



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #9 Monday 3rd November 2025

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! I hope you all had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some fun and quality time with your children. This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, so please take a moment to note the key dates listed at the end of this newsletter.

PTA News

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who helped make the recent Bongos Bingo and Halloween Disco such successes! Bongos Bingo raised an incredible £2,900, while the disco brought in £294.28 — a fantastic achievement. This success is all thanks to the hard work and dedication of our PTA, and we're delighted that all funds raised will go towards new play equipment for the children.

Online Safety

Following on from last month's well-attended Two Johns session for parents, each week I will be including an online safety information sheet with my weekly emails. 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. This week's leaflet, from The National College, is titled "Creating Family Rules for Devices." Please find it attached to this newsletter.

Winter Lunch Menu

Please find attached a copy of our new Winter Menu, which will begin after half term, starting with Week 1.

Please note that wraps will no longer be available. As the colder weather approaches, we encourage all children to enjoy a warm, nourishing school meal each day.

Learning Reviews

If you have not already, please book an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and attainment. This can be done via ParentMail. Please aim to arrive a few minutes early so you have time to look through your child's learning before your meeting.

If you are separated parents, we kindly ask that, where possible, you attend the appointment together. This helps ensure that both parents receive the same information and supports the best outcomes for your child, while also helping us to make the best use of teachers' time.

Phonics Workshop

We warmly invite our reception parents to our Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 11th November from 9am to 9.30am. The session will provide an overview of how phonics is taught in Reception and offer practical ideas to help you support your child's early reading at home. You will have the opportunity to see some of the resources we use in class and to ask any questions about how you can make phonics learning fun and effective. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to give your child the best start in their reading journey.

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The Hive

It's wonderful to see how much the children are enjoying The Hive, which is quickly becoming a firm favourite with our parents too!

We have noticed that some children are arriving without a booking, particularly for breakfast club. Please remember that bookings for breakfast and after-school club close at 2pm the day before. If you need a space after this time, please call the school office, and we'll do our best to help.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining our staffing ratios and helping the clubs run smoothly.

New SEND Coffee Mornings

I'm delighted to introduce our new SEND Coffee Mornings, starting at 9:30am on Friday 21st November. These sessions are an opportunity for parents and carers of children with special educational needs or disabilities to come together in a relaxed and supportive environment.

You don't need to have a formal diagnosis or for your child to be on the SEND register to attend — everyone is welcome. The aim is to give parents a voice, share helpful hints and tips, and provide a space to talk about worries, concerns, experiences and successes.

From time to time, we'll also have guest speakers or short presentations on topics of interest. We hope you'll join us for a coffee, a chat, and a chance to connect with others in our school community.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November we will be celebrating Children in Need. We ask that, in return for a £2 donation towards this fantastic charity, children

come to school wearing spots and stripes. The brighter the better!

Reading Books

As you may know, in recent years the PTA has generously funded a wonderful new collection of reading books to complement our phonics and reading scheme. Unfortunately, we are increasingly finding that some of these books are being lost or returned damaged.

To help us maintain our collection, if your child's reading book is lost or damaged, we will ask for a contribution towards the cost of replacing it. You will receive a ParentMail notification with a payment option for the replacement.

We regularly talk to the children about taking care of school property, and we'd appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home. Thank you for helping us look after these valuable resources for everyone's benefit.

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/ls/3JOOC9P4O1DC7/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

We hope you have a lovely week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

November

Monday 3rd November

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Winter Menu Launch

Thursday 6th November

One Plan Review Meetings

KS2 Epping Field Study Centre Visit

Friday 7th November

KS2 Sports Hall Athletics

Tuesday 11th November

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop

Wednesday 12th November

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SEND Coffee Morning 9.30 – 10.15am

Monday 24th November

KS2 Astrological Experience

Friday 28th November

INSET Day

December

Friday 5th December

Pantomime

Monday 8th December

Shop 'til You Drop

Tuesday 9th December

Nativity (pm)

Thursday 11th December

Nativity (am)

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