



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #25 Monday 16th March 2026

Last week it was wonderful to see so many of you joining us for your child's learning review. We hope you found these meetings, along with their mid-year report, useful and informative. Thank you to those parents who also took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and plays a key role in helping to shape the ongoing development of our school.

Kew Gardens Educational Visit

Thank you to Mrs Dodkins and Mrs Harrison for organising such a wonderful educational visit last week. The children had a fantastic time becoming 'plant detectives' and exploring the different types and uses of plants from around the world. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout the trip and we were incredibly proud of how well they represented our school. A big thank you to all who helped out on the day to make the visit such a success.

New Play Equipment

A reminder that children should **not** be playing on our new equipment before or after school. I have spoken to the children about this in assembly this morning. When children use the trail during the school day they are closely supervised at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

One Plan Meetings

If your child has a One Plan, you should now have received an updated copy for the Spring Term. I will be

holding parent meetings on Wednesday 18th March. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact Hollie in the school office by telephone or email to arrange a suitable time. Please bring along your annotated copy of your child's One Plan, as this will form the basis of our discussion during the meeting

Deep Careers Fair

Our Year 5 children are excited for the upcoming DEEP Careers Fair at Dunmow St Mary's Primary School on Thursday 18th March.

If you have a job, trade, or career that you'd be happy to showcase, we would be delighted to have you host a stall and inspire our pupils. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the world of work, ask questions, and discover the many pathways their futures could take. Whether you work in healthcare, construction, creative industries, public services, technology, hospitality, business, or anything in between, your contribution would make a real difference.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the school office for more information.

Break the Rules Day

Please support our Break the Rules Day on Friday 20th March! Our fantastic PTA have organised this fun event as part of their fundraising efforts for new picnic benches, which

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will allow our children to eat, play and work outside when the brighter weather arrives.

Children can choose to break as many of the 'school rules' as they like for 50p per rule. There will be a special prize for the class which breaks the most rules (raises the most money). Thank you for supporting the PTA and helping us create even better outdoor spaces for our pupils.



Stay and Share

Parents, carers and families are warmly invited to come along to Stay and Share on Friday at 9.30am. If you haven't been before, Stay and Share is an opportunity for your child to show you around their classroom and share some of their learning with you. Garwood parents will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Francis, our new class teacher who will be replacing Mrs Whittaker until the end of this academic year.

Supporting Autistic Pupils Transitioning to Secondary School

Families of autistic young people are invited to attend a free parent/carer conference taking place on Wednesday 29th April at The Fennes in Bocking from 1pm to 4pm.

The conference aims to help families feel more confident and informed about the transition from primary to secondary school. It will provide helpful information, advice and opportunities to connect with professionals and other parents.

This event is suitable for families of autistic young people in Years 5–7, as well as those whose child is currently on the autism diagnosis pathway. The sessions will focus on understanding the transition process, supporting young people with the changes that secondary school brings, and sharing practical strategies to help make the move as smooth as possible.

There are still a number of places available and if you would like to attend please pop in and see me for more details.

Online Safety

This week's attached leaflet, from The National College, is titled '**Inspiring Children to Build a Better Digital World**'. 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.

Website

Following our Parent Survey, 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 school website has been updated in response. Alongside the usual

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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.

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We hope you have a fantastic week.

Mrs Crow and Team GB

Important Dates for your diary

March

Wednesday 18th March

One Planning Meetings

Thursday 19th March

Y5 Careers Fair

Friday 20th March

Break the Rules Day

Stay & Share 9.30am

Friday 27th March

Last day of Spring Term