



The Bellbird Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had celebrating Book Week! A huge well done and thank you to Mrs. Hines for organising such a fabulous range of activities, including masked readers, book exchanges, and engaging book-focused lessons. The children have had an amazing time, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading grow. Events like these truly highlight the value and joy that books bring to our lives.

If you were unable to attend last week's parent consultation meetings or this week's SEND parent meetings, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the school office. We will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet and discuss your child's progress.

This afternoon, we are all excited for this week's Reception and KS1 disco—a chance for our younger children to enjoy music, dancing, and fun with their friends. A reminder that the KS2 disco will be taking place on Friday, March 21st, so mark your calendars.

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! For more details or to apply, contact the School Office at **Office@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk** or call **01223 833216**.

National Science Week at The Bellbird

National Science Week runs from 7-16 March, and we are seeking curious objects to spark discussion in classrooms! These will rotate daily and can be natural (e.g., a bird nest, animal skull, or unusual shell) or man-made (e.g., an old phone, motherboard, or Newton's cradle). Objects must be safe and not too fragile, as children will closely examine and handle them.

If you can contribute, please drop off objects at the school office next week, ideally in a labelled box with your name and a brief description inside. We will reveal details after students explore them.

Additionally, Cambridge University's Cambridge Festival (19 March – 4 April) offers free family-friendly events:

<https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/events/format/family-weekend-9642>

No choir on 14th March

Due to the year 5 trip that Mrs. Collins will be attending, there will be no choir after school on Friday 14th March.

Easter Church Performance

For our Easter Services on Tuesday 1st April, we are in need of parent volunteers to accompany of 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.

Musician of the Week

Please find attached information about March's Musician of the Month – Freddie Mercury. Why not listen to some of Queen's greatest hits at home?!

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

As our school's parent-teacher association, we are a passionate group of parents and staff dedicated to organising fundraising events and supporting school activities. Our goal is to bring together children, families, and the wider community through fun, engaging events while raising funds for essential resources and learning opportunities. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we have improved the school library, hosted author visits and theatre performances, funded swimming lessons for Years 2, 4, and 6, and even added a new PA

system to the school hall. If you would like to get involved, leave a message for Mr. Andy Irons at the school office or chat with the School Leadership Team at the gate—we would love to have you on board!

Whole School Evacuation Drill

At The Bellbird Primary School, the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff are our top priorities. As part of our ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness, we will be conducting a **whole school evacuation drill** in the coming weeks. This drill follows our recent fire drill and invacuation practice, helping to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of a critical incident requiring the full evacuation of the school site.

Pupils will be fully briefed by their class teachers before the drill takes place. Please note that a selected number of pupils – for medical/ health reasons - will not be participating in the drill. If you feel that your child may find this experience unsettling, we advise that you practise walking to and from Sawston Free Church, which is our designated emergency location. Children can then become familiar with the route and building. We appreciate your support in helping us to prepare our pupils for all possible scenarios in a calm and reassuring manner.

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!

Wheelchair Request

If you have a spare or disused wheelchair at home, we would greatly appreciate any donations or offers to sell one to the school. In the event of an emergency, having a wheelchair on hand will help ensure the safety and well-being of pupils who may need assistance. Your generosity could make a real difference. Please contact the school office if you can help.

National College guide Marvel-Rivals (attached)

Marvel Rivals is a highly popular multiplayer shooter that pits iconic superheroes against formidable villains. The game is free –to play on PC and current-generation consoles but does feature microtransactions that allow players to spend real money on cosmetic items for their characters.

While Marvel Rivals has been deemed suitable for children aged 12 and over, there are several risks associated with the title that parents and educators should be aware of. This free guide offers more information on these safety concerns and lets you know how to ensure that children playing the game can have a fun and age-appropriate experience.

Key dates for your diary:

Event	Date
FABS Disco YR, KS1	Tonight! 5.30-7.00pm
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
FABS Quiz	Friday 2 nd May – more details to follow
Year 1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 21 st May @ 9:15am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Tuesday 8 th July @ 9:15am

Kind Regards,



Mr James Puxley
Headteacher