



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 22 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be breaking up next **Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm** with children returning to school on Monday 15th April.

## Reception Lunch

This week it was the turn of the Reception parents to join their children for a delicious roast sausage lunch. We were delighted to welcome you to the Infant Hall and we know how much the children enjoyed sharing the opportunity with you. Thank you to our fabulous kitchen team for co-ordinating all these extra meals. It was a great success.

## Parent Consultations

We look forward to seeing you at our parent consultations next week. If you have a daytime consultation, please come to the office where your teacher will meet you. For after school consultations (Tuesday & Wednesday), please go to the Junior Hall (entrance at the bottom of the car park) and your teacher will meet you there. Y6 children should attend consultations with their parents.

## PE Kit Supplier

Our new PE kit supplier will be Grey Palmer on the High Street. This means you will be able to get all your RAB uniform under one roof. They have some stock in now, and are able to place orders for all items. We are still chasing Fosters for a response for those families who have paid for and are owed items of clothing but have received no reply, we are following up multiple avenues. We will share information as soon as we are in a position to do so.

## Clubs Next Week

A quick reminder that next week's clubs will run as normal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday morning and lunchtime clubs will also run. As we break up at 1.30 on Thursday there will be no after school clubs that day.

## Summer Term Clubs

You should now have received your club letters confirming places for the Summer term. Please can all payments be made by the deadline date on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March via the [gateway](#) or by cash/cheque in the office. Please note there is no charge for lunchtime clubs. We do still have a few places available in the following clubs next term. If your child is interested, please email [sbm@rab.academy](mailto:sbm@rab.academy) Thank you.

Y3 Hockey Monday AM

Y3&4 Rounders Monday PM

Y2-6 Maypole & Country Dancing Monday PM

Y5&6 Basketball/Handball Monday PM

Y5&6 Badminton Tuesday AM

Y3&4 Basketball/Handball Tuesday AM

Y5&6 Rounders Tuesday PM

EYFS Energy Wednesday AM

Y3-6 Archery Wednesday AM

Y3-6 HITT / Fitness Training Wednesday AM

Y1&2 Karate Thursday AM

Y3-6 Chess Thursday Lunchtime

Y3-6 RAB Bounce Friday AM

Y3&4 Badminton Friday AM

Y3&4 Cricket Friday PM

## Diary Dates Next Week



25-28 Mar	<a href="#">Week 1</a> Lunch Menu
25-28 Mar	Parent Consultations
28 March	Easter Term Ends 1.30pm
15 April	Children Return to School



## Essex Year Of Numbers....

... have a new opportunity for your child to practise their maths skills this Easter. The Essex Year of Numbers initiative is hosting an Easter Maths Competition! Each day from March 25th to April 5th, they'll add a new maths puzzle to the Essex Year Of... app to help your child have fun with maths over the Easter holidays. Although they've got the Year 6 SATs in mind, everyone in your family can come together to challenge themselves and each other and every correct answer enters your child in a daily prize draw. Please see the flyer to the right for further details.

## School Car Park

Please can we remind parents that the school car park is closed between 3.20-3.35 to allow for the safe departure of children and their families at home time. Cars should not enter or exit between these times. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Anti-Idling Initiative

On Tuesday, a group of Y5/6 children joined an anti-idling action event organised by Saffron Walden's Clean Air project. They started off by discussing what they knew about idling in cars and the negative impact this has on the environment. They then spoke with drivers outside of school at pick up time to pass on what they had learnt about idling, and if applicable, asked them to switch off their engines. Information leaflets were also handed out and drivers made a pledge not to idle in their cars in the future. The children were wonderfully articulate when talking about the issue.

## It's all about The Bard

Y6 thoroughly enjoyed the performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' presented by the Young Shakespeare Company this week. It is a wonderful way of introducing children to The Bard, bringing his play to life with many getting involved playing some of the roles.



