



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #4 Monday 22nd September 2025

Well done to our KS2 girls who had a fantastic time at the Football Festival on Friday. I have been told that there were many positive comments around your courage, team spirit and positivity.

PTA Meeting

I hope that everybody will be able to join us for the first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday at 7pm. We will be discussing the new arrangements for running events and finalising this year's list for each class. If you can offer support or would like an opportunity to share your thoughts, please come along.

Whatsapp

I am concerned about the content and timings of messages being shared by our older children on Whatsapp since we have returned to school. Messages are being shared late at night and I have been made aware of inappropriate and unkind messages being shared on group chats.

I have spoken to the children about being kind and responsible online but I urge you to have conversations at home about this. I have attached some useful information about Whatsapp for parents to this newsletter so please read this at your earliest convenience.

Bardfield Bake Off

This Friday, 26th September, we will be holding our annual Bardfield Bake Off. This is a charity event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which has

become somewhat of a tradition here at school.

If your child would like enter the Bake Off, please bring your contribution to the hall on the morning of the 26th September. This can be a single cake, little cakes, biscuits...anything you have baked. If you do not have the time (or the will) to bake, you can still support this event by donating a shop bought cake or biscuits.

On Friday 26th September, please join us for coffee, cake and chats between 2pm and 3pm in the hall. The homemade cakes will have been judged and the winners will be displayed along with all of your entries. Any unsold cakes will be sold after school in the school hall. Let's try and beat our amazing total from last year of £300!

Save the Date

Next month, we are extremely fortunate to have been able to book some online safety sessions for our children, staff and parents with **'The 2 Johns'**. John and John spent many years working as Police Detectives in various covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. The '2 Johns' are regarded as experts in their field and every year they work in hundreds of Primary and Secondary Schools.

The online session for parents will be from **8pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 16th October** and I will share the link for this nearer the time. I would

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strongly encourage **all** parents to attend – once you have experienced one of their sessions, you will never look at the online world quite the same again.

Air Scouts

The 2nd Braintree and Bocking Air Scouts are recruiting. Children age 6 to 8½ can join the Air Scouts Beavers for all sorts of fun activities on Fridays between 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If anyone is interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact Jane Tillotson, our Chair of Governors on cog@greatbardfield.essex.sch.uk to find out more information about the role.

Christmas Cards

If you wish to purchase any items containing your child's design such as cards, wrapping paper. Mugs, etc, please order by scanning the QR code on the artwork form or visiting their website. If you have placed an order, you will need to return your child's artwork to the office by **tomorrow, Monday 22nd September.**

Secondary Admissions

A reminder that secondary school place applications for Year 6 close on 31st October. You can make your applications by following the link <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

We hope you have a fantastic week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

September

Tuesday 23rd September

PTA Meeting 7pm

Friday 26th September

Celebration Assembly 9am

Great Bardfield Macmillan Bake Off

Afternoon Coffee and Cake 2.30pm

October

Saturday 4th October

Open Morning 10am -12pm

Wednesday 8th October

Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Mon 13th – Wed 16th October

Y6 Bikeability

Friday 17th October

Harvest Festival 9am

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Disco

Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st October

Half Term Break