



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #2 Monday 7th September 2026

It was wonderful to welcome everybody back to school last week. Our new Reception children have settled in beautifully and it has been lovely to walk around school once again and hear the buzz of children and staff learning, talking and laughing. After the quiet of the summer holidays, our classrooms are once again full of life and learning – and it feels like school is back to how it should be!

Snack

As you may be aware, the Government provides our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with fresh fruit or vegetables for their morning snack.

A gentle reminder that children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a portion of **fresh or dried fruit or vegetables** from home for their snack. We ask that **no other foods** are brought into school for morning snack.

We appreciate that children have different preferences and understand that some may be disappointed if they have brought an alternative snack from home. However, to ensure consistency across the school and to encourage healthy choices, we need to maintain this expectation. If a child brings in an alternative snack, they will be asked to take it home and will be offered a piece of fruit or vegetable instead.

Thank you for your support in helping us to promote healthy eating habits

and encourage our children to make positive choices.

A reminder than no child should bring any items to school containing nuts. This includes Nutella chocolate spread (or other brands). Please check the labels carefully when packing your child's lunchbox.

PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA. Last year they raised over £18,000 for our school!



With the funds raised last year, our children have benefitted from a wealth of resources including new reading

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books, a trip to the Pantomime, new nativity costumes, new benches, chrome books, school bags for our new starters...the list is huge! Our wonderful PTA were also fundamental in raising enough funding to purchase and install our beautiful new climbing frame.

Every parent is member of the PTA and I would encourage all parents to come along to our first meeting of the year on **Thursday 10th September at 7pm in the hall**. (Apologies for the incorrect date in last week's Bardfield Buzz.) Meetings are very informal and all parents and family members are welcome.

At the meeting, you can hear more about how events will be organised this year and add your own contributions and ideas if you wish. We understand that life is busy but many hands do indeed make light work and helping out at events is a wonderful way to become part of our school community.

Hive News

This term, we are delighted to welcome Danni as our new Breakfast Club Lead and Amy, who will be supporting Kerrie in our After School Club. The Hive has already had a fantastic start to the term, and we are incredibly grateful for all the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm they have brought to their roles.

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.

Parking

A reminder to all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely and considerately around school. We have already had a number of instances this week where vehicles have been parked illegally or in a way that could put children and other pedestrians at risk.

Please do not park on the double yellow lines, in any prohibited areas or in a way that blocks the back gate. These restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe and ensure that emergency and access routes remain clear.

We appreciate that the start and end of the school day can be busy, but the safety of our children **must always come first**. Please take a moment to consider where you are parking and the impact this may have on others.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep our school community safe.

Finchingfield 3-Legged Race

The annual 3-Legged Race will take place this weekend on Sunday 13th September 2026. There will be races for adults and children, a dog show and many stalls for all of the family to enjoy. This is a great day out and all proceeds raised go to the FINCHE charity who provide free sports for local children.

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. Our Reception children will join our Friday assemblies

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a little later in the term, once they have had chance to settle in.

Meet the Teacher

Next Wednesday, we warmly invite parents to visit our classrooms and meet their child's new teacher. This will be a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the learning planned for the year ahead, ask any general questions you may have and for your child to proudly show you around their classroom.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please collect your child at the usual time and wait until all children have been dismissed before entering the classrooms.

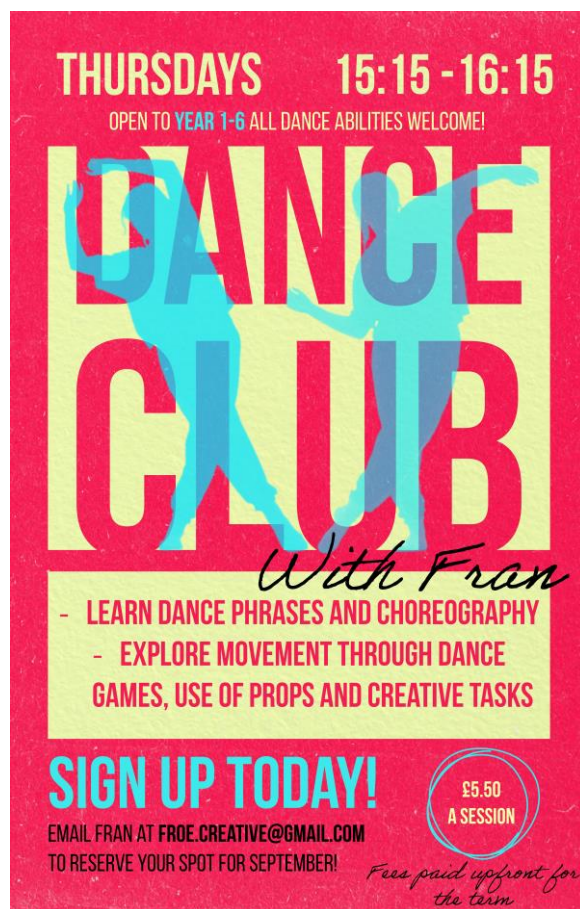
Scarecrow Festival

We hope the residents of Great Bardfield will again take part in our annual Scarecrow Festival. The event will run on the weekend of 10th October and there will be lots of stalls and activities on the village green as well as maps to purchase for the Scarecrow Trail. Here at school, each class will be making their own scarecrow to display somewhere in the village.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Hopefully by now you have booked your children onto our football and gymnastics clubs, which begin this week.

I am able to share the exciting news that we will also be running a **Dance Club on Thursdays** from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. This club will begin on **24th September**. Leading the club will be Fran, a contemporary dance graduate who currently teaches in some of our other local schools. Parents should email froe.creative@gmail.com to book a space at the club.



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>

Thursday (Fran Roe)

3.15pm – 4.15pm

KS1 & KS2 Dance

froe.creative@gmail.com

Friday (Prestige Sports)

3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 & KS2 Fundamentals

(Gymnastics) Club

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

We hope you have a fantastic week.

Mrs Crow and Team GB

Important Dates for your diary

September

Thursday 10th September

PTA Meeting 7pm

Friday 11th September

First Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 16th September

'Meet the Teacher' 3.30pm-4.00pm

Friday 25th September

Great Bardfield Macmillan Bake Off
Cake, Coffee & Chat 2pm-3pm

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