



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 28 March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a short term but we've fitted so much in. The teachers have enjoyed catching up with you and sharing information about your children's progress over the last week during Parent Consultations. We hope you all enjoy the up coming break, fingers crossed for some sunshine. To spread some Easter cheer I wanted to share with you the wonderful bunnies created by Mrs Spaxman's lunchtime knitting club. We return back on **Monday 15th April**.

## Parent Survey

We are always keen to hear your thoughts about our school and would like to invite you to take part in a parent survey. We'd like to hear from as many families as possible. It won't take very long and it will be open until we return on Monday 15th April. Please click on the link below. We appreciate you taking the time to fill it out.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Nki1WQnCDW>

## New Menu

We will have a new menu on our return, starting on Week 1. You can find it [here](#).

## Moktar Cup Public Speaking Finals

As you know at RAB we pride ourselves on the 6Rs and this week it was a chance for aRtificate to be the focus with the final of Moktar Cup Public Speaking competition. All the junior children have prepared and delivered speeches to their class, with three from each year group going to final. Not an easy decision for the classes to make as the standard was exceptionally high and we want to say well done to all the Junior children. Our invited panel of Mayor Heather Asker, Rachael Harvey, our Drama Teacher and Ann Geeves, who initiated the competition many years ago, had the tricky task of choosing a winner from our finalists, who covered a breadth of topics in their speeches:

Aoife: The benefits of sewing  
George: Saving rhinos  
Annabelle: Self confidence  
Esme: Marie Curie  
Robert: Video Games  
Logan: Scotland

Heidi: Henry VIII's marriages  
Timo: Ukraine  
Quinn: Choose skateboarding  
Sophia S: Young carers  
Matilda: Importance of exercise & eating healthily  
Sophia F: Competitive Sport

## Diary Dates Next Week



15-19 April	<a href="#">Week 1</a> New Lunch Menu
15 April	Children Return to School
19 April	Y1 Pirate Day
19 April	Y5 Celtic Harmony Camp
19 April	Y2 Swimming



The year group winners were Annabelle (Y3), Logan (Y4), Heidi (Y5) and Sophia S (Y6). Congratulations to everyone that took part and especially to Heidi who is the 2024 winner of the Moktar Cup.



## Looking for things to do....

You can find information about community events and sporting activities on our [Community Notice Board](#).

## Write till your ink be dry



Huge congratulations to Audrey who joined us recently in Y4. She wrote a book for a national Shakespeare Week Competition last year which received nearly a 1000 entries and was Highly Commended. The Shakespeare Trust has now acquired the book as part of their permanent collection, and it will be kept for future generations to see how Shakespeare inspired in the past. The book will be preserved under special conditions alongside other Shakespeare artefacts. Last



week Audrey was invited to present the book to the Trust where she met author, illustrator and patron of the trust Marcia Williams. What an incredible achievement.



Well, that was an exciting term. We've had so many activities and developments within school, here's a quick round up on what we've been up to!

Our Mother's Day Shop was once again the busiest shop in town – selling and wrapping over 1000 gifts in just 2 days. The junior hall became Saffron Walden's social hub with a buzzing KS2 disco and then jammed with over 100 quizzers vying for this year's trophy (the PTA team were embarrassingly more in wooden spoon territory!). And cramming activities into the very last minute, the weather just about held out this morning for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** - with over 600 children searching for clues to be rewarded with a little Easter treat from the PTA.



In other news we are delighted to have been able to make some significant spending. As if by magic, a new adventure **Trim Trail** appeared on the field - adding a wonderful new activity for outdoor play. We are proud to have donated over £6500 to fund this and love the feedback from the children about how popular it is.



We have also pledged **£8,000-£10,000** in funding towards extra-curricular trips across the school. Each year group has planned their own activities (some still to come) resulting in children practising their circus skills, experiencing Zoolab, being treated to a Shakespeare play with further trips planned to Colchester Zoo, Epping Forest, Celtic Harmony Camp and Astra Zeneca on the horizon.

Teachers haven't been forgotten with **£2,100** donated across all classes to spend on what they most need. Games, books, puzzles, bookcases, chalk paints, colouring pencils and even Yoto audio players have all been purchased and will be brightening up classroom activities and play.

