



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #6 Monday 6th October 2025

I'm thrilled to share the wonderful news that our Great Bardfield team has grown by one! Last Wednesday, Baby Sally Rose Smith made her arrival into the world. I'm sure you'll all join me in sending heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Smith and her husband on the birth of their beautiful daughter.

Well done to our two Dodgeball teams who have recently played in competitions against local schools. We achieved a respectable 5th Place in both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 competitions and our children represented the school fantastically, demonstrating our core values of Courage, Compassion and Community in bucket loads! Over the coming weeks children will be attending cross country, multi-skills and sports hall athletics events.

School Photos

A reminder that our wonderful photographer, Natalie, will be with us on Tuesday to take individual photos and on Thursday to take sibling photos. She will be here on Thursday **after school** to take any photos with younger siblings (those who do not attend our school).

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday, at 1.30pm we will be holding our second 'Open Day' for new starters. Please share this information with any parents who have a child due to start school in September 2026.

Harvest Festival

At this time of year, we take a moment to reflect on those in our community—and beyond—who may be facing difficulties in feeding their families.

This Friday, we will be joined in Celebration Assembly by an outreach volunteer from Braintree Foodbank, who will help raise awareness about the issue of food poverty and how we can support those in need. The following Friday, 17th October, we will be holding our traditional Harvest Assembly. We warmly invite all parents and family members to attend both assemblies.

If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful for any donations to our foodbank collection. Items can be dropped off in the entrance hall starting tomorrow. These are the items the foodbank is currently desperate for:

✓ Biscuits	✓ Cereal
✓ Conditioner	✓ Cup-a-soup
✓ Jam	✓ Long-life milk
✓ Pasta sauce	✓ Rice
✓ Rice sachets (microwavable)	✓ Shampoo
✓ Tinned fish	✓ Tinned fruit
✓ Tinned rice pudding	✓ Tinned vegetables
✓ Toothbrushes	

Secondary Admissions

A reminder that secondary school place applications for Year 6 close on

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31st October. You can make your applications by following the link <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

Amazon Wish list

Thank you so much to the families who have generously purchased items from our wish list. If you are able to and would like to help, please click the link below to have a look at our current wish list.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/s/3JOOC9P4O1DC7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

DEEP

This year our partnership is offering lots of enrichment opportunities for the children who attend the schools within the partnership. Two children from each school will be chosen to attend the events which will run throughout the year. These events will cover areas such as art, music, languages, history and much more and will serve to further expand the experiences of our children.

If your child is chosen to attend one of these enrichment days, you will be sent information via ParentMail and will need to complete a google form with your child's details. Please also confirm with our school office that your child can attend.

Save the Date!

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 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.

Community Readers

We are in need of some volunteers to come into school and hear our children read. You do not need to be a parent – we welcome all members of our community so if you can offer an hour or two to help each week please contact the school office for more details.

Firework Display

We hope that you will all be able to join us for the annual Firework Display on Saturday 1st November. Tickets are on sale now so pre-book to save money and guarantee entry.



GREAT BARDFIELD
Fireworks Display

Saturday 1st November 2025

GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM | DISPLAY STARTS AT 7:00PM
BBQ AND HOG ROAST | BAR | LIGHT UP TOYS

PRE-BOOKED ENTRY PRICES

ADULTS: £8.00
UNDER 16: £2.00
FAMILY: £20.00
(2 Adults & 3 Children)
UNDER 4: FREE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

OR VISIT
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BARDFIELDFIREWORKS
ON THE GATE TICKETS - SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
ADULT: £9.00 | UNDER 16: £2.00 | UNDER 4: FREE

GREAT BARDFIELD PLAYING FIELDS, BENDLOWES ROAD, BRAINTREE, CM7 4RR
Children must be accompanied by an adult

CHARITY EVENT SUPPORTED BY GREAT BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
FUND RAISING FOR GREAT BARDFIELD SCHOOL PTA, GREAT BARDFIELD PRE-SCHOOL, LITTLE BARDFIELD CRICKET CLUB AND THE PAVILLION FUND.

PTA News

Do you, or somebody you know, have a business or workplace willing to donate a raffle prize for our Christmas event? Tickets for experiences, vouchers, autographed items and luxury food and drink gifts are examples of possible prizes and really help us sell tickets; raising funds for our school. We will share details of any donated items which can be great publicity for companies. If you can help please contact me or the school office. We are very grateful for all donations.

We hope you have a lovely week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

October

Wednesday 8th October

Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Friday 10th October

Celebration Assembly – Harvest

Outreach Visitor

Mon 13th – Wed 16th October

Y6 Bikeability

Thursday 16th October

Y3/4 Multi-skills Festival

Friday 17th October

Harvest Festival 9am

Cross Country Event

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Disco

Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st

October

Half Term Break