



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 2 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Brilliant Burwell!

Wow, what a fantastic time our Y4s had at Burwell House. The children managed to cram so much into their two days. There were craft activities—enamelling, batik painting and hammer & nail art. There were games in the grounds including the famous Burwell Fox and a night time sing song around the campfire. One of the most important parts of the trip is to increase the children's independence and they rose to the challenge of making their beds, including putting covers on duvets (a job you can now delegate!) and serving/clearing away at meals times. The children were a real credit to you and the school. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the staff involved in the trip, from the organising and logistics in the run up, to those staff that give up their evenings and family time to escort trips and make them so much fun.

Diary Dates Next Week



5-9 Feb	Lunch Menu Week 1
6 Feb	R Parent Workshop (6Rs & Phonics) 9am
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
9 Feb	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC



Reception Library Visits

All three of our Reception classes had a great time visiting Saffron Walden Library this week. They loved being able to share their books with friends and parents. We were very proud of how beautifully behaved they were. Thank you to all our parent helpers.

Active Maths Festival

A number of Y3 children took part in an Active Maths Festival at Lord Butler this week, along with children from other local schools. The children worked in pairs and small groups taking part in a number of fun maths challenges whilst doing all kinds of different, energetic activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and some even forgot they were doing their addition and subtractions during the games. A fantastic afternoon was had by all, where children exercised their bodies and their brains



Y1 Fairy Tale Day

We've been afraid of the big, bad wolf, huffed and puffed the house down, and run away as fast as we can! The Y1s have had an exciting Fairy Tale day dressed as different characters including knights, princesses, pigs and gingerbread men. They all looked fantastic. They have created their own Fairy Tale characters, made up their own stories for these characters and also taken part in a Fairy Tale dance lesson!.



Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. There will be a special assembly for each key stage over the course of the week and each class will have a lesson focusing on being safe on-line. This work will be supported by a whole day on 7th May where we will be visited by the 2 Johns (Essex's internet safety police) and they will be running a special session for parents in the evening. Look out for more details.

RAB Holiday Camps

We have had some enquiries about RAB's Holiday Camps. These camps rely on staff giving up their holiday time to run them, so we cannot guarantee they will always take place. We will not be running a camp over the Easter Holidays. At this stage, we do not know whether we will be running a Summer Camp, we will have more of idea closer to the time.

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Nathaniel L	SILVER Hayley S Jessie H Isla A Reu H	GOLD
 RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Sophia P Ellie-Mai S	SILVER	GOLD



KS2 DISCO next Wednesday

Just a reminder that we're looking forward to welcoming our KS2 children at the KS2 Spring Disco next Wednesday, 7 February. With our brilliant DJ on the decks, they can groove to their favourite tunes, buy tickets for the chance to win a prize at the raffle and head to the refreshment stand for drinks and crisps.

We kindly ask that children DO NOT bring phones with them.

Timings

- 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.

Dropping off and collecting

Please drop your child off to queue at the bottom of the car park by the entrance to the Junior Hall. If you're driving please be aware the car park will be busy with children walking through and queuing.

When collecting, please come through the Main Gate and make your way to the yellow canopy area in the KS1 Playground where staff will match children to their parents/carers. If you're collecting on behalf of another parent, please make sure both you and the other parent have notified the school by emailing in advance.

Please see the parentmail sent on Wednesday 31 Jan for all info.

If you're a parent who can help us set up the hall beforehand, 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

RAB PTA QUIZ NIGHT – Save the Date – Friday 15 March



Make a note for your diary, the annual (probably) world-famous PTA Quiz Night will be back this year on Friday 15 March! With quiztastic fun, prizes to be won and a well-stocked bar - it is always a brilliant evening. No swotting up necessary. Advance tickets for quiz tables will be on sale shortly. More information to follow but keep the date free to avoid disappointment...



