



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 9 February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Look Next Friday

We look forward to welcoming families to our Spring Term book look next Friday. This is an opportunity for your children to share their recent learning with you.

* **Y6 & 2MG 3.30pm start**

* **Remainder of the school 3.00pm start**

We do hope you'll be able to join us. We know how much the children like to show you what they've been up to this term.

Menu Change — Pancake Day

It is Pancake Day next Tuesday so we will be changing the dessert option to pancakes.

Diary Dates Next Week



12-16 Feb	Lunch Menu Week 2
12 Feb	Connections Meeting 9am
12 Feb	Y4 Parent Workshop (Times Tables) 9am
12 Feb	PTA Mother's Day Present Ticket Sales
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14 Feb	Y5 Parent Workshop (Reading) 9am
15 Feb	Y1 Parent Workshop (6Rs/Phonics) 9am
16 Feb	R-Y5 Parent Book Look 3pm
16 Feb	2MG & Y6 Book Look 3.30pm
16 Feb	Y2&5 Swimming @ LBLC
16 Feb	Term Ends @ 3.30pm
19-23 Feb	Half Term
26 Feb	Children Return to School

World Book Day 2024 - 7th March

One of the highlights of the year is nearly upon us once again - World Book Day! We would love the children to come in dressed as their favourite story characters. This can be done at no cost so please chat to your teacher if you need any ideas. The day will be jam-packed with story-themed activities for the children to enjoy and they will of course receive their voucher for a free book from this year's World Book Day selection. The link below has more information if you are interested.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Club Cancellation

This is a reminder that the following clubs will not be taking place next week:

Thursday pm Y5/6 Football

Thursday pm Y4-6 Cheerleading

Magical Guest

The Y1 children had a visit on Wednesday morning from Wizard Belzar. He showed them how to make a potion using 'stardust', 'mountain rainwater', 'toad juice' and 'worms' to get rid of rats. This inspired the children to create their own potions and give instructions as to how they were made. It will also be used to develop their instructional writing over the next few weeks.



Public Speaking Festival



Four Y4 children travelled to Great Chesterford Primary to represent RAB at a local schools Public Speaking Festival. Every team spoke on the theme of Environment with each of the seven schools choosing a different element. Well done to Lydia, Ffion, Jasper and Alex who were so articulate and confident in their delivery despite their nerves. You did the school proud.

Year 6 Maths Workshop

It was lovely to welcome parents into the year 6 block on Wednesday morning for a Maths workshop looking at the upcoming SATs papers and also some tricky methods for division and multiplication. If you weren't able to attend, do check your seesaw account as we have forwarded the powerpoint and some instructional videos.

Thank you PTA...

.... for a marvellous Junior Disco on Wednesday night. We really appreciate all the work you put into making it such a fun evening.

WW2 Activities

Last week, Y5 were visited by Amelie and Mia's grandmother who spoke to them about her dad's time as a member of the New Zealand military during the Second World War. She shared photos, documents of his listings and his medals. The children were fascinated and it was great to hear about a different WW2 experience.

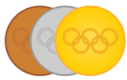



Coding in Practise

We had a very special visitor today in 4MM. Moukshith's mum came in and talked to us about her job as a software engineer. The children explored all things coding!



Thank you to both our visitors for sharing your time with us.

 RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
BRONZE Fabien N Luke F	SILVER Georgia F Ivy C Amber O Veda A Sidney T Jayden M Annabelle R Alicia M Noel P	GOLD
		
RAB BOOKWORMS		
BRONZE Shanav K	SILVER Isabelle M Jess B	GOLD

PTA Textiles Collection - Wednesday 28 February

Are you planning a half term sort out? We are delighted to announce that the school is holding a clothing collection with Happy School Bag Fundraising Project. This scheme is designed to help schools raise funds as well as helping the environment by keeping textiles away from landfills. By taking part in this scheme you help reduce the amount and give the clothing a new lease of life. To take part you simply need to fill any plastic bags with unwanted but clean and reusable clothing. Remember the more you fill up the bag the more the school can raise. The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on Wednesday 28 February. Please bring all your bags to the car park at drop off that morning, just outside the Butler Room. Thank you for your support.

Accepted

Adult clothing

Children's clothing

Paired shoes

Fashion accessories

Handbags

Belts

Hats & Scarves

Jewellery

Perfume

Not Accepted

Dirty, damaged, wet clothes

Uniforms

Underclothing

Toys, Books, DVDs

Duvets, Pillows, Household linen

Carpets, blankets, curtains

Bric-a-Brac

Children, Have Your Say

Saffron Walden Town Council (SWTC) and Saffron Walden Youth Outreach Project's (YOP) are asking young people to complete the YOUTH CONSULTATION 2024 to be in with a chance to win a £25.00 voucher from a Saffron Walden retailer of their choice!

What is it like for young people living in Saffron Walden? What do young people do in Saffron Walden out of school? And, what would they like to have more of? Under 13's can have their say; this will be paper based and will require parental consent, a copy of which is available from the Tourist Information Centre so do pop in if your children is interested in having a say. The youth consultation will remain open until 5pm on Friday 08 March 2024.

