



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

Before we broke up for the Easter break, a group of our drama pupils visited the theatre to watch a production of Blood Brothers and I was delighted to receive an email from a fellow member of the audience, which I wanted to share here. As you can imagine, I am immensely proud of the pupils for representing the school so well.



My heart sank yesterday when I saw all of the school children at the theatre for the matinee performance of Blood Brothers, particularly as I found that my seat was surrounded by them. We were assured by one of the teachers that they would be well behaved.

If only adults behaved as they did - there was no chatting, no rustling, no trying to get illicit photographs. I must admit to being surprised that they were so quiet and just wanted to let you know that I came away thinking that any parent would be very proud if their children behaved in the same manner.

All too often we are so quick to condemn today's youth but what I saw yesterday was heart-warming and I just wanted to let you know.

On Sunday morning I attended the Great Denham Junior Park Run. Mr Thomas has been encouraging our pupils to take part and it was really good to see so many out bright and early on a Sunday to participate. Thank you to Mr Thomas and the other staff who were in attendance to help and support the runners, Mr Short, Mrs Buddle, Mr Brown and Mr Daniel Jnr, plus Miss Morris. Congratulations to Seth, who won the race, and to Emily, who came third overall and was the first girl to finish – excellent effort all round.



This week, most of the Year 9 students have been in Brecon, which is a lovely part of Wales, enjoying outdoor pursuits. I am sure they've had a great time and will be quite tired this evening. My thanks to the staff who accompanied them: Mr Kumar, Miss Camino, Mrs Ryall, Mr Saunders, Mrs Brewer and Mr Daniel Jnr.

Year 5 also headed off for a residential trip, to sleep under canvas at their bush craft adventure in the wilds of Oxfordshire. I am sure they have also enjoyed themselves.

It is great to hear that our Junior School pupils have enjoyed taking part in their Junior Maths Kangaroo recently.



Also, I was delighted to present Alfred from Year 9 and Seth from Year 11 with their Bronze certificates for the second round of their challenges. This followed on from them both having achieved gold certificates in the first round of the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Alfred sat the Grey Kangaroo and Seth sat the Pink Kangaroo. Approximately 6.5% of pupils who enter the original challenge are invited to the next round and to be presented with a certificate is hard, so Alfred and Seth should be very proud of their achievement.

I was also delighted to present pupils in Years 7-9 with their certificates for taking part in the Raspberry Pi Foundation 2026 Coding Challenge, with seven pupils achieving gold awards, which places them in the top 10% nationally. Very well done to all participants!



## Junior Stars of the Week:

Class	w/c 23rd March 2026	w/c 21st April 2026
Forest (Reception)	Kaaviya Ramanathan	Romee Richens
1M (Meadow)	Matteo Spiniello	Charlie Orr
2C (Clover)	Hallie Hawkins	Arlo De Lange
3E (Emerald)	Jude Edell	William Orr
3W (Willow)	Ari Karavadra	Orion Nelson-Langaigne
4J (Jade)	Mireya Seinti	Mireya Seinti
4S (Sage)	Arya Sohal	Maya Kayum
5W (Woodland)	Cassidy Yarr	Rebekka Nethersole
5P (Pine)	Mia Rasmussen	Jade Michael
5M (Moss)	Parker Hobart	Chloe Forton
6J (Juniper)	Alisha Makombe	Micah Ofori
6F (Fern)	Jack Palmer	Florence Soul
6L (Laurel)	Elizababeth Donovan-Bickell	Veer Mills

## Sports News:

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Sienna played in the Bedfordshire Schools Golf Competition, representing Bedford Greenacre and she finished second in the U15 net girls' competition, which we are all really proud of her for. I am told that she played well and carded two birdies after a challenging start, showing resilience and determination to finish strong. Very well done to Sienna.



I had the great pleasure on Monday evening to run the Year 3 and 4 cricket club. I was pleased to help those attending it, offering advice on their techniques. It is always nice to get back to my sports teaching roots for a while and see the enthusiasm the children have to develop their sporting skills.

On Wednesday evening, I took the Girls' Cricket Club, which was also a great pleasure. It is really good to see their confidence developing.

On the subject of cricket, I am delighted that our Year 6 Team won all three of their District Cricket League matches in the first week of term – what a great start to the season!



