



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 8 September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer has finally arrived, just in time to welcome you all back for the Autumn Term! I hope you all had a fantastic break over the holidays. What a wonderful first week back. We have all been so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes and engaged so enthusiastically with their learning. Our Reception team really enjoyed meeting our newest pupils and we look forward to seeing them in school next week.

I would like to say a big thank you to Peter, our new(ish) caretaker, who has worked so hard over the holidays freshening up & tidying the school.

## Welcome to the new Senior Leadership Team

I am delighted to share the new leadership structure with you. Mr Parke and Mrs Brown join our leadership team as Assistant Heads, look out for them on the gate.

### Deputy Heads



Mrs Jo Cooper  
Teaching & Learning



Mrs Sarah Spaxman  
SENCO & Safeguarding

### Assistant Heads



Mr Ben Parke  
Teaching & Learning



Mrs Katie Brown  
Inclusion & Pastoral

## Diary Dates Next Week



11-15 Sept	<a href="#">Week 2 Summer Menu</a>
11 Sept	Y4 Egyptian Day
11 Sept	Y2 Meet the Teachers (Junior Hall) 2.45
12 Sept	Y4 Meet the Teachers (Infant Hall) 9.00
12 Sept	Y3 Meet the Teachers (Infant Hall) 2.45
13 Sept	Y3 West Stow Trip
13 Sept	Y5 Meet the Teachers (Infant Hall) 9.00
14 Sept	Y6 Meet the Teachers (Infant Hall) 9.00

## Meet the Teachers Welcome Meeting

We invite parents to come and meet class teachers next week. Please see the diary dates above for timings. This is an opportunity for you to learn about your child's year ahead. If you are meeting in the Junior Hall, please make your way to the entrance at the bottom of the school car park.

## Concrete

You will be very aware of the recent issues in schools nationally regarding the discovery of RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) as a potentially dangerous building material. I would like to reassure parents that inspections have not uncovered any RAAC in the buildings at R A Butler.

## Club Spaces

All our clubs are starting next week and we have some spaces available in the following clubs. If you are interested, please email Paul on [sbm@rab.academy](mailto:sbm@rab.academy)

Y1	Energy Club	Wednesday am
Y2	Hockey Heroes	Wednesday am
Y3-4	Badminton Club	Friday am
Y3-4	Invasion Games	Tuesday pm
Y3-6	Dance	Tuesday pm
Y3-6	Tag Games	Tuesday pm
Y4-6	Cheerleading	Friday pm
Y4-6	Indoor Invasion Games	Thursday am
Y5-6	Basketball	Monday am
Y5-6	Knitting	Thursday lunchtime
Y5-6	Netball	Tuesday pm
Y5-6	Tag/Touch Rugby	Wednesday pm



## COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in sessions held once a month around the Uttlesford District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-19 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, bed wetting and soiling issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Saffron Walden Hospital Clinic Room

15.30 - 17.00hrs



We are thrilled to announce that RAB has achieved the Green level STARS Travel Plan award. The scheme recognises the work that we have shown in supporting walking, cycling, scooting and other forms of sustainable and active travel to and from school. To name just a few of the initiatives that we have taken part in include Bikeability, Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and Uttlesford's Breathe Clean Air campaign.

## Uttlesford Clean Air

On Monday we will be continuing our work with Uttlesford District Council to support their Clean Air Initiative. Year 5 and 6 will be having special assemblies. At morning drop off a representative from the scheme will be asking parents a survey about how and why they travel to school in a certain way. It would be wonderful if as many parents as possible were able to speak to her.

## Music Lessons

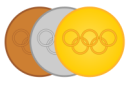

Spaces have become available for recorder, ukulele, brass and violin lessons with our peripatetic music teachers. If your child is interested, please email Sophie on [skitchener@rab.academy](mailto:skitchener@rab.academy)

## PE Kits

We know that people have ordered PE kit from Fosters over the summer holidays. We have been informed by them that there is a delay in delivering to all their schools. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes you. It is absolute fine for your child to wear a plain dark or white t-shirt with dark shorts in the interim. As soon as we receive any orders in school, we will inform parents directly.



## Online Safety

Essex Police have launched an online safety campaign to support parents. [Sort Your Settings](#) aims to help parents check and make the settings for your children's online devices as safe as possible and includes simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer.

 <b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>		
BRONZE	SILVER Emmy B	GOLD
 <b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>		
BRONZE	SILVER Florence C	GOLD

## Future Diary Dates

18 Sept	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
25 Sept	PTA Textiles Drop Off
27 Sept	6pm Y5 Aylmerton Parent Zoom Meeting
20 Oct	INSET Day—Children not in School
21-29 Oct	Half Term
30 Oct	Children return to School

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Year 1</u>		
Orla L	Polly C	Ralph D
Rufus G	Alex T	Sadie W
<u>Year 2</u>		
Max G	Phoebe B	Ralph H
Holly N	Rex A	Luca B
<u>Year 3</u>		
Amber C	Raphy W	Grace G
Noel J	Dougie B	George T
<u>Year 4</u>		
Oliver L	Ruan G	Ivy P
Esme M	Darcey D	Ben C
<u>Year 5</u>		
Isabella P	Henry B	Amelie B
Max N	Neora J	Euan H
<u>Year 6</u>		
Riley M	Josh H	Alistair S
Evie S	Roy P	Kayden B