



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 18 September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Rachel Bright meet Rachel Bright!

1RB were delighted to meet their author via Zoom this morning. She introduced and read her new book to them and then Jim Field, the illustrator, led a drawing workshop guiding the children to draw their own turtles.



Diary Dates Next Week

21-25 Sept [Lunch Menu Week 1](#)
25 Sept Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC

31 Oct **Deadline for Sept 2027 Secondary School applications**
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Y4 Egyptian Day

Year 4 had an incredibly exciting History Off the Page day on Monday to kick-start their History topic of the Ancient Egyptians! The workshop gave them the feeling of what it was like to be an Egyptian during the 14th Century BC under the reign of Pharaoh Akhenaten through several different creative activities, including making Egyptian games, making canopic jars and scribing names in hieroglyphics. In the afternoon, the children performed dramas, dances and ate an excellent Egyptian feast. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and we are very grateful to the grownups who came and helped on the day.



Meet the Inclusion Team

After morning drop-off on 2 October come along to our coffee morning. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet the Inclusion Team, find out more about SEND at RAB School, and ask any questions in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome.

Scooters

We've heard that a scooter went missing from the bike/scooter park at the front of the school. Please can we ask that you do not leave scooters there and request that you bring them through the main gate and leave them in the scooter park by the Infant Hall. Thank you.

Volunteers

We are always immensely grateful to our parent volunteers who help in so many ways, reading, swimming etc. If you are someone who comes in regularly (more than 3 times in a 30 week period) you MUST go through our Volunteer Recruitment process. This is part of our safeguarding practise. You will need to come into the office to collect paperwork which will enable us to run a DBS check. We will also arrange for you to have a brief interview and safeguarding talk with a Senior Leader. You can find full details about volunteering at RAB [here](#). If you are not sure if you have been checked by the school, please pop into the office to ask.

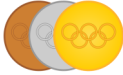
Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Festival

On Wednesday afternoon, we took 50 children combined from Years 5 and 6 to take part in a dodgeball festival at SWCHS. Children were split into 7 teams all playing dodgeball matches against other local schools and against each other. All the children showed a great attitude and energy in this non-competitive environment, which showcased great skills and teamwork throughout the afternoon. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 5 & 6 Football Fixture

This year, our extended football squad will be taking part in weekly fixtures at SWCHS representing RAB against local schools and each other. Yesterday after school, 2 of our teams played each other in the first fixture of the year- RAB Yellow and RAB Red. Our captains did fabulous jobs in organising and leading the teams effectively - showcasing their brilliant leadership skills. The children played really well, and some great goals were scored

 Stars of the Week 		
Reception		
Blake J	Florence M	Archie D
Harry M	Luca S	Sofia C
Year 1		
William B	Remi L	Ali K
Margot O	Bodhi B	Byron T
Year 2		
Isabella L	Jude P	Mayumi E
Ella S	Evelyn R	Eddie C
Year 3		
Elijah L	Oscar F	Louie T
Zac L	Ariella Q	Paige E
Year 4		
Dolcey S	Nellie D	Winnie P
Seth B	Aaron K	Paul B
Year 5		
Tilly W	Lucy M	Wilf C
Raymond B	Robin M	Sam B
Year 6		
Rory S	Cara G	Zara L
Amelia M	Enas S	Charlie C
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2QB	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3MR	

	RAB READING OLYMPIANS	
BRONZE	SILVER Jesse L Edward C	GOLD
	RAB BOOKWORMS	
BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD



Shopping list

Tinned Meat
 Tinned Veg & Fruit
 Cooking & Pasta Sauces
 Toiletries & Cleaning Sprays
 UHT Milk
 Cereal & Oats
 Long Life Juice & Squash
 Puddings & Custard
 Noodles & Rice
 Instant Mash & Stuffing
 Tinned Pasta Meals

Harvest Collection—Thursday 1st October

This autumn we will be collecting for the Uttlesford Foodbank. Please see the list on the right for the things they are collecting. There will be collection tables at all the entry gates so you can leave any donations at drop off time. Please can you ensure packets are unopened and in date. Thank you for your support.

MIND

If you are looking for ways to help your child navigate anxiety and manage big emotions, our school works with MIND, the Mental Health Support Team. You can find an expression of interest form [here](#).

Vaping Survey

Essex County Council would like to hear from parents and carers about youth vaping to help evaluate a recent campaign. This survey is for parents/carers of 9-14 year olds in Essex. It aims to understand parent attitudes to youth vaping, talking about it with your child, and what resources might be helpful to support this. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. The responses will be anonymous as we will not ask any personal information.

Please complete the survey by 1 October.

<https://research.potentia-insight.co.uk/survey/selfserve/53b/260910#?>

Vacancies at Katherine Semar

Katherine Semar are recruiting for a number of positions. For further information, please visit [Katherine Semar Schools - Vacancies](#) or contact the school office at admin-inf@katherinesemar.net

Future Diary Dates

1 Oct Harvest Collection
 2 Oct Inclusion Team Coffee Morning 9am
 6 Oct EY Harvest Festival 9am
 12 Oct Y6 Roman Day
 (information to follow)

14 & 15 Oct Individual & sibling photos
 15 Oct Y2 Meet the Instruments @ Saffron Hall
 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](#).