



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #22 Monday 23rd February 2026

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Whilst it may only be short, it promises to be a busy one. Please keep a note of the important dates at the end of this newsletter.

Uniform

I have spoken with a number of families recently regarding school uniform and would like to take this opportunity to clarify our expectations around footwear.

Moving forward, children may wear **smart, sturdy, all-black trainers** instead of traditional school shoes. These must be **completely black, in good condition, and not torn, scruffy or muddy**. During the **winter** months, short, flat, smart black boots are also permitted. These should be practical, sturdy and entirely black. Please note that Ugg-style boots and walking boots are **not** suitable for school.

Please ensure that your child is attending school in full accordance with our uniform policy. The current policy will be adapted to include the changes to acceptable footwear in June when the policy is due for renewal. As always, I am always grateful for feedback from parents so please do drop me an email if you wish to share any further thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of presentation.

Charity Film Club

Thank you to everybody who supported our Charity Film Night before half term. We raised £130 which will go to some much needed resources for Kids Inspire, a local children's mental health charity offering free trauma support to families

We would like to add a few more resources to The Nest, our pastoral support room. If you have any of these unwanted resources at home, we would really appreciate them: playdoh and tools, board games, dolls, cars, marble run.

School Lunches

Please find attached the updated Winter menus. Our School Council representatives gathered feedback from pupils across their classes and shared a wide range of suggestions. While it hasn't been possible to include every request, we have carefully considered their views and are pleased to reintroduce Chicken Fajitas and Sausage Rolls in response to their feedback.

From April, the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.60. We have held our current price for a considerable period of time; however, rising food and operational costs mean that a small adjustment is now necessary.

We remain committed to providing high-quality, nutritious meals each day and to offering a varied menu that children enjoy. We very much hope

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that your children will continue to choose a school lunch and appreciate your ongoing support.

Garwood Class

From today, the class will be joined by Mrs Jo Francis who will be taking over from Mrs Whittaker when she leaves at Easter. This will ensure a smooth transition for our children into the Summer Term. There will be an opportunity for parents and families to meet Mrs Francis at the upcoming Stay and Share event on Friday 20th March.

Online Safety

This week's attached leaflet, from The National College, is titled '**Conversation starters for parents and carers: Online Content**'. 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.

I would like to remind all parents of the importance of actively monitoring their child's online activity, including games, websites and messaging platforms accessed via mobile phones. As emphasised by The 2 Johns last term, unsupervised access to online spaces presents significant risks for young people.

It is a matter of concern that even our oldest pupils do not yet have the maturity or experience to manage many of the situations they may encounter online, even in a group of their peers. Your vigilance and oversight are essential in helping to keep them safe.

The Hive

Please note that breakfast is served **up until 8.15am** at breakfast club. If your child arrives later than this, it will not be possible to provide breakfast for

them as staff need to have cleared away and be ready to leave in time for school to begin.

The Hive now has a phone line so that parents and carers can contact us. Please **only** use this line to notify us of anything urgent between 3.15pm and 6pm and if your child is onsite at the Hive. All queries and bookings should go through Parentmail or the school office. The number is: **07803 114239**.

Clubs

Alongside our Sports Clubs, our staff also run clubs during **break and lunch times**. There is no need for your child to sign up to these, they can just come along, but you might like to remind them in the mornings of any clubs they may be interested in.

Monday Lunchtime

Drawing Club

Tuesday Lunchtime

Chess Club

Thursday Lunchtime

Recorder Club

Friday Lunchtime

Creative Writing Club

We also run a Century Club (Y5/6), Friendship Club, Lego Club and TTRockstars Club (Y4). These are by invitation.

World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March** (actual WBD, every child will be visiting Between the Lines to choose a book using their WBD token.

This year the focus for WBD is reading for pleasure. We think you'll agree that there is no greater pleasure than snuggling up and sharing a story at bedtime. With this in mind, **on Friday 6th March**, we would like children to bring their favourite bedtime book to school to share. They can also wear their pyjamas and/or dressing gown

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(but please wear or bring suitable outdoor footwear and a coat).

Rocky Steady Band

We would like to say a huge thank you to Harry, our band leader, who is moving on to pastures new. He has been such a welcome member of the Great Bardfield team and we wish him well with his new venture.

We currently have a couple of 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](#)

Cambridge Literary Festival

The Cambridge Literary Festival is on over the weekend of 25 and 26 April. Tickets for the children's events are free for children and accompanying adults. The tickets went on release from 10am on Friday 13 February and are very popular so do book early if you can.

There are some wonderful authors at the Festival. Also, this year to celebrate the National Year of Reading, there will be a children's zone with free activities and storytelling all weekend - so you can go even if you don't manage to get tickets. All the details are on the festival website [Spring Festival 2026 - Cambridge Literary Festival](#)

We hope you have a great week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

March

Wed 4th March/Thursday 5th March

Learning Reviews

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th March

Bedtime Reading Pyjama Day

Thursday 12th March

KS2 Kew Gardens Visit

Wednesday 18th March

One Planning Meetings

Thursday 19th March

Y5 Careers Fair

Friday 20th March

Stay & Share 9.30am