



The Bardfield Buzz

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Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope you all had an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends despite the awful weather.

This half term promises to be usually busy in the lead up to Easter and I ask you to make a note of any important dates on your calendar so you and your children are prepared for the many events and activities this half term.

Attendance

Congratulations to Ravilious Class who won Archie the Attendance Bear just before half term. This special award goes to the class with the highest attendance each week. Well done Ravilious!

Thank you to all of our parents who support their children and our school in achieving excellent attendance.

Did you know that if your child misses school on a regular basis it may:

- seriously hinder your child's learning and their ability to do well and achieve
- affect their confidence to attempt new learning and their ability to work and learn alongside others in general and as a result develop reluctance or indeed refuse to attend school

- disrupt your child's routines and make them feel vulnerable on their return to school
- cause disruption to teaching routines (if teachers need to revisit previous learning) and as a result affect the learning of other children in your child's class
- affect their ability to make and sustain friendship groups (children who are regularly absent from school often feel excluded from play-time games and activities and feel they have little in common with their peers)
- lead to your child becoming disillusioned with school and education as they get older

Unfortunately, I am still receiving requests for time off for holidays during term time. These will not be authorised and can lead to the school referring to the Local Authority for penalty notices and/or legal proceedings.

School Lunches

Our new 'Summer Menu' launches today and will run until half term in October 2024. Please remember that we cater for vegetarian/vegan diets as well as any allergies or intolerances your child may have. Please contact Hollie in the office if you wish to discuss this. I have attached the new menus again in case anybody missed it in the last newsletter.

Football Tournament

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been selected to take part in a football competition at Dunmow St Mary's School on Friday 1st March. This will take place within school hours and you will need to give your permission via our online system by Wednesday this week.

Your child will need to wear smart, clean PE kit, football boots and shin pads. We will provide them with GBPS football socks. They will need a waterproof/warm coat and a water bottle.

World Book Day

Thank you to everybody who has already uploaded a photo of their child 'Reading for Pleasure'. Remember – there are prizes for the most inventive pictures. You have until Thursday 7th March to upload these to Tapestry (Garwood and Bawden) or Seesaw (Aldridge, Rowntree and Ravillious).

I am excited to share with you that during the week, every child will be taking their token up to 'Between the Lines' to choose a book and have the opportunity to read or be read to. Some of you will be relieved to know that **we will not be dressing up this year.**

After School Club

ASC are now taking bookings. If you would like to book you can telephone Pat Moore on 01371 811580 or 07767 413055

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you all have a super week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your Diary

February

Monday 26th February

New Summer Lunch Menu

March

Friday 1st March

Celebration Assembly 9am

Y5/6 Football Tournament

Monday 4th March

INSET DAY

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 8th March

Celebration Assembly 9am

Mid-Year Reports out

W/B Monday 11th March

Learning Reviews

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

Thursday 21st March

Film Club

Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term

Our term dates for 2024-25 can now be found on our [website](#).