



The Bellbird
Primary School

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The Bellbird Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just one week left until the Easter holiday, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by both our pupils and staff this term. It has been a busy and productive time, and I know that everyone will be ready for a well-earned break.

This week, we were delighted to welcome back Mrs. Lang following her maternity leave. She will be working in Year R and Year 3 and we know she is excited to be back in the classroom.

On another note, yesterday our staff took part in a valuable **Building Confidence in Mental Health** training session, expertly organised by Mrs. Waddingham. The session provided insightful strategies to support well-being within our school community. It was great to see that so many parents and carers were able to make it to today's workshop based on Managing Your Child's Worries.

It was wonderful to see so many mothers at this afternoon's Mothers' Day session. We hope you enjoyed learning with your child(ren) and savouring the special Mothers' Day biscuits, generously donated by ABM Caterers. I hope that all mums are utterly spoilt this weekend!!!!

FABS Disco

Many thanks to all pupils who attended last week's KS2 and previously the EYFS/ KS1 discos. FABS is delighted to announce that a total of £630 was raised. This will go towards school funds and the purchase of new – and much needed- IT equipment.

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 record sales!

A Kind Request to Our School Community: Keeping the Air Clean for Our Children

We kindly ask for your support in keeping the air around our school clean and healthy for our children. Recently, we have noticed some individuals smoking near the school entrance, and while we understand this is a personal choice, we are concerned about the impact of second-hand smoke on our pupils. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of smoke, and we want to ensure they have a safe and fresh environment as they arrive and leave school. With this in mind, we kindly ask that if you need to smoke, please do so away from the school gates and surrounding areas.

Your cooperation and consideration mean a great deal to us and, most importantly, to the well-being of our pupils. Thank you for helping us create a healthier environment 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

The Sawston 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. As per Email yesterday, please sign up via <https://forms.office.com/e/N4YVH21iPv?origin=lpLink>

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!

Summer Sports Day at The Bellbird – Save the Date!

Get ready for a day of fun, excitement, and friendly competition! The Bellbird's much-anticipated **Summer Sports Day** is set to take place on **Tuesday, 10th June**, with **Wednesday, 11th June** as our back-up date in case of bad weather. Exact timings for the day, to be announced closer to the date. We warmly invite parents and families to come along and cheer on the children as they take part in a variety of events, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and determination. From sprints to relays, and even some classic fun races, there will be plenty to enjoy. And for those who are feeling brave—there might even be a parents' race! So, dust off your trainers and be ready for a little friendly competition of your own. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a fantastic day of sporting spirit and school community fun.

Talent Show

A huge thank you to all the children who entered "Bellbird's Got Talent". It's been amazing to see so many talents and children should also be commended on their confidence and enthusiasm. A panel of teachers watched all entries and narrowed entries down to a top 10; it was a very difficult task! Each class will watch the entries and vote on their favourite from the top 10. A winner will be announced on the last day of term. Good luck to all who entered.

Sweeney Todd

On 14th March, year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Perse school in Cambridge where they got to perform the songs from "Sweeney Todd" along with 300 other children from local schools. They had worked hard to learn the songs and performed brilliantly on the day. They loved watching the 6th form students from The Perse perform some of the songs and got a real feel for what it is like to perform in a theatre. As always, they did us proud with their attitudes, behaviour and engagement on the day. Well done Year 5!



Easter Service

We still need volunteers to help us walk to the church for our Easter service at St. Mary's on Tuesday 1st April. If you can help, please let your class teacher know asap. You will be able to stay for the service if you are helping walking.

Please note there is a slight change to original times:

KS1 service - 9.45-10.15

KS2 service - 11.15-11.45

Join the Friends at Bellbird School (FABs) and make a difference!

As our school's parent-teacher association, we're a dedicated team of parents and staff committed to organising fundraising events and supporting school activities. Our mission is to unite children, families, and the wider community

through exciting events while raising funds for essential resources and learning opportunities. Thanks to our fantastic volunteers, we've enhanced the school library, hosted author visits and theatre performances, funded swimming lessons for Years 2, 4, and 6, and installed a new PA system in the school hall. If you'd like to get involved, leave a message for Mr. Andy Irons at the school office or speak with the School Leadership Team at the gate—we would love to welcome you to the team!

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

Livestreaming is now a major part of children's entertainment, evolving from gamers sharing screens into a booming industry with diverse personalities. While watching streamers can be entertaining, it comes with no small number of risks for children, such as misinformation, negative influences, and inappropriate content. With over 2.5 million viewers on Twitch – the current most popular streaming platform – at any one time, this guide highlights the potential dangers associated with watching livestreams and the importance of staying informed.

We've created this free guide – also available in podcast format – to provide parents and educators everything they need to know about streamers and how to keep children protected.

Key dates for your diary:

Event	Date
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
Sports Day	Tuesday 10 th or Wednesday 11 th June
Year 2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 th July @ 9:15am
Y6 Production	Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July - timings TBC.
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July

Kind Regards,



Mr James Puxley
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