



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Spring Term issue 1

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable festive break and were able to spend some special time together as a family. As we begin the Spring term, I would like to warmly welcome you and your children back to school.

The children returned to us at the end of last term having achieved so much, and it was a real pleasure to see their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their learning. This is a testament not only to their hard work, but also to the strong partnership we share with you as parents and carers.

The Spring term is always a busy and exciting one, filled with important learning, new opportunities and continued growth for our pupils. We are very much looking forward to building on the strong foundations already in place and supporting each child to continue to thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and engagement with school life. We truly value the role you play in your child's learning and development.

Wishing you all a positive and successful start to the term. We look forward to the months ahead.

Warmest wishes,  
Mr Wells

## Governor News!

Each term, a member of the governing body will tell you about what they have done so far this year. You can find more information about the governing board [here](#).

<b>Name:</b> <b>Role:</b> <b>How long have you been a governor?</b>	Zoe Callan Chair of Governors 5 years
<b>When were you last in the school and what were you doing?</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December. Mrs Brennan was kind enough to show me around the school to look at the maths provision. We saw some lessons and spoke to some year 2 pupils. The pupils spoke articulately and enthusiastically about maths and showed me some of the resources they use to help with their calculations.
<b>What did you learn during your visit?</b>	All pupils are encouraged to participate in maths conversations and do so eagerly! Maths is made real for the children by using tangible resources like beads and blocks.
<b>What challenges do you see for the future?</b>	Maths is always has a strong focus in the school and will continue to be a priority. In our next visit Mrs Brennan will talk me through the data she regularly analyses and whether there are any areas for improvement.
<b>When is your next visit to the school?</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December I will be serving the children their Christmas lunch wearing a festive jumper and possibly a sparkly Christmas headband!

We want to let you know about a free online webinar coming up about the Hertfordshire Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) in schools.

Ordinarily Available Provision is the range of support, strategies, and adjustments that all Hertfordshire schools are expected to provide from within their normal resources. It isn't something extra or only for a few children – it is part of everyday inclusive practice.

The webinar will explain what OAP means in practical terms, how schools use it, and how it may affect your child.

Important points:

- OAP is for all pupils, not only those with an EHCP or a formal diagnosis.
- It applies to children with SEND and children without SEND.
- The aim is to help every child access learning, feel included, and be able to show their abilities.

For example, these approaches can be helpful for many children who may not be considered SEND but still benefit from support such as:

A child who is academically able but has anxiety and needs:

- clear, step-by-step instructions
- visual timetables
- a calm space to reset when overwhelmed.

A bright pupil who struggles with organisation or processing speed and needs:

- tasks broken into chunks
- written reminders
- extra time to respond

A child with no identified SEND who finds some parts of school difficult, such as:

- help preparing for transitions
- flexible seating
- different ways to record their work (typing, mind maps, etc.)

All of these are ordinary, reasonable supports under OAP.

You can view the guidance being discussed here:

<https://thegrid.org.uk/assets/ordinarily-available-provision-guidance-sep25.pdf>

**Webinar details:**

**Date: Thursday 5th February**

**Time: 12:00–1:00pm**

Booking link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e6ee043e-17ea-4a38-acd1-9b38b9a5fd26@7364d202-4fbe-4d2e-bb83-2394fad5a1a8>

If you do attend, please let us know if you found it helpful!

Kind regards,

Esther Potma

Inclusion Lead

# APPLY FOR SCHOOL - RECEPTION & YEAR 3 - 2026

If your child is currently in Nursery or Year 2, it is time to apply for your Reception/ Year 3 place!

- Applications open 03/11/25 for people living in Hertfordshire
- Applications open 10/11/25 for people living in Essex (eg. Sheering Mill lane, Ash Groves, Luxford Place)
- Applications close 15/01/26
- Allocation day 16/04/26
- Herts apply via <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places>
- Essex apply via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2026>
- To find out if we are your nearest school <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/research-a-school/find-a-school.aspx#>



**F & B  
I AM AN  
ANIMATOR!**

**£63 for Spring 1  
7 sessions**

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## Dates for the Diary

12th January 2026	Reception Screening
28th January	PTA Film Night– See poster in newsletter for details
28th January	Little Recyclers–see poster in newsletter
6th February	PTA Dress Down Day–Jazzy Jars–info to follow
14th February	Valentines Ball - See poster in newsletter for details
	HALF TERM 16th - 20th February
26th February	Year 1 Trip–Details to follow soon

## Earrings

If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure it is only stud earrings that are worn. These should either be removed at home or taped over at home before school on PE days. If you are unsure which day your child does PE, please ask the class teacher.

Many thanks

## Coats

Due to the cold weather, please ensure your child has a named coat with them every day at school.

## Dexter



Esme and Dexter have had a very busy weekend. They started off spending Saturday with Esme's two cousins Molly and Ruby. The three girls took Dexter shopping and then on to a softplay. Dexter particularly liked the volcano slide! Esme then took Dexter to a fireworks display on Saturday night, Esme didn't want him to be cold so she made sure he had a nice warm raincoat to put on. Dexter loved the pretty colours of the fireworks but wasn't so keen on the loud bangs! On Sunday Esme and her cousin Ruby took Dexter on a train and into London for the day. They visited lots of shops and finished the day with some iceskating. Thank you.



The Friends of  
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# MOVIE NIGHT



Grab your friends... It's time for a night of fun, laughter, and entertainment!

WEDNESDAY • 28/01/2026 • 15:30-17:10



FAWBERT AND BARNARD INFANTS SCHOOL

FILM:  
MIGRATION

SNACK  
PROVIDED



BUY TICKETS

ARBOR SCHOOL SHOP - £5 EACH

The Friends of Readings and Fawbert & Barnard present...



ALL JARS WILL BE USED ON THE PTA "JAZZY JARS" STALL AT THE SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN FAYRE ON SUNDAY 3RD MAY.

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

# Enter our **Super Draw**

**Win an iPhone 17 Pro**



The Friends of  
Fawbert and Barnard



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- It's time for an upgrade!



## **PLAY NOW:**

Go to

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Search for: **Reedings Fawbert**



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See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/10/25.

 THAT AMAZING PLACE, HUBBARDS HALL DRIVE, HARLOW, CM17 0NH

# LOVE

*Valentine's  
Charity Ball*

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*An unforgettable night of elegance, joy & giving back*

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OVERFLOWING WITH MUSIC, GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT,  
CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY — LET'S COME TOGETHER AND SPREAD THE LOVE!

**FEBRUARY 14TH - 7PM TIL LATE**

TICKETS: £60PP (INCLUDES DELICIOUS FOOD & A WELCOME DRINK)

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

TICKETS ARE LIMITED – SECURE YOURS TODAY BY EMAILING:

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IN SAWBRIDGEWORTH — BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE, NURTURING SPACE FOR EVERY CHILD, WITH A SPECIAL  
FOCUS ON THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO OUR JUSTGIVING FUNDRAISING PAGE  
PLEASE SEE PLEASE SEE QR CODE HERE OR CONTACT US ON [FBFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FBFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM) - THANK YOU!





# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -  
more funds for  
your organisation.

**1 kg = £0.45**

YOUR COLLECTION IS  
ARRANGED ON:

**28 JANUARY**  
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

# Beane Valley SG14 3QA, 10am - 11.30am

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
- Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL, SPACE and ADD Vance

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

DSPL3 Parent Coffee  
Morning 21<sup>st</sup> January

2026



DSPL3

Delivering Special  
Provision Locally

# THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

## TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

### NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

### ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

### KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

### ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

**DO NOT** walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

StayWise