



# The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #23 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

As you will know, the Victorian part of our school has recently had ceilings repaired throughout almost the entire building, and we are currently undergoing a significant window replacement and restoration project. Today, work has also begun on replacing the lead between the two apexed roofs. The staffroom and entrance hall roofs will also be repaired over the coming months.

Thank you for bearing with us while these important projects take place. I am especially grateful to our staff and children for the flexibility and resilience they have shown during what has, at times, been a disruptive period. None of this is ideal, but the work is essential to ensure the safety, preservation and protection of our beautiful Victorian building for many years to come.

## Learning Reviews

We are looking forward to meeting with you this week to discuss your child's progress at our Learning Reviews. If you haven't already done so, please make an appointment with your child's teacher via Parentmail.

Meetings will be held in the hall. We encourage our KS2 children to attend their Learning Review, as this is a valuable opportunity for them to talk about their learning, celebrate their achievements and reflect on their next steps alongside you and their teacher.

Please arrive a few minutes early for your appointment so that you have

time to look through your child's work together before the meeting begins.

## Staffing

I bring you the sad news that our lovely Pupil Manager, Hollie Leslie, will be leaving Great Bardfield at Easter. While we are of course very sorry to see her go, we wish her all the very best for her exciting new project and future endeavours. I know you will join me in thanking Hollie for the care, commitment and compassion she has shown to our children and families during her time with us. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike.

In the immediate future, Sara Harrison and I will be covering her role to ensure continuity and support for our children and families.

## PTA News

This week, the PTA are running a 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' competition to link with our Bedtime Reading theme for World Book Day.

If you would like the chance to take this huge, furry friend home along with a selection of toys and sweets, simply scan the QR code or bring £2 cash to the school office. You can then choose your favourite name for our very cuddly bear!

We would be so grateful for your support if you are able to take part. The PTA are currently raising funds for new picnic benches for our newly built

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Reflection Garden and outdoor lunch area — a wonderful addition for all of our children to enjoy.



### World Book Day

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 if they wish (but please wear or bring suitable outdoor footwear and a coat).

### SEN Coffee Mornings

After the success of our first coffee morning, it has been disappointing that, due to the ongoing building works, we have not been able to meet

again. I am hopeful that by the summer term, we will be able to get these rolling again.

### Website

Following the Parent Survey in October, we have listened carefully to your feedback about wanting more information on what your child is learning in school.

We are delighted to share that our website has been updated in response. Alongside the usual Curriculum Leaflets on each class page, we now have a brand-new Curriculum section where you can find detailed information about each of the subjects we teach.

There are still a few sections to add, but we're excited about this development and hope you will take a look — we think you will find it both informative and helpful in supporting your child's learning at home.

### Online Safety

This week's attached leaflet, from The National College, is titled '**Top tips for adopting safe and healthy online habits**'. 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 week.*

*Mrs Crow*

### Important Dates for your diary

#### March

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March/Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Learning Reviews

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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Bedtime Reading Pyjama Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

KS2 Kew Gardens Visit

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

One Planning Meetings

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Y5 Careers Fair

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Break the Rules Day

Stay & Share 9.30am