A different sport was tried last week by Year 6, the traditional game of Pok-to-Pok, which was played by the Maya people. This is where subjects overlap... history met sport, with a fun tournament.

The staff made sure that our version of this game was played with a beach ball and it proved a great way for the pupils to remember all about their history lessons whilst having lots of fun running around.

Well done to our U8/9 athletics team who placed third at the District Event, out of 20 schools, which is superb. Particular praise must go to Nicolo for his individual point score.

I am pleased that rowing is now taking place at the school and my great thanks to Mrs Stott for stepping in to get this off the ground for us.

### Sixth Form News:

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Year 12 attended the University & Apprenticeship Fair at Brunel University. This informative event provided our students the opportunity to speak to over 120 exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers as well. The event was ideal to inspire and motivate our Year 12 students who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices.



I would like to extend my congratulations to the new Head Student Team for the



academic year 2026/2027. They each hold prestigious roles as part of the student leadership and have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to our school community. We wish them every success.

The team is overseen by Daisy and Oliver as Head Students; Elyn, Jed, Jenna and Ed as their deputies. Matilda and Millie will have responsibility for the School Council, Maisie and Maisy have the responsibility for wellbeing issues, with Louis and Alessio taking on the responsibility for social issues.

### Nursery News:

Our Pre-school children have had a wonderfully busy few weeks exploring the world around them.



They were captivated by the launch of the Artemis rocket, learning about its journey to the Moon and back. Their excitement inspired them to create their own rockets and astronaut helmets before settling in for a very enthusiastic countdown and "blast-off." The space theme continued throughout the day with imaginative rocket flights and spacewalks.



The children also learned about the important work of firefighters. Dressed in firefighter outfits, they practised putting out pretend fires and worked together to rescue a toy cat from a tree – a lovely opportunity to build teamwork and problem-solving skills.



We were delighted to welcome the mobile library, now visiting every two weeks. Children from Owls and Blackbirds have enjoyed climbing aboard to choose new books and were amazed by how many stories fit inside the van.



## Personal Pursuits:



Over the Easter break, Jesse successfully achieved his second Kyu grading, which is a brown belt with his first black tag. Very well done to him!

I am very pleased to hear that Henry has been invited to attend the Basketball England Talent Programme Selection Camp - under 14 boys. Henry only started playing for MK Breakers U14 Boys in the summer of 2024, so this is a great achievement. His team have won the Northern Premier League, undefeated, and will be playing in the Final Fours in Manchester over the Bank Holiday weekend. Henry has also been selected for the Aspire Super Region camps playing for the U15 team. Well done to Henry.



Congratulations to Ollie, Jacob and Tom in Year 9 who have just won the Double with their U14 football team - Blunham Blacks. Within the last 2 weeks they have won the Hunts U14 Youth League and the County Cup - knocking out 4 teams in the Division above, in order to lift the Cup trophy. Well done boys!

### Bedford Spring Head

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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Full Results are available, sorted by [Status](#) or [Overall](#)

NOTE - these results are Provisional, with some crews still to race. No will therefore be available.

Div	Time	Crew
5	07:56	538 Star Club (Barker/Aslamah)
3	08:02 (+00:06)	344 Derby RC (Hillaby/Alan)
1	08:08 (+00:12)	132 Slubbe RC (Adams/Barnford)
5	08:09 (+00:13)	539 Stratford-upon-Avon BC (Durance/Burt)
3	08:11 (+00:15)	348 Molesey BC (Nichols/Lightbody)
6	08:15 (+00:19)	626 Filton RC (Davis-James/Tames)
4	08:31 (+00:35)	438 Star Club (Fawcett/Bickers)
6	08:34 (+00:38)	625 Star Club (Burton/Evans)
2	08:44 (+00:48)	231 Stratford-upon-Avon BC (Ford/Mansfield)
2	09:12 (+01:16)	232 Stratford-upon-Avon BC (Stanford/Francis)
3	09:16 (+01:20)	345 St Neots RC (Moynan/Cross)

I was pleased to hear that Alex Barker's rowing successes continue, with him and his partner in a double scull winning the Bedford Spring Head of the River competition for J14 (Year 9) boys. The results show they won against crews from all over the south of England.



