



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 13 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Farewell

After five years, we said goodbye yesterday to Sophie Kitchen who has worn many hats in her time at school, working in the office, as a midday assistant and a teaching assistant. She has been a wonderful addition to our team and we wish her all the best as she explores different opportunities for the future.

Inset Day—Friday 20th October

We would like to remind you that next Friday 20th October is an Inset Day and the school will be closed to children. Children return from half term on Monday 30th October.

Year 6 Parent Reminder

This is a reminder that you **MUST** apply for your Y7 place for September 2024 by the deadline of 31st October. You can apply via the link above in the dates section.

Harvest Festival



We are so proud of our Reception children who performed so brilliantly in front of a packed out audience. It was such an achievement as they have only been in school for five weeks. They were wonderfully articulate delivering their Autumn poem and sang their class songs with great enthusiasm, all performed to a very enthusiastic audience. Well done Early Years.

5,4,3,2,1 Blast Off!

Year 2 had an OUT OF THIS WORLD experience exploring the planets and stars in our solar system! The interactive Wonder Dome took them on an interactive journey, a great way of bringing their topic to life. The children enjoyed articulating their space knowledge and asked plenty of creative questions. A fabulous experience for our budding astronauts!



World Mental Health Day

We focussed on World Mental Health Day with a special assembly early this week. As well as watching a message from Ant and Dec, the assembly highlighted big and little feelings and the all the support on offer to children in the school including worry boxes, zones of regulation check in and five adults on a hand (people they can talk to). We hope you found the 'homework' we set a useful opportunity to talk to your children about their feelings.

Save the Children Fundraiser—Thursday

Next Thursday 19th October at 3:20, Ella B and Isla B from Year 4 will be running a stall to raise money for Save the Children. This charity supports children all over the world to gain access to their rights so they can grow up healthy and safe. The girls will be selling squeeze balls, fidget toys, poppit keyrings and mini springs. There will also be the chance to guess the name of the dog to win a prize. Please do come and support the girls to raise money for this important cause.



Football

This year's football squads pitted themselves against schools from around Uttlesford. It was a very challenging competition for our teams and they showed huge amounts of resilience and teamwork throughout. Our boys teams came 1st and 5th in the large schools competitions. Our first placed team then had to play against the small and medium school winners. The boys played extremely well throughout the last two games and it came down to a shootout! Two amazing saves and our last penalty taker secured the win taking them through to the County Finals. Our girls also did amazingly well, although they didn't qualify for the finals they secured 2nd and 3rd medal positions in the large schools competition. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Lost HSBC card

An HSBC card was handed into the office this week and we are unable to identify the owner. Please pop into the office if it belongs to you.

Diary Dates Next Week



16-19 Oct	Week 1 Summer Menu
16-19 Oct	Parent Consultations
16 Oct	Y6 Roman Day (costumes)
16 Oct	Junior Flu Immunisation (Infants in Dec, details to follow closer to the time)
19 Oct	EY & Y1 Teddy Bear Run
19 Oct	Save the Children Fundraising Stall
20 Oct	INSET Day—Children not in School
21-29 Oct	Half Term
30 Oct	Children return to School
31 Oct	Deadline for Y7 (Sept 2024) Applications



Come along to one of our autumn term teacher training information events to find out more

CTSNI SCITT, now incorporating Essex Primary SCITT, is recruiting to its 2024-25 school-based initial teacher training programmes. We offer primary & secondary, salaried & non-salaried, full-time & part-time initial teacher training across Cambridgeshire, west Suffolk, Essex and parts of Norfolk.



Wednesday 18th October, 6-7pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726722676087?aff=oddtcreator>



Tuesday 14th November, 5-8pm face-to-face in Norwich

Book (free) via Get into Teaching using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/231114-get-into-teaching-east-of-england-event>



Monday 20th November, 6-7pm 6-7pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726810227957?aff=oddtcreator>



Friday 1st December, 10-11am online via Zoom

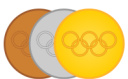

Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726824340167?aff=oddtcreator>



Thursday 14th December 1-2pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726833477497?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information contact: scitt@catrust.co.uk

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE	SILVER Luke S	GOLD
		
BRONZE Bea S Ella D Phoebe T Annabelle S Finn H Teddy M Lucas C Stanley M Annie B	SILVER	GOLD

Head Lice

Unfortunately we had a few cases of nits across the year groups. Please could we ask you to check your child's hair this evening and treat if necessary. A good way to check is conditioning your child's hair and going through with a nit comb.

Parking

Despite the lengthy message in last week's Buzz, we have had new complaints from our neighbours about parking in Farmadine Grove, which is a private road, and on the double yellow lines in South Road. We ask again, please respect our neighbours and park according to the rules of the road. They are there to keep children and other pedestrians safe. Thank you.



R A Butler Academy

Catering Assistant

We are looking for someone to join our wonderful kitchen team. This is a permanent, term time only position, working three hours a day. Duties will include serving, cleaning, basic food preparation and cooking.

For further details please visit rab.academy/vacancies






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Future Diary Dates

31 Oct	EY Pop Up Play Village
30 Oct– 3 Nov	Y5 Aylmerton Residential
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
13&14 Nov	Individual & Sibling Photos
24 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am
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](#).

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u>		
AJ G	Leo L	Ivy B
Felix D	Lyra S	Tilly F
<u>Year 1</u>		
Noah H	Ava R	Henry D
Molly C	Finley B	Isla P
<u>Year 2</u>		
Matilda W	Hannah O	Faris S
Shlok B	Raymond B	Abriel C
<u>Year 3</u>		
Jakub M	Ava D	Jesse L
Stanley B	Frank K	Stanley M
<u>Year 4</u>		
Ffion J	Chrissy R	All of 4MM
Niamh S	Alfie L	
<u>Year 5</u>		
Sasha M	Jakey A	Daisy R
Harper H	Guy T	Anas A
<u>Year 6</u>		
Joey B	Alicia M	Kaine H
Charlotte H	Elsie B	Gabe P
Infant Lunchtime Cup	RCR	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	6FCB	