



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #1 Monday 31st August 2026

We are delighted to be welcoming everyone back to school this week. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break with plenty of time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. A huge thank you for all of the kind gifts and words of thanks you shared with my staff and myself at the end of last term. We all really appreciated them, especially so after such a rollercoaster of a year.

This first newsletter of the new school year is packed with important information, reminders and attachments, so please take a few minutes to read it through carefully. As always, please check the dates at the end of each newsletter, as our calendar will continue to grow and develop throughout the year.

The School Day

A reminder that the school day begins at **8.45am** and ends at **3.15pm** for all children. Please bring your child to the locations below **from 8.35am** and wait for the class teacher to open the gate/classroom door. Learning begins promptly at 8.45am so please do not arrive later than this.

Garwood Class (R/Y1) – use the main gate to enter the school grounds, come through the side gate, up the slope and wait with your child in the ‘Garwood Zone’.

Bawden Class (Y1/2) – use the main gate to enter the school grounds, come through the side gate, up the

slope and wait with your child in the ‘Bawden Zone’.

Aldridge Class (Y3/4) – use the main gate to enter the school grounds and enter and leave through the porch door on the front playground.

Ravilious (Y5/Y6) Class use the main gate into the school grounds then enter and leave through the porch door on the front playground.

At the end of the day, please ensure you **collect younger children first** if you have more than one child at school. Please be prompt for collection.

If you wish your **Year 6** child to walk to and from school, **please email permission** to the school office **before we return to school**. We will not release your child without this written permission.

New Beginnings

On Thursday, our new Reception children will be joining Garwood Class and we cannot wait to see them again!

New Reception parents can drop off their children at the classroom door on Thursday morning. Come through the side gate on the front playground and across the top playground to reach the classroom. **Please note that pick up is at 12.15pm from the main entrance hall on Thursday.**

On Friday, and going forwards, please drop off by 8.45am **and** collect at 3.15pm outside the classroom.

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children who are moving into Year 7 the very best of success as they begin their new secondary schools. I hope you will visit us and let us know how you are getting on. We will be thinking of you all this week.

Staffing

This term, we welcome Danni Peaston who will be leading our before school wraparound care at The Hive.

We will also be hosting two teaching students: Miss Clare will be working in Bawden Class and Miss Willett will be working in Aldridge Class.

The Hive

Please see attached arrangements and pricing for The Hive wraparound care from September. I would encourage parents to use this facility as much as possible so that we can keep the provision running at a reasonable cost. Bookings for the coming term will go live on Parentmail on Tuesday. **If any of our new reception parents require wraparound care, please telephone the office to book your spaces until we have set you up on Parentmail.**

Attendance

At the start of this new school year, I always like to remind parents of our approach to attendance. Our policy states; 'Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is a parental responsibility and allowing absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.' Please support us by adhering to our policy and be aware that any unauthorised absences may lead to a fine.

If your child is absent from school, parents must follow these procedures:

- *Contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.00 am. The school has an answer phone (Press 1) where you can leave a message or you may speak to someone (press 2).*

Alternatively, you can call into school personally and speak to the office staff

- *Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00 am*

- *Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide any medical evidence, if requested, to support the absence*

Please note: an email is not an acceptable means of reporting absence and we will still contact you.

We will ring you if we have not heard from you by 9am each day and may carry out a home welfare check if we cannot get in touch with you.

School Uniform

It is always wonderful to see how smart the children look in their school uniforms in the first week of term. Our detailed uniform guidance can be found in our Uniform Policy on our school website. **We ask that all sweatshirts/cardigans and PE t-shirts bear the school logo.**

If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason, please do get in touch and we can discuss this.

PE Kits

To help keep PE sessions running smoothly, please take note of the following arrangements:

Reception & KS1: Children should keep their PE kits in school **all week** as their timetable is flexible. We will send them home each half term to be washed. **Please do not send your child in to school with earrings unless they can remove them by themselves.**

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KS2: Pupils should continue wearing their PE kits to school **only** on their designated PE days:

Aldridge Class: Wednesdays and Fridays

Ravilious Class: Wednesdays and Fridays

For safety reasons, **no jewellery** is permitted during PE. Please ensure your child can remove earrings independently or avoid wearing them on PE days. Thank you for your support in keeping our children active and safe!

Please ensure that all uniform (and footwear) is labelled. We always seem to accumulate such a large amount of lost property. Any unclaimed, unnamed items will be recycled at the end of each half term.

The PTA run a wonderful second hand uniform shop. I have attached their current stock list so please look and if you require any items email the PTA (gbfobs@outlook.com) with orders. Items with logo are just £2 and items without logo are £1.

A reminder that your child will need a small school bag or the school logoed book bag and a water bottle. This should be of a reasonable size – no 'Stanley' style cups please as these take up too much room and fall off the tables and spill.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular sports activities will begin the **week beginning 7th September** and will be run by two different providers. These are for children in **Years 1 to 6**. Our Reception children may join a club in the Summer Term. There is a cost to parents for the after school clubs. Please sign up for sports clubs following the links below.

Monday (Elite Motion Sports)

3.15pm – 4.15pm

KS2 Football

<https://pbbl.uk/3UmEH0r>

Tuesday (Elite Motion Sports)

3.15pm-4.15pm

KS1 Football

<https://pbbl.uk/4wS1dfj>

Friday (Prestige Sports)

3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 & KS2 Fundamentals

(Gymnastics) Club

<https://prestigesports.magicbooking.co.uk>

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will continue to take place at 9.00am on Fridays. All parents and family members are very welcome to attend. We will send a message from the office if your child is receiving an award. Our first assembly will be on Friday 11th September.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school this week.

Mrs Crow

Important Dates for your diary

September

Tuesday 1st September

INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September

Children return to School

Thursday 3rd September

Reception children start school

Friday 11th September

First Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 16th September

'Meet the Teacher' 3.30pm-4.00pm

Thursday 24th September

Great Bardfield Bake Off

Tuesday 23rd September

PTA Meeting 7pm

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Friday 26th September

Great Bardfield Macmillan Bake Off
and Afternoon Coffee and Cake
2.30pm

October

Saturday 3rd October

Open Morning 10am-12pm

Thurs 8th & Fri 9th October

Y6 Bikeability

Saturday 10th October

PTA Scarecrow Festival

Friday 16th October

Open Afternoon 1.30–2.30pm

Thursday 22nd October

Harvest Festival 9.15am-10am

Monday 26th Oct – Friday 30th

October

Half Term Break