



The Bardfield Buzz

Newsletter #4 Monday 21st September 2026

Thank you to all those parents who came along to 'Meet the Teacher' last week. We hope you enjoyed the event and found out more about what your child learns while they are in school. It was lovely to see how proudly the children were giving their adults a tour of the classrooms.

A reminder about snacks and lunchboxes

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, children in Key Stage 2 may bring fresh or dried fruit and vegetables to school for their morning snack. Fruit is provided free of charge to children in Key Stage 1.

I would also like to ask families to give some thought to the contents of their children's lunchboxes. Sweets, chocolate bars and other foods high in added sugar are **strongly** discouraged. These foods can provide a quick burst of energy but can then lead to a drop in energy and concentration, which can make it harder for children to engage fully in their learning during the afternoon.

We completely appreciate that children can be fussy eaters and that every family is different. This is not about telling parents how to feed their children or expecting every lunchbox to be perfect. Our request is simply about supporting children to make healthy choices and ensuring that they have the energy and concentration they need to learn, play and enjoy their school day.

We would really appreciate your support with this. Working together, we can help our children develop healthy habits for life.

Year 6 and Road Safety

For many of our Year 6 children, being given the independence to walk to and from school without an adult is an exciting rite of passage. We understand that this is an important step as children become more independent and prepare for secondary school.

However, we have noticed (and been notified of) some less than safe behaviour around the village, particularly in relation to roads and traffic. At this age, children can understandably feel very grown up and invincible, but they are still developing their judgement and awareness of risk.

I have spoken to the children about the importance of making safe choices, staying alert and following the rules of the road. We would really appreciate parents and carers reinforcing these messages at home too. We want our children to enjoy their growing independence, but independence must go hand in hand with responsibility and safety.

Bardfield Bake Off

This Friday, 25th September, we will be holding our annual 'Great Bardfield Bake Off'! This much-loved event is always great fun and, importantly, helps us to raise a significant amount

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of money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan does truly wonderful work supporting people living with cancer and their families, as well as funding vital services and research. We are delighted to be supporting such an important cause once again.

We hope that all of our children will get involved by entering a bake of their choice — perhaps a cake, loaf, biscuits or cookies! If baking isn't your thing, you can still take part by donating a shop-bought cake for our afternoon event.

If you are baking something for the Bake Off, please write a list of the ingredients on a separate piece of paper, making sure that any **allergens are clearly highlighted** (for example, in bold or capital letters). This will be displayed alongside your bake so that everyone can make informed choices. I have attached some guidance to help.

The Hive

A reminder that The Hive is available to book for all your wraparound care needs. Bookings close **48 hours** before each session. However, we understand that sometimes plans change and you may need to arrange wraparound care at short notice. If this happens, please telephone the school office and, if there are spaces available, Sara will be happy to book your child in.

Our dedicated Hive telephone number is for emergencies only, for example if you are running late to collect your child. Please only use this number between 3.15pm and 6pm if your child is attending The Hive. Hive emergency telephone: **07803 114239**. All other queries and bookings should be made

through ParentMail or by contacting the school office.

The Hive are looking for donations of any unwanted toy cars, garages, dolls, etc. If you are able to help, please drop items at main reception.

PTA News

A reminder that all parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to the PTA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15th October at 7pm in the school hall.

Following our meeting on 10th September, I can now share the arrangements for the coming school year. As discussed, we will continue with the model introduced last year, with each year group taking responsibility for organising and supporting a particular PTA event. This worked really well and helps spread the workload while giving everyone the opportunity to get involved.

Reception: Halloween Disco

Year 1: Frozen Friday

Year 2: Proms in the Playground

Year 3: Sports Day

Year 4: Halloween Disco

Year 5: Tea Towels for Easter

Year 6: Shop 'til You Drop and Colour Run

Please remember that you are not expected to organise everything alone. Olivia and I are always happy to offer advice, help with ideas or share what has worked well in previous years. If you are unsure where to start, please come and speak to us.

Our other main events will be organised by the core PTA team, but we will still need plenty of volunteers to help make them happen. If you can spare just an hour, it would make a real difference. Keep an eye out for

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more details and opportunities to get involved. Watch this space!

Thank you, as always, for giving your time and energy to support our school community. Your involvement makes such a difference to the children and we really appreciate everything you do.

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.



Reception Entry 2027

We invite those of you with pre-school age children to come and visit us and take a tour of our school on Saturday 3rd October or Friday 16th October. We would appreciate it if you could share these dates with friends or family with

children who are due to start school in September 2027.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, you may like to attend an open evening being held at HRS on October 8th. Please note that you are required to book a space if you wish to attend one of the Headteacher talks.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

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

froecreative@gmail.com

STARTS THIS THURSDAY

Friday (Prestige Sports)

3:15pm - 4:15pm

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KS1 & KS2 Fundamentals
(Gymnastics) Club

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

EMS will be again running a holiday club during half term. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

⚽ EMS October Football Camp ⚽

Looking for something fun and active for your child this October half term? EMS Football Camp is back! Our camp is open to children aged 5–12 years, with all abilities welcome.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
9:00am – 3:00pm
Great Bardfield Primary School
£25 per day

Children can look forward to a fun-filled day of football, games, challenges and skill development in a friendly and positive environment.

Discounts Available

Early Bird discount: Use code
EMSOCTOBER for 10% off - expires
October 1st

Sibling Discount: Use code

EMSSIBLING for 10% off

Spaces are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid missing out.

Book now: <https://pbbl.uk/4h6ECpx>

Or alternatively through our website :

<https://www.elitemotionsport.co.uk>

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at :

Info@elitemotionsports.co.uk

Important Dates for your diary

September

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

We hope you have a super week.

Mrs Crow and Team GB