



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #24 Monday 10th March 2025

A huge thank you to everyone at Between the Lines who helped us celebrate World Book Day last week. We really are blessed to have such a wonderful, independent bookshop in the village and the children had great fun choosing their WBD books.

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance was slightly down from last week at **96.5%**. Congratulations to Rowntree Class who achieved the 'Archie Bear attendance award' **again** this week. Well done!

USSP Sports

Well done to our Year 3/4 girls who attended a special tournament at The Joyce Frankland Academy last Wednesday as part of National Girls Football Day. They were very proud to come 7th out of fourteen teams which is brilliant considering they have never played as a team before.

Another huge well done to the KS2 children who took part in an Archery competition last Friday at Felsted School. They all had a fantastic time and our Year 3/4 team managed to secure a place in the final with 2nd Place.

World Book Day continues...

On Monday the 17th March Garwood and Bawden classes will be visited by Michelle Noble-Jones, author of the children's book, Manu the Orangutan. If you would like to purchase a copy of her book for her to sign please follow

the link below and remind your child to bring it in on the day.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Manu-Orangutan-Michelle-Noble-Jones>

Reports

Hopefully, everybody has received and read their child's report over the weekend. This will form the basis of your child's Learning Review. We ask that you complete the 'Parent' comment at the end of the report and return this to school as soon as possible. We really value your input to the new style of the report and more importantly, a comment about your child's progress and experience of school so far this year.

Learning Reviews

Parents should now have all booked a learning review with your child's teacher for this week. For clarification, our booking system allows for enough appointments for one per child. If there is a reason both parents cannot attend their child's appointment together, please email the office and we will do our best to accommodate you. I ask that you are mindful of teacher workload and only request this if absolutely necessary.

If your child has a SEND one plan, I would welcome the opportunity as SENDCo to meet with you during this week. **This is in addition to meeting your child's class teacher. You should have now received a message asking you to contact the office to book as we have not been able to set up our**

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online system for this, despite working at length with our provider to try and do this! Please do this at your earliest convenience.

Parent Reading Workshop

We are holding a Reading Workshop on **Monday 17th March at 2.30pm**. All parents are invited to come along to the hall to learn more about how you can help your child with reading. There will be an opportunity to find out about some of the changes we are making to our reading books and to look at Bug Club, our online platform used to support reading at home.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

This year we will be celebrating 40 years of Comic Relief by embracing the theme of **'partying like it's 1985'**. Children (and adults) are encouraged to come to school in style!

If you're not old enough to remember the 1980s, picture this—bright neon, pastel shades, shell suits, beads and bangles, leather jackets, pixie boots, leg warmers, and the ultimate fashion crime: double denim. Think Madonna, Duran Duran and Bros (if that last one doesn't ring a bell, you might need a quick Google search!).

We ask that in return for dressing up, children make a **donation of £2** towards Comic Relief. There will be prizes for 'best dressed' so we hope that you will all join in with the fun for a very good cause. *KS2 will be out at a sports event in the morning (details to follow) so they are welcome to bring something '80s' to change into for the afternoon.*

MANGO DAY

After school on Monday 24th March and Thursday 26th March, the PTA invite mums, aunts, nans, grandmothers and others to share

Afternoon Tea in the hall. This is a free event, although donations are always welcome. Spaces are limited so please book using our online system.

Parent Fundraiser

One of our brave parents, Hayley Austin, is going to be jumping off a 300ft platform high at the UK's biggest bungee jump location to raise funds for Great Bardfield Primary School PTA and POP Essex, a local charity which supports children with varying disabilities and provides much needed respite support for parents. Please follow the link below to find out more and make a donation if you wish.

<https://gofund.me/ab90e760>

I hope everyone has a fantastic week.

Mrs Crow

Secret codewords: **'spring is coming'**

Important Dates for your diary

March

11th March – 13th March

Learning Reviews

Friday 14th March

Celebration Assembly

USSP Y5/6 Football

Monday 17th March

Parent Workshop: Reading

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

USSP Small Schools Event

Friday 28th March

Celebration Assembly

Easter Break

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April