



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 12 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, they have settled well and are raring to go with a new term of learning.

Y2 Applications for Y3 2024 & Reception 2024

If you have a child due to start in Reception in September or a current Y2 child, don't forget **all applications must be submitted on-line by 15th January 2024**. You can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Diary Dates Next Week

15-19 Jan	Lunch Menu Week 1
15 Jan	Deadline for Reception & Y3 2024 Applications www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
15 Jan	Connections Meeting 9am
16 Jan	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
19 Jan	Y2&5 Swimming @ LBLC

Sports Days

Our Summer Sports Days seems like a long way off when there are snowflakes in the air, but we know that you may want to book time off work. The dates for our Sports Days are as follows:

Monday 1 July	Y1 am
Monday 1 July	Y2 pm
Tuesday 2 July	Reception am
Wednesday 3 July	Y3 am
Wednesday 3 July	Y4 pm
Thursday 4th July	Y6 am
Friday 5th July	Y5 am

Spring Term Clubs

Spring term clubs will start on Monday. Whilst the evenings are still dark, **outdoor clubs will finish at 4.15pm**. We will let you know in the Buzz when the timings will revert to 4.30pm. **Indoor clubs will finish at 4.30pm**. The exception to this is **Y5/6 Football on Thursday which will start on 25th January**.

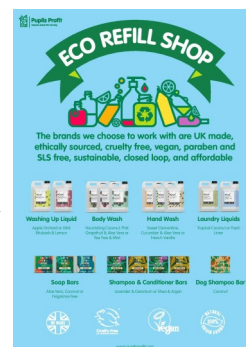
Lost Property

We are working to minimise the mountains of lost property that end up in the school. As a first step please could you we ask you to take a moment this weekend and look at everything you send into school with your children, from uniform, shoes and PE kit, to lunchboxes, waterbottles and snack pots. You may think you have labelled your child's possessions but many times the labels are faded or illegible. **Please label everything with an identifiable name—first names or initials are not helpful.**

Each Friday, weather permitting, unnamed lost property will be put out by the blue exit gate. If the weather is bad, it will be carried over to the next week. After this point unclaimed and unnamed items will be sorted, with things going to the PTA, charity shop, recycling etc. **We will NOT be holding on to lost property for weeks on end** as we simply do not have the capacity to store it. You are welcome to pop into the office during the week to see if anything has turned up. If you have lost something specific you can email Jay on jauger@rab.academy and she will keep an eye out for it. Unnamed lost property will only remain in school for a couple of weeks at a maximum.

Eco Refill Pop-Up Shop

Coming soon! An opportunity for you to support the children in their new green enterprise. Members of the Pupil Voice team will be taking part in an exciting project, running their own eco products business. Products available will include beautifully fragranced eco-friendly soap and washing up liquid. The children will do their own advertising and run the pop up shops! Please save your 500ml soap and washing up liquid/shower gel bottles for us as they will be re-used to reduce plastic. These can be donated on any day at drop off/pick up by the main gate. Next week, children will be in the playground after school to conduct some market research. They would love to hear what you think of the products, so they can plan their first order. Thank you for your support!



Old Button Up Shirts

Y5's DT unit is focussing on the theme of 'make do and mend' in line with their WW2 topic. They are making cushions and are in need of button up shirts that you may no longer need. If anyone has spare button up shirts, please bring them to the office. They will be hugely appreciated!

Swim Gala

Congratulations to all our swimmers who did an amazing job at the gala this week. Children from Y3-6 took part in races throughout the afternoon. There were some really close races and all the swimmers showed real determination. Our Y6s took wins in both their relays, working well as a team which set a great example for our younger years. We would like to say a particular well done to our Y3s as for some it was their first experience of a competition and they showed great resilience and support for one another. Well done to our swim captains Sophia and Noah who led the team. RAB took second place overall and we are very proud of all involved.

Library Winter Reading Challenge

Don't forget the Winter Reading Challenges goes on until 3rd February so do pop into Saffron Walden Library and sign up. You can find out more on their [website](#).



 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Ava M	SILVER	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Layla K George M Jess B Emily S Chrissy R Mabel G George S Maddie D	SILVER Ella P Mabel G Harry F Bertie M Laurie T Lillie C	GOLD Edward C

Second Hand Uniform Sale on Tuesday

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday after school. Please make your way to the uniform shed, through the big gates at the bottom of the carpark.

Orchestra

The RAB Orchestra is back and open to all children who play orchestral instruments. It takes place every Thursday morning from 8.30-9am in the Walden Room with Jason Mayrick, one of our peripatetic music teachers. Do come along.

Music Lessons

We have some spaces with two of our peripatetic music teachers for children interested in clarinet, saxophone, flute, violin or viola. If your child is interested in a taster session, please contact Jay on jauger@rab.academy or pop in to see her in the office.



RAB CONNECTION COFFEE MORNINGS

Spring Term Dates:
Monday 15 January, 9-10AM
Monday 12 February, 9-10AM
Monday 11 March, 9-10AM



Little ones are welcome!
Refreshments will be provided

An opportunity to chat and share
experiences with each other

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 toilet issues plus other health needs that may be impacting on both home and school life.

SPANGLER'S FAMILY HUB, St John's Rd, Spanglers Heath, Spanglers Heath CM24 6JP
15:30 – 17:00
9th January 2024
(Please note the date change offered due to Christmas holiday)
2nd April 2024
2nd July 2024

JORDAN PAVILION The Cusseyway, Dunsrow CM24 2AA
15:30 – 17:00
7th February 2024
8th May 2024



SAFFRON WALDEN HOSPITAL, Radcliffe Rd, Saffron Walden
Clinic Room outpatient's department 15:30 – 17:00
5th March 2024
4th June 2024



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Future Diary Dates

24 Jan	Y5 History Off the Page WW2 Day	16 Feb	Whole School Parent Book Look 3pm
26 Jan	Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service at St Mary's Church	19-23 Feb	Half Term
29-31 Jan	Y4 Burwell House	7 Mar	World Book Day
7 Feb	Y6 Parent Workshop (SATs Maths) 9am	11 Mar	Connections Meeting 9am
7 Feb	PTA KS2 Disco pm	11 Mar	Y2 Parent Maths Workshop 9am
12 Feb	Connections Meeting 9am	25-28 Mar	Parent Consultations
14 Feb	Y5 Parent Workshop (Reading) 9am	28 March	Easter Term Ends 1.30pm
15 Feb	Y1 Parent Workshop (6Rs/Phonics) 9am	15 April	Children Return to School
You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .			

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u>		
Declan H	Jude H	Miguel C
Maxima V	Reuben L	Oisin N
<u>Year 1</u>		
Finley W	Shriyansh C	Martha-Mae T
Paul B	Ethan P	Jack C
<u>Year 2</u>		
Ned S	Annabel P	Levi J
Matilda W	Filippos W	Leo B
<u>Year 3</u>		
Annabelle S	Esme W	Mark F
Isabelle M	Alice G	Ellie-Mai S
<u>Year 4</u>		
Moukshith R	Leia T	Shanav K
Alice C	Bella M	Bronte R
<u>Year 5</u>		
Oliver D	Archie B	Lena W
Charlie M	Vinnie S	Anas A
<u>Year 6</u>		
Heidi P	Joemaria S	Izzy M
Ava M	Lauren S	Jack C
Infant Lunchtime Cup	2QB	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	5LT	