



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #7 Monday 13th October 2025

A big well done to our KS2 School Council members who attended their first Multi Schools Council meeting in Braintree last week.

The MSC was started in 2012 to provide young people with an opportunity to improve their confidence, develop their personal and social skills and to promote important values such as democracy and tolerance.

Each term, children from mainstream and special schools in Essex, meet to learn more about each other and put their plans in place for making a difference. The children represented our school brilliantly and are already looking forward to the next meeting.

Online Safety Session

As part DEEP, we are extremely fortunate to have been able to book some online safety sessions for our children, staff and parents with **'The 2 Johns'**. These will take place on Thursday 16th October.

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 schools. I **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.

The online session for parents will be from **8pm to 9.30pm on Thursday 16th October**. The link for the session is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804716523>

Harvest Festival

This Friday at 9am 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. 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	

Halloween Disco

Our PTA are working hard to organise our annual Halloween Disco which takes place on Thursday 23rd October. Entrance is £5 per child which can be paid following the link below.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q04FAV2N>

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Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Important Safeguarding Notice

I would like to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for parents:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will share any updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

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

Community Readers

We are still 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.

We hope you have a superb week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

October

Mon 13th – Wed 16th October

Y6 Bikeability

Tuesday 14th October

Y3/4 Multi-skills Festival

Friday 17th October

Harvest Festival 9am

KS2 Cross Country Event

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Disco

Monday 7th Oct – Friday 31st October

Half Term Break