



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #12 Monday 24th November 2025

This past few weeks have been particularly tough ones with many of our children and staff now battling some really unpleasant illnesses. Almost a quarter of our pupils have been off school, and we know how difficult that can be for families. We're hoping these bugs pass quickly so everyone can start feeling better and we can all enjoy the run-up to Christmas and everything that comes with it.

Cold Weather

As the weather turns colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat and any additional items like a hat, gloves or a scarf to help keep them comfortable.

We spend time outdoors at break, lunchtime and during parts of our learning, so being wrapped up warmly makes a real difference.

Astronomy Experience

Later today, our KS2 children will be taking part in a workshop with the North Essex Astronomical Society. Please bring your child to the main **entrance of the school at 4.15pm.**

Weather permitting, we will be outside so please encourage them to wear appropriate clothes. Please collect your child at **5.15pm** from the **front playground.** Year 6 children will need to be collected by an adult as this is an afterhours session.

Parents are welcome to stay, although if the weather is wet or overly cloudy, the workshop will be held indoors and unfortunately, we will not be able to squeeze you in.

Permissions and Communication

Thank you for your ongoing partnership - it really makes a difference to your children and our school. As a reminder, please take a moment to read this newsletter and check ParentMail regularly so that you don't miss any event permissions or payment requests. As part of our Home-School Agreement, parents agree to "*read all communications sent home and return any necessary permissions or payments promptly,*" and your support in doing this is greatly appreciated.

SEND Coffee Mornings

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our first coffee morning on Friday - it was lovely to see you. We talked about what families might find helpful and explored some topics we'd like to learn more about together. Our next session will take place in January.

Before the end of term, I'll be sending out a short survey to understand how we can make these meetings as accessible and supportive as possible.

Please don't worry if you receive a survey and your child is not on the SEND register; you may simply have been included because they have a particular area of need or challenge—

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such as difficulties with attention, learning in a specific subject, anxiety around school, speech and language development, etc. These meetings are for all parents who feel their child may need additional support in any area, and we want to make sure everyone who would benefit feels welcome to attend.

Online Safety

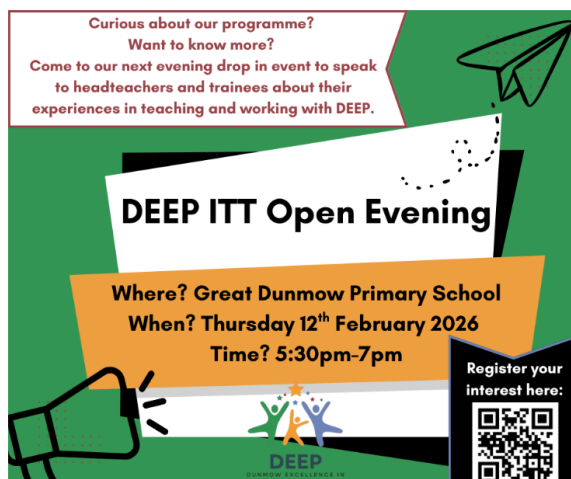
This week's attached leaflet, from The National College, is titled '**Top Tips for Managing Screen Time**'. Please take a few minutes to read these each week, as they offer practical advice to help you support your child in staying safe online.

Phonics Workshop

Please make a note of the new date for our parent workshop - **Tuesday 2nd December at 9am**. We would like all Reception parents to attend as this is an introductory session but any KS1 parent interested in a refresher on how we teach Phonics is very welcome.

DEEP ITT Recruitment

Have you ever thought about a career in teaching? Our DEEP Partnership are now recruiting for our second year of teacher training. To find out more, scan the QR code below or come along to our open evening.



Bardfield's Christmas Bonanza

We would love you to join us for our Bardfield Christmas Bonanza on 12th December, from 3.30pm–6pm in the school hall. It promises to be a wonderfully festive afternoon for the whole family, with Christmas crafts, carol singing, delicious seasonal treats, fun activities, and even a special visit from Father Christmas himself. It's a lovely way to come together as a community and celebrate the magic of the season. We hope to see you there!

This Thursday, 27th November, we are inviting children to wear non-uniform in return for a donation of a bottle for the much loved bottle stall and something chocolatey for the tombola at this event.

Playground News

Thanks to the amazing support of our community, we're now over halfway towards our goal of creating a brand-new play trail for the children! If you're able, please consider making a donation — or simply sharing our fundraising page — to help us reach the finish line. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to making this dream a reality. You can donate using the link or by scanning the QR code below. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

<https://gofund.me/873ecfa8a>



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Blanket Appeal



Christmas Lunch

Friday 12th December

Xmas Jumper Day

Celebration Assembly

Stay and Share

Flu Immunisations

PTA Christmas Bonanza

Thursday 18th December

KS2 Carol Concert 6pm

If you have any old or spare blankets you would be willing to donate, our local animal shelter would extremely grateful as they are desperately in need of them. Please drop them off at school over the coming week or speak to Sofie Hoy.

We hope you have a great week and manage to stay healthy!

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

November

Monday 24th November

KS2 Astrological Experience

Thursday 27th November

Bring a bottle and chocolates non-uniform

Friday 28th November

INSET Day

December

Friday 5th December

Pantomime

Monday 8th December

Shop 'til You Drop

Tuesday 9th December

Nativity (1.30pm)

Thursday 11th December

Nativity (10am)