 14 Sept	Clubs start
14 Sept	Y4 Egyptian Day
1 Oct	Harvest Collection
6 Oct	EY Harvest Festival 9am
14&15 Oct	Individual & sibling photos
22 Oct	INSET—school closed to children
23 Oct—1 Nov	Half term
2 Nov	Children return to school

You can find term dates for this year [here](#).