



The Bellbird Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete the final week of the spring term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few months. Pupils and staff alike have worked incredibly hard, and I know we are all looking forward to a well-earned two-week Easter break. This term has been particularly special for me as my first at The Bellbird, and it has only reinforced how delighted I am to have taken on the challenge of leading such a wonderful school. I hope that the sun shines throughout the holidays and that, whatever adventures our families have planned, there is also time for rest and recuperation.

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. Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Easter Service at St. Mary's - April 1st

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Reverend Kathryn for the warm welcome at St. Mary's during The Bellbird Easter services on April 1st. YR and KS1 pupils attended the 9:40 am service, while KS2 participated in the 11:15 am service. The children sang beautifully, and all of the readers spoke with confidence and clarity, making a wonderful impression on the congregation. This service provided a meaningful start to our countdown to the Easter holidays.

From a cultural perspective, it is incredibly rewarding to offer the children the opportunity to perform in such a special setting. I would also like to express my gratitude to the entire St. Mary's team, and to Mrs. Collins, whose dedication in planning and organising the event ensured its success. We are particularly appreciative that she took time out of her day off to manage the sound and visuals at the church. Thank you again for all your efforts in making this a memorable event.



Bellbird Primary School Cookie Sale – April 4th, 2025

I am delighted to announce that a grand total of £334 was raised from the cookie sale. All proceeds will go towards renewing our decrepit laptops so that we can more effectively deliver the computing curriculum. Thank you for your generosity and much appreciation to Emily from the school kitchen for her hard work in baking the biscuits.

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!

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.

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!

Musician of the Month

Please see attached information about this month's musician - Kraftwerk.

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.

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!

FABS Quiz

FRIENDS AT BELLBIRD SCHOOL PRESENT

QUIZ NIGHT

BYO snacks & nibbles or buy some at our bar BUT...

Because we will have a FABulous...

please don't BYO nuts or alcohol

Licensed Bar! (and tuck shop)

Friday 2nd May

BELLBIRD SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR UP TO 8 PEOPLE PER TEAM

TICKETS £8.50

BOOK ONLINE

www.pta-events.com/thebellbird

HERE!

START 7.30PM

Bluesky is a microblogging social media platform that gained popularity after separating from Twitter in 2021. Since accounts must be public, this opens the door to potential trolling, cyberbullying and the spread of misinformation. We've created this free guide (attached), offering parents and educators advice and guidance on the tools available to keep children safe while using the popular social media platform Bluesky.

Challis Garden Event



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



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter