



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 22 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week of learning for everyone, with our Reception children doing so well in their first full week of school.

Opportunities for Parents to Visit School

In response to feedback from parents, we wanted to share with you the details of the opportunities to come and visit the school.

Parent Consultations will be taking place from 16-19 October and we will be sending out details have timings and how to book shortly. They will also take place in the Spring Term.

We will also be hosting termly **Book Looks** on the following dates:

13 December 8.40-9.10am

16 February 3.00-3.30pm

22 May 8.40-9.10am

This is time for you to come in, look through your children's books with them and celebrate their learning.

Harvest Collection—Friday 6th October

This autumn we will be collecting for two organisations - Uttlesford Foodbank and the Rotary Club's collection to support Ukrainian refugees. **Please can we remind you to put your donation on the appropriate table which will be labelled either Foodbank or Ukraine Donations.** Thank you.

Uttlesford Foodbank

Cereal
Tinned Vegetables
UHT Milk
Cooking Sauces (not pasta sauce)
Instant Mash
Tinned Fruit
Custard
Table Sauces eg ketchup, mayo, brown sauch
Vegetarian Options eg tinned veg chili
Noodles/Pot Noodles
Savoury Snacks – bread sticks, Ritz crackers, crisps etc
Washing-Up Liquid
Toilet Paper
Nappies Size 4 upwards
Dog Food
Deodorant/Shaving Foam
Jam/Peanut Butter
Rice Pudding
Stuffing
Steamed Puddings

Ukrainian Collection

Warm Winter clothing
Shoes including waterproof items
Bedding – clean new/nearly new sheets, pillows, blankets (not duvets)
Toiletries – soaps, shampoos for adults, children & babies
Towels
Plates, cutlery, cooking utensils
Cleaning materials, washing powder, wet wipes, dish cleaning gel, antibacterial gel
Haberdashery for repairs/crafts including knitting wool and needles
Torches & batteries
Basic First Aid items - bandages, aspirin, paracetamol etc
Christmas Gift—colouring book, pens, teddy etc

Diary Dates Next Week



25-29 Sept	Week 1 Summer Menu
25 Sept	PTA Textiles Drop Off
27 Sept	6pm Y5 Aylmerton Parent Zoom Meeting
29 Sept	Y3&4 Organ Concert @ St Mary's
29 Sept	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC
29 Sept	RAB PTA Welcome Meeting 9am Everyone welcome
31 Oct	Deadline for Y7 (Sept 2024) Applications

Safeguarding Training Session for Volunteers—3rd October 9am

If you are volunteering or planning to volunteer we do require that you attend Safeguarding Training. Our next sessions is Tuesday 3rd October at 9am. Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy to book your slot. We do encourage you to attend regularly so if you have not attended for a year please do come along.

PE Kit Days

We would like to clarify that children should **only come into school wearing PE kit, if they have PE that day or they are doing two or more clubs on the same day** (eg. before school and lunchtime/after school club). If children only have one club/training session, they should be coming in uniform and changing, or if it is a before school club, coming in PE kit and changing into uniform afterwards.



Football Festival



The football festival was a great success with Y4 girls taking part in the morning and the 5s&6s in the afternoon. The sessions involved the girls taking part in a number of different football specific drills working on their passing, dribbling and shooting. This was then followed by a series of friendly football games against St. Mary's, Katherine Semar and St Thomas Moore. All the girls enjoyed learning how to improve their football skills and working with others. I think we may have even inspired a few future Lionesses!

If your child is interested in playing more football there is an opportunity to play and train on a Tuesday evening 4-5pm at SWCHS, please email pe@rab.academy for more details.

Children on Bikes and Scooters

Our staff have witnessed some worrying behaviour with a number of children scooting/cycling fast and unsupervised down the hill and towards the car park and then into the carpark. There are cars coming and going from the carpark and children are not necessarily stopping before coming to the edge of the pavement. Please can you ensure that your children, are supervised, or if arriving alone that they need to slow and stop before reaching the school. All children should get off and push their bikes/scooters from the entrance to the school. We ask that there is no cycling/scooting in the school grounds, as it is very busy with pedestrians and young children. Thank you for your support in helping to keep all our children safe.

Reception Christmas Play



You will see in the dates section that we have changed the time of the Reception play to 9.15am on Tuesday 12th December.

Parking in New Road

We have been informed that the parking bays in New Road are residents only now. Please be aware they will be patrolled and there is a risk of a £70 fine.

Junior Dinner Accounts

Reminders have been sent out to all Junior children who have a debt on their lunch account. Please could we ask that these are settled and that your child's account is in credit when ordering for them. Thank you.

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



Welcome back! We hope you're all settling into the back-to-school September rhythm. We're looking forward to another action packed year ahead of fundraising.

Textiles Collection Monday 25th September

We're kicking off with a **textiles collection on Monday morning (25 Sep)** in partnership with Happy School Bag, a scheme that allows us to clear out those closets, divert textile waste from landfill and raise funds for RAB. It's a win, win, win!

What **we need**:

- ~ Adults' and children's clothing - clean, dry and wearable please
- ~ Paired shoes
- ~ Console games, souvenirs
- ~ Handbags, belts, hats, accessories
- ~ Jewellery, toiletries, perfumes

What we **cannot accept**:

- ~ Uniforms, underclothing
- ~ Bric-a-brac, toys
- ~ Mats, carpets, blankets, curtains
- ~ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ~ Dirty, damaged or wet clothes

Your child should have brought home a Happy School Bag last week for you to fill, but please just use bin liners or other plastic bags if you need to.

We'll be collecting your donations on Monday at the school gates at drop off. Happy sorting!

PTA Welcome Meeting & AGM next Friday morning (29 Sep) at 9am in the KS1 Hall.

Join us next Friday to meet the team, hear about plans for this year and have the chance to throw in your ideas or feedback too. Don't be put off if you have a younger 'helper' in tow – we're all parents so babies and toddlers are always welcome!

With school budgets squeezed ever tighter, we are proud to contribute to the happiness and wellbeing of our children at RAB with a wide range of fantastic extras supporting their learning, playing and memory making here at the school.

As PTA members we juggle work, school and childcare too and understand that you may have limited time to spare. There are lots of ways you can help from ad-hoc volunteering to joining an event team. Simply [sign up for more info](#) and we'll be in touch, or you can email us anytime at rabutlerpta@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RAB PTA 100 Club – last few spaces available, snap up your lucky number now!

We've still got a handful of spaces up for grabs to join our popular RAB PTA 100 Club.

Every month, we draw 3 numbers at random to win a prize. First prize is £45, 2nd wins £25 and 3rd wins £10. In December and July we double the prize pot. It's a fun and easy way to support the school and be in with the chance to win a monthly cash bonus too (term-time only). Over the last school year we paid out £1040 in prize money and made £1300 to invest in the school.

You can pay a one-off annual fee of £24 via bank transfer/cheque or £2 monthly by standing order. Email rabutlerpta@gmail.com to find out more. But hurry – when they're gone, they're gone!

Future Diary Dates

3 Oct	Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9am
6 Oct	Harvest Collection Donations
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 9.15am NEW TIME
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](#).