## "We are RAB, I've got all my dancers with me"

What an exciting morning for the KS1 children who attended their first ever Dance Festival today. They have rehearsed so hard and their parents got a sneak preview of their performance yesterday. This morning the children were enthusiastic, resilient and put on an incredible performance. Miss Shivers and Miss Banks were so proud of them. They were superstars! They gave a final performance to the Infant children on their return.

## Y4 Tag Rugby Competition

Our fabulous Y4 Tag Rugby team made it to the third round of the competition having won the local schools and Uttlesford rounds. It was now time to face eleven other teams in the Mid-Essex Competition. The children played really well coming 7th overall. All the games they played were really tight and could have gone either way. We're very proud of their sportsmanship, resilience and great team play.

## Connections Meeting

The Connections Coffee Morning planned for Monday 15th April will not be taking place. The next meeting will be Monday 20th May at 9am. We will have representatives from the Autism Central Peer Education Programme joining us for the meeting. Autism Central is a fantastic resource for parents and carers of autistic people of any age and a diagnosis is not needed to access the service. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others. Please do come along if you would like to find out more or just to have a coffee with the Inclusion team!



	Stars of the Week	
<b>Reception</b> AJ G Bella B	Thomas M Maya W	Bobby S Simbie G
<b>Year 1</b> Isla C Theo W	Ronnie E Henry D	Nellie D Cillian C
<b>Year 2</b> Elsbeth B Fletcher R	Kailan M Hannah O	Sophia L Anya H
<b>Year 3</b> Ralph H Amber C	Zach W William W	Louis D Grace G
<b>Year 4</b> Alice C Leo M	Darcey D Jack E	George W Ben C
<b>Year 5</b> Quinn J Florence C	Jake A Eleanor E	Leon S William S
<b>Year 6</b> Evie S Amelia M	Elsie B Alicia M	Reuben Y Isla K
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2AB 4AF	

	<b>RAB READING</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b> Isabella P	<b>SILVER</b> Sophie M Meredith F Laurence L Molly H	<b>GOLD</b> Anna P Emilie P Joemaria S Charlie C
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Zac W	<b>GOLD</b>



### Quiztastic thanks!

A huge thank you to our brilliant quiz masters, Y6 parents Paul and Sammy, who presided over a masterful evening of quizzing at our annual PTA Quiz Night last Friday. Some tough questions, yes, but nothing a trip to the bar and a spin on the Wheel of Fortune couldn't help with! We had a lot of fun – thank you to all our brilliant parents who supported the event. With your help, we raised £1600 for the school. As the table who bought 7 spins on the Wheel of Fortune, and almost as many bottles of prosecco, kept saying: 'It's for the children!'. It really is – and thank you for making it such a fab night.



### Easter treats in store

We can't wait to welcome the children to their annual Easter hunt next Thursday morning. Every child will get the chance to head outdoors (rain or shine!) and complete the Easter-themed mission to earn a chocolate reward. This isn't a fundraising event, just a lovely way for the PTA to offer the children a treat before they break for the holidays.





## FAMILY LEARNING

### SESSIONS TO SUPPORT YOU & YOUR FAMILY

**FREE**

- Managing Big Emotions
- Mindfulness & Relaxation
- Raising Girls
- SEND Support For Parents & Carers
- Setting Boundaries
- Supporting Children & Teens With Anxiety
- Supporting You & Your Family
- Understanding Children
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### Future Diary Dates

19 April	Y1 Pirate Day
19 April	Y5 Celtic Harmony Camp
7 May	pm 2 Johns Online Safety Workshop for Parents
13-16 May	Y6 SATs Exams
20 May	Connections Meeting 9am
25 May– 3 June	Half Term
4 June	Inset Day
5 June	Children return to school
1 July	Sports Day Y1 am
	Sports Day Y2 pm
2 July	Sports Day EY am
3 July	Sports Day Y3 am
	Sports Day Y4 pm
4 July	Sports Day Y6 am
5 July	Sports Day Y5 am

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