



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 24 November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season is rapidly approaching and next Friday is Christmas Decorations Day. We invite the children to come in wearing **Christmas Jumpers** instead of their school jumpers as they create decorations for our site. They will also have the opportunity to wear their Jumpers on Friday 15th December, when we 'Make the world better with a sweater' as well as having our Christmas lunch.

We've also got our fabulous Winter Fayre on Friday. The PTA Elves have been working flat out and will be sprinkling festive magic around the school, transforming it into a Winter Wonderland. In order to make the event a success they do need volunteers to help so please do sign up on the following link if you can offer your time <https://forms.gle/ky3aaR5hLFwuMFPq6> You can find further details in the PTA section of the newsletter.

Diary Dates Next Week



27 Nov-1 Dec	Week 2 Autumn Menu
28 Nov	Y4 Burwell Zoom Meeting 6pm
28 Nov	Spring Term Club Sign Up Opens 8am
1 Dec	Y5&6 Swimming @ LBLC
1 Dec	Christmas Decs Day—Christmas Jumpers
1 Dec	PTA Winter Fayre 4-6pm
15 Jan 24	Deadline for Reception & Y3 2024 Applications www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Friday Fundraisers & Global Goals

A big well done to our Friday Fundraisers who set up stalls last week to raise money for children facing challenges in this country and overseas. Maisie raised £98.50 for Children in Need with her cookies and loom bands and Mabel, Bryher, Aoife & Tilly raised £55 for Save the Children's appeal for Ukraine with their sweet treats and guess the sweets in a jar. The girls came up with the initiatives and advertised every-thing themselves. We are very proud of our Global Citizens.



Autumn Term Clubs

The majority of our clubs have now finished however the following will still be taking place this week:

MON am Y5/6 Basketball
MON pm Y5/6 Football
TUES am Y5/6 Badminton
WEDS pm Y5/6 Rugby
WEDS pm Y5/6 Gardening
THURS pm Y5/6 Hockey
FRI am Y3-6 RAB Bounce
FRI am Y3/4 Badminton

Spring Term Clubs

You should have received details of how to sign up for Spring Term Clubs today. The window for signing up opens on Tuesday 28th November at 8pm. It closes at 9am on Monday 4th December.

AstraZeneca Visit

Science Club had a fantastic day out at AstraZeneca's Discovery Centre (DISC) on Thursday to attend the unveiling ceremony of the [Science in Pictures](#) art installation, which was produced using art work from local schools, including RAB Academy. They also had a tour of the state-of-the-art research facilities, including a visit to the new STEM Inspiration lab, and they watched a fun and educational performance of Super Cells, a show by Ri Science in Schools that has been produced in collaboration with AstraZeneca.



Year 1 Reading Workshop

We were delighted to see so many of you come along to our reading workshop this week. We hope you found it useful and picked up some helpful tips along the way.

Y2 Applications for Y3 2024

Don't forget **all applications must be submitted on-line by 15th January 2024**. You can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy and let her know you have completed your application.



WINTER FAYRE next Friday, 4pm-6pm

We can't wait to welcome you through the gates at this year's Winter Fayre. We've got lots of fantastic stalls, activities, raffle prizes and refreshments ready to go, not to mention the chance to meet Santa!

Collect your child at your usual pick up time and make your way round to the main gate by the School Office where there will be refreshments including tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mince pies as we join together in a Christmas singalong.

Entry gates will be open from 4pm until 6pm. Most stalls are **CASH ONLY** so please bring your change. Card services available at the refreshments stalls only.

We know it can be a crush to get through the main gate and into the Infant Hall. This year, we'll also be opening the KS1 Playground gates too to relieve the pressure. Please remember we have fantastic stalls set up in both the Infant and Junior Halls for you to explore. We'll be sharing a map of where stalls and activities are situated via ClassWhatsapps next week so you can plan your visit.

Don't forget we have a brilliant BBQ team serving burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine in the KS1 playground to keep your energy from flagging. That's dinner sorted then!

Cake stall donations next Friday morning

Baked or bought – we'd love any cakes, biscuits, mince pies and sweet treats you can offer for our refreshments stalls at the fayre. (No nuts please.) Do label any 'free from' items with ingredients so they can be displayed properly on the stall. Thank you.

