



The Bardfield Buzz

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Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. You're certainly not alone if you're also looking forward to getting back into a routine after a little too much cheese and chocolate over the holidays! As we begin the new term, we are excited to get back to learning and look ahead to a productive term full of progress, achievement and new opportunities for our children.

Ceiling

Work to repair the ceiling will begin this week and is expected to take approximately three weeks, although we will have a clearer timeline once work is underway. I would like to prepare parents in advance that, at the end of the project, the school will need to close for two days to allow us to restore the building safely and properly. This will include bringing technology back online, thoroughly cleaning classrooms, returning furniture to its original locations and moving resources back from storage. I will, of course, give parents as much notice as possible to support planning.

While staff managed the initial move in a single day and made it look straightforward, it was in reality an extremely demanding process. The commitment of my team throughout this challenging period has been phenomenal and their dedication to the children and the school has been unwavering. We are also very grateful

to parents for their continued understanding, patience and support during this time.

Uniform

A reminder to all families about the importance of school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps create a sense of belonging, equality and pride in our school community, and supports children in being ready to learn. We are grateful for your continued support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately each day, including suitable footwear and PE kit on PE days. If you have any difficulties regarding uniform, please do speak to us in confidence — we are always happy to help.

The Hive

A reminder that The Hive is available to support your childcare needs both before and after school. Sessions can be booked easily via our ParentMail system, and further information is included with this newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your needs, please don't hesitate to contact Sara in the school office.

Rocky Steady Band

Parents and families were treated to a fantastic Rocksteady concert at the end of last term. The children were absolutely brilliant, and their enthusiasm and love of performing together shone through. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them.

COURAGE - COMPASSION - COMMUNITY

We currently have spaces available in some of our bands. If your child would like to sign up or you'd like to find out more, please follow the link below.

[Rock Steady Booking Link](#)

PTA

I would like to say a huge thank you to every single person who has helped as part of our PTA in some way this term. We have raised a fantastic amount of money which has allowed us to replace our condemned play equipment. Last term was a great example of what we can achieve when we work together.



Please join us for our termly PTA meeting on **Monday 12th January at 7pm** in the school hall. We will be sharing plans for the months ahead and organising events for the rest of the year. Everyone is very welcome — all parents and carers are automatically members of the PTA, and every child benefits from the

fantastic fundraising and support it provides. We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Online Safety

This week's attached leaflet, from The National College, is titled '**What parents and carers need to know about violent content online**'. 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.

We hope you have a fantastic first week back.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

January

Monday 5th January

Return to School

Wednesday 28th January

KS1 Scooter Training

February

Friday 6th February

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 13th February

INSET Day

March

Thursday March 5th

World Book Day

Thursday 12th March

KS2 Kew Gardens Visit

Thursday 19th March

Y5 Careers Fair