



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



As you know we will sadly be saying good bye to Mr Smith at half term as he heads for pastures new. I am delighted to say that we have appointed a new Sports Coach, Neil Andrews, in the role. He will join us the week before half term for a handover. He comes with a wealth of experience having taught at

colleges and schools in Cambridge as well as coaching a local children's football team and we look forward to welcoming him to the RAB team.

## Spring Term Clubs

Y5/6 Football club will start next week. **All outdoor clubs will now finish at 4.30pm** which brings them in line with indoor clubs.

## Bonjour 4MM

4MM were delighted to welcome parent, Ms Villement, who came to talk to them about French culture and the language. It was a wonderful enrichment opportunity as they also listened to a children's story read in French and using their language detective skills, which they have been practising in French, worked out what the story was about. Merci, Ms Villement!

## Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service

On Friday, Y6 are going to visit St Mary's Church to attend a service commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day. They will be leaving school after lunch and will return to RAB before the end of the school day. All children should already have permission from you in their planners to go on walks/visits in and around town.

## Health

You will have received a letter about measles today from Essex Council via School Comms, please do take a moment to read it. We have not had any cases reported to school. This communication has been shared by the Council in response to raised case numbers across the country.

You may be aware that we have currently got a lot of illness in children and staff in school. Something is sweeping through Saffron Walden. If your child has a high temperature please keep them at home and if they have diarrhoea or sickness, please make sure they are kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout. Thank you.

## Essex Basketball County Final

A huge well done to our Y6 basketball team who came 4<sup>th</sup> yesterday. We are so proud of your achievement, resilience and hard work. It was possibly the most difficult competition we have ever faced! We were unlucky to lose out in the semi finals to a shoot out but everyone showed commitment, desire and teamwork. A big thank you from Mr Smith for making his last county final so successful and possibly the most nerve racking competition ever!

## Author Visit to Hart's Bookshop

We have been contacted by Hart's Bookshop in town who have let us know about an exciting visit by Jamila Gavin, author of Coram Boy and other great books during February half-term. You can find further details on the flyer to the right. We'd love to hear back from any children that attend.

## Smart Phones

We have received the latest handy flyer from the National Online Safety Team with [Smart Phone Safety Tips](#) for young people. We hope you find it useful.

## Diary Dates Next Week



22-26 Jan	Lunch Menu <a href="#">Week 2</a>
24 Jan	Y5 History Off the Page WW2 Day
26 Jan	Y6 Holocaust Memorial Service at St Mary's Church
26 Jan	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



## HART'S BOOKS



A Young Readers author talk with

Jamila Gavin

A short talk followed by Q&A session

For readers aged 7 to 12 years

(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Monday 19th February at 5.00pm

Tickets are £2 per child and are available to order in store or over the phone on 01793 524 522

Join author and storyteller Jamila Gavin for a young readers event  
Jamila Gavin is the award-winning, multi-talented author of Coram Boy and other great books. She is also a storyteller, a playwright, and a screenwriter. She has written for the theatre, television, and film. She is also a member of the National Writers' Centre. She is a passionate advocate for children's literature and for the importance of reading. She is a regular speaker at schools and libraries. She is also a member of the National Writers' Centre. She is a passionate advocate for children's literature and for the importance of reading. She is a regular speaker at schools and libraries.

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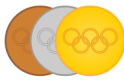



### Date for the Diary—7th May

We are delighted to welcome the [2 Johns](#) back to school for a full day in May. They will deliver age appropriate workshops to children from Y1-6 about staying safe on line. Early on the same evening we will be running a session for parents to which you are warmly invited, we will confirm the time as soon as we are able. It is without doubt hugely informative and helpful. We've had very positive feedback from parents who have attended previously. There is no doubt even those who feel well informed about online safety will learn something new and we do encourage you to come along.

### Uttlesford Parking Consultation

As you may have seen in the local paper, Uttlesford District Council are consulting on changes to parking services in town, including increasing the minimum parking time available from 30mins to an hour and charging accordingly. We are mindful that a number of our families use the Waitrose Fairycroft carpark in order to minimise parking in the streets around the school (thank you we appreciate it) and this proposed change will be impactful. The school has made a submission explaining the detrimental impact this will have on both traffic and parking around the school. If you would like to do the same you may do so via [this link](#). The deadline for comments is 2nd February at 4.30pm.

		
<b>BRONZE</b> Max F Amelia N Douglas C	<b>SILVER</b> Nathan S Leo M Joemaria S Charlie C Daphne L	<b>GOLD</b> Freddie S Lauren S Leila P Eva P
		
<b>BRONZE</b> Bronte R	<b>SILVER</b> Ava D Seth L Lenny T	<b>GOLD</b>



### DISCO FEVER!: KS2 Disco on Wednesday 7 Feb

All our KS2 children are invited to join the fun at the KS2 Disco on Wednesday 7 February. There will be boogying, raffle prize winning and refreshments in store! More info will be sent by parentmail shortly but please make a note of the following info now:

#### Timings per year groups

- Y3 & Y4 Disco: 5pm-6.15pm
- Y5 & Y6 Disco: 6.30pm-7.45pm

Prompt collection by parents please as we have a quick turnaround to manage between disco sessions

#### Costs

Entry is £3 on the door - cash only

Children will also need a small amount of spending money for drinks, snacks and to buy raffle tickets if they wish.

Further details to follow.

If you're a parent who can help us set up the hall beforehand, or sell drinks, crisps and raffle tickets on the night, or stay an extra 15 minutes at the end to clear away, please email the disco team at [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com)





### Future Diary Dates

29-31 Jan	Y4 Burwell House
29 Jan	RNB Library Visit pm
31 Jan	RCR Library Visit pm
1 Feb	RJD Library Visit pm
2 Feb	Y1 Fairytale Day (Costumes)
7 Feb	Y6 Parent Workshop (SATs Maths) 9am
7 Feb	PTA Y3-4 Disco 5-6.15pm
7 Feb	PTA Y5-6 Disco 6.30-7.45pm
12 Feb	Connections Meeting 9am
14 Feb	Y5 Parent Workshop (Reading) 9am

15 Feb	Y1 Parent Workshop (6Rs/Phonics) 9am
16 Feb	Whole School Parent Book Look 3pm
19-23 Feb	Half Term
7 Mar	World Book Day
11 Mar	Connections Meeting 9am
11 Mar	Y2 Parent Maths Workshop 9am
25-28 Mar	Parent Consultations
28 March	Easter Term Ends 1.30pm
15 April	Children Return to School
7 May	pm 2 Johns Online Safety Workshop for Parents

You can find term dates for this academic year and next [here](#).

	Stars of the Week	
<u>Reception</u>		
Arthur H	Hamish A	Evelyn B
Amirah J	Fred N	Ben B
<u>Year 1</u>		
Alex B	Lucas S	David U
Bourne P	Jesse W	Samuel P
<u>Year 2</u>		
Grace H	Ava K	Darcy D
George W	Wanda H	Jack C
<u>Year 3</u>		
Poppy S	Ella D	Lucas C
Hudson C	George S	Louis D
<u>Year 4</u>		
Amelie C	Henry H	Emily S
Sebastian R	Leia T	Ailbhe C
<u>Year 5</u>		
Harriet B	Max C	Connie S
Sophie M	Ava W	Evelyn O
<u>Year 6</u>		
Joseph G	Anna P	Alin K
Charlie C	Daphne L	Ava K
Infant Lunchtime Cup	10J	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3MR	