



# The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 26 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday the Essex Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner election is taking place and the Infant Hall is a Polling Station. We are required to provide parking for the election, so please take extra care when walking through the school car park at drop off and pick up time.

## Diary Dates Next Week

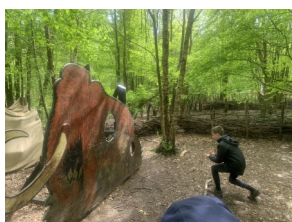


29 April-3 May  
29 April  
2 May  
3 May  
6 May

Week 3 New Lunch Menu  
EY & Y6 Heights & Weights  
Police Commissioner Election  
Y2 Swimming  
Bank Holiday—School Closed

## Celtic Harmony Camp

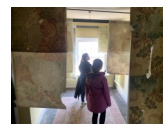
Last Friday, Y5 visited Celtic Harmony Camp for an immersive Stone Age experience! They started the day with a fire lighting demonstration to keep warm, cook on and protect from predators, next they built dens, made weapons with flint knapping, hunted wild animals and foraged in the woods. Their busy and interesting day ended with a trading activity.



## "There Be Giants"



We took a small group of children from KS2 to visit a local art exhibit and instillation at The Old Sun Inn. The children enjoyed exploring the exhibitions and talking to the artists about their work. They then had a chance to take brass rubbings and to create their own sketches inspired by the different multimedia pieces they could see. If you are interested in taking your children along yourselves, the free exhibition runs until 1st May.



## The May 50k

The Bird Family are walking the May 50k to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It is something very close to their hearts as they await confirmation of a diagnosis. If you would like to find out more and sponsor them you can do so via this [link](#). We wish the family all the very best with their endeavours.

## Parental Behaviour

We know the vast majority of our parents are considerate and courteous to our neighbours and we thank you for it. Unfortunately this is not the case with everyone, as this week we have been informed of two disappointing incidents. This morning we had a report that someone witnessed an RAB parent hit another car and simply drive off. We've also had a neighbour who has had a driveway blocked when needing to go to hospital for treatment only to be told by a parent it is their problem for living near a school and they shouldn't go in or out at drop off/pick up times. This lack of respect and rudeness is upsetting and there is little we can do about it as a school, however we strongly encourage anyone at the receiving of unpleasantness to contact the authorities.

## Disco Fever!

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for running the disco on Wednesday afternoon, you can read all about it the PTA section overleaf.

## Bullseye!

Two teams went to Lord Butler Leisure Centre earlier this week to take part in an archery competition, coming 4th and 6th overall. Well done to everyone that took part and big congratulations to Wilf M who won a gold medal for shooting a perfect score!



### Can you donate any books or Little People toys to the school?

At the end of last term we shared the results of our first annual Children's Consultation, where we worked with the School Council to ask every class to bring ideas for how we could invest an extra £2100 in the school that would make a difference to them. Amongst the suggestions for sports equipment, giant jenga, a zip line and a school pet (!), we had many requests for some simple things we think we might be able to source from our school community before we look to purchase:

**'Little People' or 'Small World' style figures and sets**

**Fancy dress outfits for every age group**

**Chapter books**

**Non fiction books**

If you can donate any of these to the school, please drop them off **next week** to the collection box at the main gate at pick up or drop off, or to the School Office outside these times. Please ensure any items donated are **clean and in good condition** for use in school. Thank you!

## Disco fun!

Thanks to all our KS2 children who joined in the disco fun on Wednesday this week. We welcomed over 250 children to the dance floor and they looked to be having a blast! We were delighted to raise about £1000 for the school. Special thanks to all our parent volunteers and teachers who helped out on the night. If you are able to help at future discos by either setting up or clearing away, or selling drinks, crisps and raffle tickets on the night, we'd love to hear from you. Please email the disco team at [rabut-lerpta@gmail.com](mailto:rabut-lerpta@gmail.com)

## DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE

**RAB Summer Fayre** on **Saturday 8 June** 11am-3pm – with lots of stalls, refreshments, inflatables and activities, this is one of our biggest events of the year!



**RAB Fest 2024** on **Saturday 29 June** (ends 10am on Sunday) – our much loved overnight family camp out on the school field, with BBQ, refreshments, campfire singalongs, tent bling competitions, marshmallow toasting and more. We'll be sending out more info plus our ticket application link in the next few weeks.

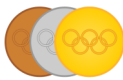

### RAB PTA 100 Club – congratulations to our winners this month

1st prize (£45): number 53

2nd prize (£25): number 79

3rd prize (£10): number 30

 Stars of the Week 		
<b><u>Reception</u></b> Kerem K Viviana C	Reuben L Leo L	Poppy H Elizabeth C
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> Alex B Evelyn R	Jesse W Thea W	Albie N Alma S
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> William S Allie D	Phoebe B Ava K	Jack C Eddie H
<b><u>Year 3</u></b> Stanley B Harry F	William N Jasmin C	Ernie C Mark F
<b><u>Year 4</u></b> Harry B Rosie B	Grace T Dion G	Melinda P Miller B
<b><u>Year 5</u></b> All of 5MGL	All of 5LT	All of 5VH
<b><u>Year 6</u></b> Chloe W Heidi P	Freddie S Josh H	Vasya S Aurora W
Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	2MG 3SP	

	<b>RAB READING OLYMPIANS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b> Elsie N	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
	<b>RAB BOOKWORMS</b>	
<b>BRONZE</b> George F	<b>SILVER</b> Sebby G Shanav K	<b>GOLD</b> Ava D

#### Future Diary Dates

6 May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
8 May	Y2 Parent School Lunches (pre-booked only)
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
22 May	Y6 Eaton Vale Zoom Meeting 6pm
25 May– 3 June	Half Term
4 June	Inset Day
8 June	PTA Summer Fayre 11-3
5 June	Children return to school
29 June	RABFest
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
9 July	Whole School Open afternoon 2.30-4.30pm
17 July	Y6 Production 6pm
18 July	Y6 Production 6pm
22 July	Y6 Leavers' Parents' Coffee Morning
22 July	Y6 Leavers' & Y5 Disco

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