



The Bellbird Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just two weeks to go until the Easter holidays, it's wonderful to see signs of spring all around us. The daffodils are in full bloom, and while the temperatures continue to fluctuate—from sub-zero chills at night to pleasantly warm double figures during the day—we are all enjoying the sunshine when it appears. This week, our school community has been celebrating **Neurodiversity Week**, an important opportunity to recognise and embrace the different ways people think, learn, and interact with the world. Both pupils and staff have been engaging in activities that promote patience, understanding, and appreciation for those who may think or behave differently from ourselves. It has been inspiring to see our children demonstrating kindness and curiosity, reinforcing the inclusive and supportive environment we strive to create. As we head towards the final stretch of the term, I want to thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mother's Day

At 2.30pm -3.00pm on Friday 28th March we would like to invite all mothers into school to celebrate Mother's Day with their child/ren. You will be able to complete a simple craft with your child or read with them in their classroom and receive a special Mother's Day biscuit. If mum cannot attend then another family member is more than welcome. This invite is open to mothers in all key stages. There is no charge for this event. Please just arrive at reception and you will be directed to your child's classroom.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week at BPS

This week we have been marking **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** in our assemblies. We've been learning about neurodiversity, famous neurodivergent individuals and understanding that different people need different adjustments to help them succeed. The children have shown remarkable thoughtfulness in considering their own strengths and challenges. They've identified adjustments that support their learning and well-being, fostering a more inclusive environment. Over the next two weeks, our PSHE lessons will delve deeper into these concepts. This journey is not just about awareness but also about embracing and celebrating our differences. We are proud of the children's engagement and look forward to seeing their continued growth and understanding.

Here is a link to a story we have read in case you would like to look at it again...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7BmXPB67zw>



Free Emotional Health & Wellbeing Workshop for Parents & Carers

Building Confidence: Managing Your Child's Worries

Are you a parent or carer looking for guidance on supporting your child's emotional wellbeing?

Join us in school on **Friday, 28th March, from 9:00am (for a 9:15 start) to 11:00am** for a free workshop delivered by the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner (EHWP) Team.

This workshop is designed to help parents and carers learn more about what they can do to help their child manage their worries and build their confidence.

The following topics will be discussed throughout the workshop:

Why parents are best placed to support children

How worry can impact us

Factors that lead to, and maintain, worrying for children

Strategies to help manage worry and build confidence within children

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and connect with professionals dedicated to supporting young people's mental health.

Bellbird Primary School Cookie Sale – April 4th, 2025

Get ready for a delicious fundraising event! Bellbird Primary School is excited to announce our upcoming **Cookie Sale** on **Friday, April 4th, 2025**.

Last week, parents and carers would have received a Microsoft Form outlining the details of this exciting event. The order form included a list of ingredients, ensuring transparency for those with dietary needs. As the cookies are being freshly made by one of our own catering team, we can confidently cater to all allergies and intolerances, ensuring every child can enjoy a tasty treat.

Each cookie will be sold for **£1**, with all proceeds going towards our school fundraising efforts. This year, we are focusing on purchasing **Chrome Books** to enhance pupil learning and provide greater access to digital resources in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to record sales!

Join Our School Team!

We are looking for a friendly and organised **School Administrator** to join our office team from **2nd June 2025**. This **23-hour-per-week** role (term-time plus training days) is perfect for someone with great communication and customer service skills, as you will be the first point of contact for families, staff, and visitors.

Key responsibilities include helping with school communications (website and social media), organising trips, and supporting general office tasks. IT skills and office experience are essential, and a first aid qualification (or willingness to train) is required.

Training will be provided as needed, and we welcome prospective applicants to visit the school. Parents are most definitely encouraged to apply! The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 28th March. For more details or to apply visit <https://epm.co.uk/school-vacancies/65547/> or contact the School Office at **Office@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk** or call **01223 833216**.

Parking Etiquette at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

We kindly remind all members of our school community to be respectful and considerate when parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure that you park safely and legally, avoiding driveways, restricted areas, and spaces designated for residents. In particular, **Jones Place car park is for residents only and must not be used by parents and carers**. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping good relations with our neighbours and ensuring the safety of our children. Thank you for your support in making drop-off and pick-up times smooth and respectful for everyone.

Staff Inset – 22/4/25

Please note that Tuesday 22nd April is a staff training day. The school will therefore be closed to all pupils and no alternative childcare will be provided.

The 2025 Sawston Fun Run – Saturday 11th May

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome **Sini Rinne-Kerridge**, organiser of this year's **Sawston Fun Run**, who shared exciting details about the upcoming event. The Fun Run is a fantastic opportunity to stay active while raising funds for Sawston schools, local organisations, and charities. This event also sets the stage for the launch of **Mr Puxley's KS2 Running Club**, which kicks off on **Friday, 25th April**—a great way for our young runners to get involved and build their fitness. More details will follow soon!

Whether you're running for fun, fitness, or a fantastic cause, the Sawston Fun Run is an event not to be missed. Lace up your trainers and get ready to support our community while having a great time!

Easter Church Performance

For our Easter Services on Tuesday 1st April, we are in need of parent volunteers to accompany children to St. Mary's Church please. Due to restricted numbers, on this occasion, the Easter services will be for pupils only. Parent volunteers will however be welcome to watch the children perform. If you are able to assist, please email our school office: office@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk Performance times will be 9.45 – 10.15am and 10.45-11.15 am.

Escape from the Hive – Maths Adventure! Flyer attached

Join us on Wednesday, 26th March for a thrilling escape room-style maths session - where puzzles, clues, and numbers come together for an unforgettable experience! Hosted by Family Learning, this fun-filled event will give you a sneak peek into what your child is learning in their maths lessons. It is the perfect way for you and your child to team up, crack codes, and solve challenges together.

When: After school — a 2-hour session of brain-teasing fun!

Who: Open to all **KS2 families**.

Spaces are limited — do not miss out! Book your spot now using the email or QR code on the attached flyer.

We cannot wait to see you there!

National College guide What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Roblox

Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer gameplay with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm. In addition to interacting with random strangers across the world, other factors such as in-game purchases and potential scams can also pose a financial risk. It's important that parents and educators remain aware of the risks associated with this popular title and how it can be used safely. This free guide – also available in podcast format – offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox.

Key dates for your diary:

Event	Date
FABS Disco KS2	Friday 21 st March 5.30-7.00pm
Y4 West Stow trip	Friday 21 st March
Cambridge University School Day	Tuesday 25 th March for KS2 pupils.
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th March 9:15am
EHWP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Workshop for Parents & Carers	Friday 28 th March, 8.30-11.00am
The Bellbird Primary School Easter Holiday	Monday 7 th April – Friday 18 th April inclusive Monday 21 st April – Easter Monday (school closed) Tuesday 22 nd April – Staff training day (school closed).
FABS Quiz	Friday 2 nd May – more details to follow
Sawston Fun Run	Saturday 11 th May
Year 1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 21 st May @ 9:15am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 th July @ 9:15am

Kind Regards,



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