And we wouldn't be a Gold Rights Respecting School if we didn't also let the children have their say and share of funds! So, with the help of Mrs Brown, a whole school survey was conducted to ask the children what they'd like to spend **£2100** on too. We loved reading all the responses from each class and with the help of Mrs Brown and the School Council, we are busy fulfilling requests to even further improve play-times from new balls and nets to giant outdoor games and then more investigative play with bug hotels and much more! We'll keep you posted with our purchases.

Summer term is our favourite, with the Summer Fayre, RAB Fest and lots more. We'll be kicking off with another KS2 Disco on Wednesday 24th April - more information will be sent after Easter.

Thank you for all your support this term - if you'd like to get involved (on our now very small team) please do contact [rabutlerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabutlerpta@gmail.com). Have a lovely Easter break. The RAB PTA.

**RAB PTA 100 Club** – congratulations to our winners this month!

1st prize (£45): number 74



2nd prize (£25): number 10

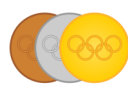

3rd prize (£10): number 42

All March prize winners will be notified.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale at the end of the school day on Thursday 25 April. If you want to top up on uniform, please make your way to the Uniform Shed, via the gate at the very bottom of the school carpark.

 Stars of the Week 		
<b>Reception</b> George E Sadie A	Oscar M Tobias G	Ava C Harry W
<b>Year 1</b> Asyiah J James M	Aahan T Elsie P	Luke E Poppy B
<b>Year 2</b> Ned S Arlo M	Louisa F Riley S	Zayne J Luca B
<b>Year 3</b> Max P Freddie S	Saul B Alfie T	Laurie T Sophie M
<b>Year 4</b> Clark J Jasper M	Lucas A Alex M	George M Alfie L
<b>Year 5</b> Jessica M Nefeli W	Heidi B Callum B	Taisia S Timo M
<b>Year 6</b> Ava M Luke S	Jayden M Sidney T	Kayden B Jeremy D
Infant Lunchtime Cup	RCR	
Junior Lunchtime Cup	3MR	

			<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b> Daisy R Amelie B	<b>GOLD</b>	
			<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>
<b>BRONZE</b> Melinda P	<b>SILVER</b> George M George S	<b>GOLD</b>	



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

**SPANGLES FAMILY HUB, St John's Rd, Stansted Mountfitchet, Stansted CM24 8JP**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

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**DORDAN PAVILLION The Causeway, Dunmow CM6 2AA**

**15:30 – 17:00**

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Cancelled**

**SAFFRON WALDEN HOSPITAL Radwinter Rd, Saffron Walden**

**Clinic Room outpatients department 15:30 – 17:00**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



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#### Future Diary Dates

24 April	Junior Disco Y3&4 5-6.15pm Junior Disco Y5&6 6.30-7.45pm
25 April	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
7 May	pm 2 Johns Online Safety Workshop for Parents
13-16 May	Y6 SATs Exams
14 May	Y4 Production 6pm
15 May	Y4 Production 6pm
20 May	Connections Meeting 9am
22 May	Book Look 8.40-9.10am
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 Sports Day EY am Sports Day Y3 am Sports Day Y4 pm Sports Day Y6 am Sports Day Y5 am
2 July	Whole School Open afternoon 2.30-4.30pm
3 July	Y6 Production 6pm
4 July	Y6 Production 6pm
5 July	Y6 Production 6pm
9 July	Y6 Leavers' Parents' Coffee Morning
17 July	
18 July	
22 July	

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



## Essex Year of...

### Spring into action this Easter with the Essex Year of Numbers Easter Egg Hunt!

This Easter, we're launching a maths competition to encourage all pupils preparing for SATs at home.

Each day from March 25th to April 5th we'll add a new maths puzzle on the Essex Year Of... app so children can have fun keeping their maths skills sharp. And every correct answer earns an entry to our daily prize draw!

Following the success of our Advent competition, this activity can strengthen links between home and school, supporting parents to participate in their child's learning journey.

We encourage schools to promote this opportunity to parents and have provided a sample letter for you to send.

### Something for everyone!

The Essex Year of... app is FREE and full of engaging educational content and activities for all ages. It offers important opportunities for your pupils and their families to read for pleasure and have fun using numbers.

Although designed with Year 6 SATs in mind, parents and carers and siblings of all ages can come together to challenge themselves and each other.

### Join us for an egg-ceptional Easter adventure in the Year of Numbers!

Use the codes below to download the app.

Essex Year of...  
Google Play  
App Store