Parking Around School

Please can we remind parents to abide by the parking restrictions around school, including private roads and double yellow lines. We would also kindly ask that members of the public and fellow members of the school community are treated courteously. Thank you for your support.



RAB PTA QUIZ NIGHT – buy tickets online next Thursday at 8pm

The annual PTA Quiz Night is 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.



Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.45pm. Bar closes at 11pm.

This is such a popular event that, this year, we're selling tickets online to give all parents a fair chance at grabbing a place at the table!

There will be 10 tables of 8 players available. Each table will form a Quiz Team. Simply find a table with spaces free and select the number of tickets you would like. You'll need to put a name to each ticket where you can. Don't be shy, if you don't know your fellow players at the start of the evening we guarantee you'll be swearing allegiance by the end of the night!

There is also the option for a lead booker to reserve and pay for a whole table of 8, subject to availability. We'll ask for the names of your fellow players, so please get your group together in advance if you'd like to book this option – don't worry, you can also select 'TBC' for players where you haven't quite got everyone confirmed yet.

Whether you plan to bring a gang or just yourself, the PTA Quiz Night is a fun and friendly way to hang out with your fellow RAB parents and get to know them better!

Online sales will open next Thursday 15 February at 8pm at www.trybooking.com/uk/DDDU

We'll be running a waiting list once tickets have sold so please do register your interest as we always have a few tickets up for grabs nearer the time.

Mother's Day Presents for Parents – on sale now until next Friday

A reminder that you can buy your tickets for Mother's Day gifts online until next Friday 16 February. Visit www.trybooking.com/uk/DZCF to select either a '1 GIFT' ticket or a '2 GIFTS' ticket for each child you are buying for. Booking fees apply.

We'll also have ticket stalls in the car park and KS1 playground at pick up and drop off next Monday and Tuesday (12-13 February) only – cash and card payments both accepted.

You can also send your money in a sealed envelope clearly labelled 'P4P' with your child's name, class and number of gifts (max 2 gifts per child) and hand this in to the School Office or to the staff at Early/Late Play.

Each gift costs £3. Maximum 2 gifts per child. Tickets can only be purchased in advance. See parentmail sent this week on Wednesday for full info.

Strictly no ticket sales after Fri 16 February so we can manage stock in advance of the scheduled 'shopping days'.

KS2 Disco Fever!

We had a brilliant time on Wednesday seeing a whopping 280 of our KS2 children across Years 3-6 throwing some pretty impressive shapes on the dance floor. The atmosphere was buzzing and it looked like everyone had a blast. A big thank you to our PTA Disco Team. If you'd like to help run discos at the school, please email rabut-lerpta@gmail.com and get involved at the next one for KS2 on Wednesday 24 April.



★	Stars of the Week	★
<u>Reception</u> Enid R Paco C <u>Year 1</u> Asyiah J Austin M <u>Year 2</u> George H Shlok B <u>Year 3</u> Tommy W Edward C <u>Year 4</u> Patrick M Sophia P <u>Year 5</u> Jessica M Oscar J <u>Year 6</u> Riley M Edward H Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	Thomas M Tobias G Polly C Florence P Kay H Oliver C William W Noah N Lillie C Miley C Georgia F Ivy C Veda A Annabelle E RJD 6FCB	Margaux T Jack W Ralph D Sadie W Oscar A Phoenix M Ava B Franklin P Melinda P Robert L Helio O Emeli-Grace C Jaxon R Imogen L




COMMUNITY SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop-in sessions held once a month around the Uxbridge District, support and advice offered by a School Nurse and the 5-10 Healthy Family Support Practitioner.

Parents can ask advice about behaviour and emotional needs, test writing and reading issues plus other health issues that may be impacting on their home and school life.

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY NURSE, 15 LANE, 10, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 3AP

13.30 – 17.00
 27th April 2024
 27th July 2024

DORIAN PAVILION, The Chantry, Dorney, Chertsey, Surrey

15.30 – 17.00
 27th February 2024
 27th May 2024

SAFFRON WALDEN HOSPITAL, Rectory Rd, Suffolk, Essex

Child Nurse, self-referral, appointment 15.30 – 17.00
 3rd March 2024
 4th June 2024



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 Join us at our
 Get into Teaching
 Coffee & Chat event

 Monday 26th February
 5 pm - 6 pm



 A chance to ask
 what teacher training is really like

 Book this free informal via Eventbrite

Future Diary Dates

- 27 Feb Y1 Pop Up Play Village
- 28 Feb PTA Textile Collection @ drop off
- 5 Mar Y3 Circus Skills Day
- 6 Mar Y4 Epping Forest Trip
- 7 Mar World Book Day
- 11 Mar Connections Meeting 9am
- 11 Mar Y2 Parent Maths Workshop 9am
- 13 Mar Y1 Parent Lunch 11.55am (pre booked)
- 15 Mar PTA Quiz Night
- 18 Mar Y6 Young Shakespeare
- 20 Mar R Parent Lunch 11.55am (pre booked)
- 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](#).