Chocolate and jarbolas jars still needed please

Our chocolate tombola and jarbola stalls sell out really quickly at every fayre. We'd love for as many children as possible to get the chance to play. And we're running a little lower than usual with stock this year. If you have any spare chocolate bars or individually wrapped chocs, or you can fill an empty jar with sweets or treats please drop them off at the School Office next week. Thank you so much

We need people to run a stall, set up and tidy up!

As always, we need as many hands as possible to make our fayre happen. Whether you can help on a stall, set up during the day or stay and tidy up afterwards – anything you can offer is hugely appreciated! Please use this form to tell us how you can help: <https://forms.gle/ky3aaR5hLFwuMFPq6>

Santa's Grotto tickets available on the day at the Fayre

Although our pre-bookable Grotto tickets sold out this week, we will have a couple of spaces free for each session available to buy at the Fayre. To avoid disappointment, we suggest you head for the Grotto on arrival and check in with our Elves who will do their very best to find a space for your child. We work hard to ensure as many children meet Santa as possible during his visit!

UPDATE: Christmas card project deliveries

Great news! We've started receiving the first batches of orders delivered for our Christmas Card Project. We try to get these sent home as soon after they arrive as possible. If you have received some but not all of your items please be patient for another week or two. If you have any questions about your order, email rabutlerpta@gmail.com

THANK YOU: school uniforms transformed into amazing RAB bunting!

A huge thank you to the very talented Liz Binns (Henry's granny) for creating 14m of incredible festive bunting for our school events made from unusable RAB uniform items. Recycle and reuse at its finest!



BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING? Sign up to easyfundraising

Planning to hit the sales online or get your Christmas shopping sorted? easyfundraising turns your online shopping into FREE donations when you sign up and shop with over 7,000 brands such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=160195&invite=QRK70J&referral-campaign=s2s>

There's no catch or hidden charges – you'll simply be raising funds for our school whilst you shop online. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

Thank you!

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★ We've had a busy time with sports fixtures recently and the children have done the school proud. Mr Smith is
★ delighted to share the following results with you:

A fantastic afternoon for all of Y6 and our Y5/6 tag rugby squad experiencing this year's first tag rugby competition. Some really awesome tag rugby passing and support throughout the afternoon was a highlight for us all. Well done to all who played, congratulations to RAB 1 who qualified for the next round in February.

★ Our boys' Y6 football team made it to the County Finals in Billericay earlier this week. They did so well coming 8th in the County. It is an incredible achievement to get to this level and I was extremely happy with their effort and the progress they have made over the season. Huge congratulations to the team.

Our Y5/6 dodgeball squad of 51 children represented RAB in a heated and loud competition this week. It's one of the most difficult competitions that our pupils play in and they didn't disappoint. Fantastic throwing, dodging and catching throughout. Lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings so a huge well done to all the teams. Congratulations to RAB navy, yellow and reds who have qualified for the next round in December.

A number of our hockey squad players headed over to Cambridge for some matches against Fairstead House (thank you to Mr Salt from the school for arranging the fixtures and transport). Both our teams played extremely well, growing into the game and continuing to develop/learn through the matches. Great to see them putting their training into practise and both matches were close, a 3-3 draw and a narrow 2-1 loss, with both schools playing well. Congratulations to all but especially Sophia F and Florence C for their first ever games playing in goal, its one thing putting on all the kit but being able to move in it quite another!

★ We're waiting for the final results, but a great effort from our Years 4, 5 and 6 who competed. Well done.

Future Diary Dates		14 Dec		Infant Flu Immunisations (further info to follow)	
4 Dec	Spring Term Clubs Sign Up Closes 9am	15 Dec			Christmas Jumper Day
5 Dec	Music Concert 6pm	15 Dec			Christmas Lunch
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm	20 Dec			10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm				Church all welcome
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm	20 Dec			1.30pm End of Term
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm	5 Jan 24			Inset Day School Closed to Children
w/c 11 Dec	Christmas Assault Course	8 Jan			Children return to school
11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am	You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .			
12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am				
12&13 Dec	Elfridges Presents for Parents Shopping				
13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am				