



The Bellbird  
Primary School

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# The Bellbird Newsletter

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been a *belting* week, weather-wise! The sun has certainly made its presence known, and while the classrooms have felt more like saunas at times, the arrival of our shiny desk and pedestal fans has made things a little more bearable – a welcome relief for pupils and staff alike.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming work experience students from Sawston Village College this week, for the second week. They have thrown themselves into school life with great enthusiasm, lending a helping hand in classrooms and making a real difference to both learning and the wider school environment. Their positive attitude and willingness to get stuck in has been much appreciated by teachers, teaching assistants and pupils alike.

Hard to believe, but there are just 4.5 weeks to go until the end of term! There is still plenty to look forward to and we are determined to make the most of every moment.

## **Join Us for The Bellbird Primary School Summer Fete!**

We are delighted to invite you to The Bellbird Primary School's Summer Fete, taking place today from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. This promises to be a fun-filled evening for the whole family, with stalls, games, food, and entertainment for all ages!

The fete is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the summer term in style. Whether you are trying your luck on the tombola, enjoying a tasty treat or cheering on the children in one of the many activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

We would love as many parents and carers as possible to join us—and if you are able to lend a hand, the FABS team would really appreciate your support. Help is always welcome, whether it is setting up, running a stall, or tidying up at the end of the evening. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andy Irons, FABS Chair, via the school office. Let us make this a summer fete to remember—fingers crossed for sunshine!

## **Year 3 Trip to the Botanical Gardens – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

We are very much looking forward to the Year 3 trip to the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge, scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. At present, we are planning to go ahead with the trip as planned. However, we will carefully monitor the forecast and assess the heat levels on the day to determine whether it is safe and appropriate to travel by public transport.

Regardless of the final decision, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children are well prepared for warm weather. Please send your child in with plenty of water, a sun hat or cap and light, comfortable clothing to help keep them cool throughout the day. Rest assured, the school team will be taking all necessary precautions and doing everything possible to ensure the children's comfort and wellbeing. We will keep you updated with any changes.

## **Staying Safe and Healthy in the Sun**

As the summer sun continues to shine, we would like to remind families of a few simple steps that will help keep all our pupils safe, healthy, and comfortable during the school day.

Please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied. Children are welcome to bring a *named* bottle of sun cream to reapply later in the day, especially if they will be spending extended time outdoors. To avoid allergic reactions, we kindly ask that pupils do not share sun cream with others.

A sun hat and a water bottle are also essential during the warmer weather. We encourage children to refill their water bottles regularly and to make sensible choices about time spent in the sun.

Finally, as part of our PSHE curriculum and the *Looking After Yourself and Body Changes* unit, we are reminding pupils—especially in Years 5 and 6—of the importance of good personal hygiene in the heat. We ask that older pupils wear deodorant to school to support both their own wellbeing and that of their classmates.

Thank you for helping us promote a healthy, respectful, and sun-safe school community

## **Year 6 Production – *What's the Crime, Mr Wolf?***

We are delighted to announce this year's Year 6 production, *What's the Crime, Mr Wolf?*, a witty and whimsical courtroom drama set in the heart of Fabletown. Under the watchful eye of Lord Feathers of Eiderdown, the Forest Court brings charges against the infamous

Mr Wolf. With a colourful cast of characters, including Johnny Mole (secret agent), the Three Little Pigs, and Red Riding Hood, this clever tale will keep you guessing – are our favourite fairy-tale figures really who they appear to be?

**Performance Dates:** Wednesday 9 July at 6:00pm, Thursday 10 July at 6:00pm

**Venue:** Main School Hall

**Running Time:** To be confirmed, but approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes

Each family will be allocated **two tickets** for their child's performance. Once these allocations have been confirmed, additional tickets may be available upon request. Younger siblings will have the opportunity to watch the performance during school hours.

**Please note:** All Year 6 children are required to attend both performances and **must be collected by an adult** at the end of each evening.

Further details regarding costumes and arrival times will be shared in due course. We are very much looking forward to showcasing the talents of our Year 6 pupils in what promises to be a thoroughly entertaining production.

