



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vacancies

Are you interested in joining our wonderful office team? Do you know anyone that might be? We have two positions available one as an Administrative Officer and the second as a Finance Officer. You can find full details on our [website](#)

Reading Buddies

We had the first of our Reading Buddy mornings this week and it was wonderful to see how much the younger and older children enjoy sharing books with each other. It is lovely to see how they look out for each other crossing paths around the school.



St Mary's Organ Concert

Year 3 and 4 were treated to wonderful organ music concert today and a short film about the history of pipe organs. They were wonderfully behaved and a credit to RAB. A big thank you to the parent helpers who walked with us and to St Mary's for putting on this lovely event.



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 sauce
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



2-6 Oct	Week 2 Summer Menu
3 Oct	Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9am
3 Oct	Y4 Rye Meads Visit
6 Oct	Y3&4 Swimming
6 Oct	Harvest Collection Donations
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 session 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.



RAB Connection Coffee Mornings

The Inclusion Team are hosting a coffee morning. It's a chance to make connections and share experiences with each other. Please see the dates for this term on the flyer to the right. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Relaxation & Mindfulness Workshop

This workshop is being offered by MIND, our wellbeing partner:

We are pleased to be able to offer a one off version of our successful summer holiday offering for children's relaxation & mindfulness, this is led by a qualified instructor with staff also on site to offer support for parents or carers. The course will be made up of 2x45 minute sessions with a break in the middle to stop for snacks and drinks which will be provided.



RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Rosie B	SILVER	GOLD
RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Amelie M Emily C Billy O	SILVER	GOLD

The Parent Place at Faircroft House

Children's Relaxation and Mindfulness workshop.
Following our successful sessions in the summer we are pleased to be able to offer a one off session on

Thursday October 26th 9:30am-12pm
A fun, free and interactive workshop for children.

The skills children will take away from these sessions are:

- Relaxation and mindfulness skills to use in daily life.
- Coping with difficult thoughts and emotions and developing resilience.
- Improved sleep.
- The cultivation of gratitude and kindness.

Sign up free here



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.

15.30 - 17.00

Tuesday 3.10.23

SPANGLES FAMILY HUB, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP

Wednesday 8.11.23

Dourdan Pavilion The Causeway, Dunmow CM8 2AA

Tuesday 5.12.23

Clinic Room outpatients department

Saffron Walden Hospital Radwinter Rd, Saffron Walden CB11 3HY



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Parking on ZigZags

Please can we remind parents that you are not allowed to park on the zigzag lines outside school at all between the hours of 8.15-9.15 and 2.45-3.45. If you do park there outside of these times, please can you ensure you allow for traffic to get by and for our neighbours to pull out of their driveways. These lines are here to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you for your support.

Future Diary Dates

9 Oct	Connection Coffee Morning 9am	11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
10 Oct	Reception Harvest Festival 9am	12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am
16-19 Oct	Parent Consultations	13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am
16 Oct	Y6 Roman Day (costumes)	20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's Church all welcome
20 Oct	INSET Day—Children not in School	20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term
21-29 Oct	Half Term	You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .	
30 Oct	Children return to School		
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am		
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm		
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm		
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm		
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm		



Helping to make a difference!

A big thank you to those who were able to attend our welcome meeting and AGM this morning. It was also lovely to hear from Mrs Vincent how much the school has been enriched by the many projects the PTA has invested in.

Our core PTA committee is very small and pulls off some fantastic fundraising efforts but **only** with the help of other parent volunteers who pitch in when they can. As we all juggle work and childcare we know how tough it can be to offer anything extra. But there are lots of ways you can make a difference:

Parents are always welcome to drop in to our committee meetings, which are held fortnightly on Fridays at 9am and find out more about what we do.

You can also join an event team like discos or Presents for Parents where you'll be part of a WhatsApp group to help where you can.

Or sign up to be on our email list for when we need ad hoc support.

[Use this form to sign up and help out where you can](#) Thank you!

Textiles collection this week

A huge thank you for all your brilliant textiles donations on Monday. The pile of bags in the car park grew and grew throughout the day and we're grateful for your support for the Happy School Bag initiative, helping to raise money for our school and ensure your textiles are safely reused.

Winter Fayre – Friday 1 December 4-6pm

It may still feel like summer but we are already planning for our Winter Fayre, which will be kicking off the festive season in style on Friday 1 December.

This whirlwind of winter magic is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. We create an incredible grotto for Santa from a dusty nook in the KS1 Hall; there are lots of tombolas and stalls alongside craft activities and everything you need to get Christmas cracking.

But we really need help to make it happen.

Please join the Winter Fayre Team whether you can set up tables on the day, help take in donations, put aside a couple of hours one evening to wrap presents for the lucky dip, manage a Tesco's shop for refreshments or get involved with logistics and planning. [Sign up to find out more](#)

Grill masters wanted!

Can you flip a burger with flair? Can you make a sausage sizzle? Our Winter and Summer Fayres need a BBQ team to set up and man our gas grills during these two events. You'll have additional help, of course, but it would be great to have a couple of people who can take charge just on this. Please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com to learn more.

RAB PTA 100 Club – congratulations to our winners this month



We're back for another year of 'it could be you!'

1st prize (£45): number 89

2nd prize (£25): number 77

3rd prize (£10): number 99

All winners have been notified. If you'd like to join our 100 Club for £24 per year, please email rabutlerpta@gmail.com for more information.

 Stars of the Week 		
Reception	Rory G Oliver P	Poppy H Evelyn B
Year 1	Annabelle J Kayleb J	Soren C Jayden H
Year 2	Henry B Suki L	Flynn W Wilf C
Year 3	Jasmin C Ethan F	Ralph L Buzz M
Year 4	Annie B Joe B	June L Jack C
Year 5	Artem S Ettore Z	Meena P Chloe J
Year 6	Rory P Laurence L	Sophia S Jeremy D
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2MG	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	4AF	