



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 15 September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a full first week of learning in school and this has already included some exciting trips and workshops. Our wonderful new Early Years children also started school this week and have settled in really well, enjoying their first full day today (hopefully an early night too!).

Although we do not allow children to bring in their own toys and games from home, we do allow a keyring on their book bag/backpack to allow them to identify their bags. Please can this be restricted to one keyring.

Walking to and from school

We have received a message from Essex Police to remind our school community and particularly children who walk home from school by themselves to not engage with people they do not know stopping and speaking to them. We are reminding our Y5s and 6s to walk straight home from school, please could you do the same. If the children are ever unsure of their plans, or worried about walking alone they should come to the office. Please remind them of these procedures.

Behaviour Policy

At the end of last term we took feedback on our Behaviour policy from the staff and children. Following this we have made some changes to school procedures. There is a [short leaflet](#) that can be found here explaining the policy to parents or alternatively, you can find the full policy [here](#).

Welcome to RAB's Reception Class

Our new Reception children have settled into school wonderfully well. We have been so impressed with how quickly they are getting to know each other and our classroom routines. They have especially loved exploring our new extended outside area, with lots of digging, climbing, balancing and scooting!



Sunflowers

We have already received some wonderful pictures of the sunflowers that you planted to celebrate the King's Coronation. If anyone else would like to send their pictures through with a measurement we can see whose is the tallest! You can send them through to admin@rab.academy



Back in time to Ancient Egypt

Year 4 had an incredibly exciting History Off the Page day on Monday launching their Ancient Egyptians History topic! The workshop gave them a 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 bandaging mummies, 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 adults who came and helped on the day.



West Stow

Year 3 had the most wonderful day out at West Stow Anglo Saxon village. They explored the museum, handled artefacts from long ago and thoroughly enjoyed visiting the reconstructed houses. The museum guide commented on how beautifully behaved the children were and what fantastic questions they asked. They were all a credit to our school. Thank you to all our parent helpers who supported on the day.



Curriculum Leaflets Y1-6

Your teachers will be sending curriculum leaflets via Seesaw so do look out for them you can also find them under [Curriculum Leaflets](#) on our website.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

The PTA will be selling second hand uniform on Monday after school by the Uniform Shed. You can find it by entering the school via the big blue gate at the very bottom of the school car park and the shed is on your left hand side. Card machines will be available or you can pay by cash.

Vapes on the school site

We have found a vape on the ground on the school site. If you bring vapes in school, please can you ensure they are safely stored in your pockets or bags so they do not drop out. Thank you.

E-Scooters

We have had reports of a child in an RAB uniform using an e-scooter on Ashdon Road without a helmet. The legalities of using e-scooters aside, we would strongly recommend that children on all bikes/scooters wear helmets on the way to school.

Snacks in School

We would like to remind you that Infant children are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack in school at break time. If you would like to send in fruit/vegetable from home you are welcome to do so. Junior children can bring a snack from home which can include fruit, vegetable, plain breadsticks, cheese, plain (uncoated) dried fruit, plain rice cakes or crackers. Please can we ask that stick to the list above. You can find details in our [Healthy Snack Policy Statement](#)

Leave of absence

The school does not grant leave of absence during term time other than for exceptional circumstances. If you wish to apply for a leave of absence you can do so by using this [form](#). We encourage you to book doctor/dentist/optician appointments after school if possible. If your child does have a medical appointment during the day you simply need to show as the appointment email/letter/card. Thank you.

Vacancies



We are recruiting for a number of vacancies to join the fabulous support staff in various departments across the school — office support staff, kitchen staff, midday assistants and teaching assistants. You can find full details on our [website](#).

Katherine Semar are also currently recruiting and you find details of their positions on their [website](#).

Club Spaces

We still have spaces in a few autumn clubs. If you are interested please email Paul on sbm@rab.academy

Tuesday pm	Y5/6 Netball
Monday am	Y5/6 Basketball
Wednesday am	Y5/6 Touch Rugby(mouthguard needed)
Monday pm	Y5/6 Football
Tuesday pm	Y3-6 Tag Games

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Year 1</u> Keira P Austin M	Thea W Stanley M	Harry C Bobby M
<u>Year 2</u> Bertie P Annabelle R	Kaya E Kailan M	Zayne—Carter J Eddie H
<u>Year 3</u> Annabelle S Hudson C	Cory T Finley A	All of 3RD
<u>Year 4</u> Patrick M Amelia-Mae C	George S Grace T	Bronte R Miller B
<u>Year 5</u> Molly M Florence C	Eddie H Sam F	Eva F Elliot P
<u>Year 6</u> Mason K Matilda D	Sophia F Charles C	Eva P Pravan A
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	1EC 5LT	

Future Diary Dates

25 Sept	PTA Textiles Drop Off
27 Sept	6pm Y5 Aylmerton Parent Zoom Meeting
29 Sept	RAB PTA AGM & Welcome 9am Open to all
10 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9am
16-19 Oct	Parent Consultations
16 Oct	Y6 Roman Day (costumes)
20 Oct	INSET Day—Children not in School
21-29 Oct	Half Term
30 Oct	Children return to School
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 2.30pm
13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am
20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's Church all welcome
20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term

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