### School Reading Books

#### **Key Stage 2**

During the week starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the teachers in key stage 2 will be collecting in Star reading books, colour banded books and library books. They will also be collecting in the children's reading record books.

#### **Reception and Key Stage 1**

Little Wandle reading books will not be issued to children from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July and the children's reading record books will be collected in on this day. All colour banded books in year 2 will also be collected in on this day.

**At the end of the term, from Reception to Year 5, the children's current class teachers will be sorting out the children's first reading book for September 2025.**

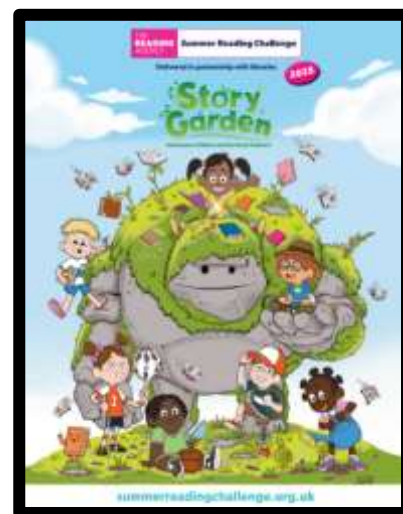
Please have a good look around at home and send back into school any school reading books. There may be a few previously read books lurking under beds or on the top of shelves.

From the 7<sup>th</sup> July, there will still be books in the class reading areas and the children will have access to these books during reading time in class.

### The Summer Reading Challenge 2025

This year's Challenge is about nature, the outdoors, storytelling and reading! Children can collect their own sticker booklet to start their Challenge from the library. Libraries will be hosting themed events and activities over the holidays for children and families taking part, with lots of opportunities to find new books and have fun learning about nature. Download an information pack here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



### Bring in 2 Carrier Bags – Friday 18th July

As we approach the end of term, we will be sending home all of your child's exercise books and work from this year. To help with this, we kindly ask that all children bring in two carrier bags on Friday 18th July. These bags will make it easier for your child to carry everything home safely and keep all their wonderful work protected. Thank you for your support!

### Calling All Parents – We Need Reading Volunteers!

At The Bellbird Primary School, we believe that reading is the foundation of all learning – it unlocks imagination, knowledge, and confidence. This is why we are committed to helping every child develop strong reading skills as early as possible.

However, with increasing demands on teachers' time, we need your support to ensure each child receives the attention they need while learning to read. Could you spare an hour or two each week to listen to children read?

You do not need any special training – just a love of books and a willingness to encourage our young learners as they develop this vital skill. Whether you are able to come in weekly or only from time to time, your involvement could make a significant difference.

#### **Why volunteer as a reading helper?**

Support children as they gain confidence and improve their reading ability

Make a meaningful and positive contribution in the classroom

Become a valued part of the school community

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact [Teacher/Office Name] at [email address/telephone number], or visit the school office.

Together, we can help every child become a confident and capable reader. Thank you for your support!

#### **National College guide What Parents and Educators Need to Know – Emojis**

Emojis aren't just digital decoration — they're often used as a coded language that young people use to express identity, humour and emotion. Without context, they can easily be misunderstood by adults, leading to confusion or missed signals. Some emojis may even mask risky behaviours or emotional struggles.

This guide helps decode this ever-evolving language, empowering parents and educators to have more open, informed conversations with the children in their care. It also highlights the meaning of some common emojis and offers practical tips for staying clued-in without snooping or suspicion.

#### **Key dates for your diary:**

| <b>Event</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
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| <b>Early Years Trip – South Angle Farm</b>            | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   |
| <b>Year 2 Class Assembly</b>                          | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July @ 9:15am   |
| <b>Y6 Production</b>                                  | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July - timings TBC.           |
| <b>Pupil Books Return</b>                             | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| <b>Yr 6 Leavers Party</b>                             | Mon 21st July 4.30pm - 6pm Parents volunteers needed, please email us if you can help |
| <b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly</b>                           | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July from 2pm on Tuesday 22nd July. 2 adults per child.      |
| <b>Final Day of Summer Term</b>                       | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July   |
| <b>Staff training (inset) – no childcare provided</b> | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   |

Have a good weekend,

James Puxley, Headteacher.