Well done to William who was awarded Grand Champion in his category at his martial arts karate alliance series for the 2025/26 fight series, which combines competition results and commitment to training. He also had the chance to train with Tyson Wray, a USA points fighting world champion.

Seth recently competed in an U16 regional tournament in Gosling. Despite being unseeded, he defeated two seeded players and finished as runner-up overall.



Seth also competed in an U18 tournament and won it without dropping any sets. Then, in March, Seth represented the U18 Bedfordshire Tennis Team in the County Cup as seed 3 in Gloucester. The team finished 2nd overall beating Gloucestershire and Northants and losing to Nottinghamshire. Seth won his singles and doubles against Gloucestershire and Northants winning vital points in tough matches. Seth must be congratulated on his excellent achievements in tennis.



Well done to George Penlington who took part in his first Formula Ford race recently where, out of 22 experienced adult drivers, he came in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place. His next race is in July at Brands Hatch after his exams. Well done to George!



Over the Easter break, Freddie took part in the London Hyrox competition and performed incredibly well. He trained with real dedication and pushed himself far outside his comfort zone, competing as one of the youngest in his age bracket. We are very proud of his hard work and fantastic achievement.

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## Principal's Awards:

Danushka Gunasekara, Year 10, for his swift action in seeking medical help from a staff member for his friend.

Oscar Holgate, Year 4, for maths.

Amélie Sandford, Year 9, for her outstanding project applying statistical techniques she has been taught to analyse data in depth in a self-initiated task that demonstrates exceptional initiative, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Grace Eastwood for homework diary

Charlie Spendlove for his holiday project

## Sponsor a tree at BGI

We are very fortunate to have a large amount of land at our new campus, and I have been considering ways to enhance the environment for our current pupils and for future generations. During a recent visit to another educational centre, I was inspired by an idea that would allow families to leave a lasting legacy within the school grounds.

We are exploring the possibility of offering families the opportunity to sponsor a tree, which would be planted on the campus along with a plaque recognising your family. This would create a meaningful and enduring contribution to our school environment.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact [hello@bedfordgreenacre.co.uk](mailto:hello@bedfordgreenacre.co.uk), and I will look into the details and share further information.

## Join the PTFA – Bringing our School Community Together

Our PTFA plays a huge role in supporting school life, bringing parents together, and creating memorable experiences for our students. From fundraising to fun social events, everything we do is focused on enriching the school community.

We've got an exciting calendar ahead! Our upcoming Quiz Night on 15th May still has tables available—tickets are £20 and include a delicious American-style menu, plus access to the bar. It's always a fantastic evening, so don't miss out.

Looking ahead, we're proud to be supporting both the Junior School Colour Run and the Senior School Prom, helping to make these events extra special. We're also busy planning a refreshed Summer Fayre for later in June, alongside providing refreshments at Sports Day.

None of this would be possible without our amazing group of parent volunteers. Whether it's organising, setting up, or simply enjoying the events, it's a great way to meet other like-minded BGI parents and be part of something rewarding.

The PTFA also runs the preloved uniform shop, helping families access affordable uniform while supporting sustainability. As Year 11 students head off on study leave, we encourage donations of clean, unwanted uniform—these can be left at reception with Gina or Anna. Every contribution helps us restock in time for new families joining us over the summer.





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## Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – Tuesday 5 May After School

There will be an opportunity to purchase Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Tuesday after school on the Junior Playground. Each doughnut will cost £1.50.

If your child would like a sweet treat, the stall will be open from 4:00 pm.

All funds raised by the PTFA go straight back into the school—whether that’s new equipment (we’re working with the school on improvements to the playground), student activities, or enhancing facilities. A great example is our “Take a Seat” campaign, which has been a real success. Thanks to your support, we contributed significantly to the new retractable seating in the drama studio. The engraved stars are now proudly displayed as a lasting reminder of this wonderful initiative. A special thank you goes to Katherine and everyone involved in making this happen.

If you’d like to get involved, we’d love to hear from you—please speak to Gina or Anna at reception.

### **Maintenance Work on Clapham Road**

We have received an advance warning from the Anglian Water Board regarding upcoming essential maintenance.

Key Details:

- Location: Clapham Road
- Start Date: Tuesday 5 May 2026
- Duration: Approximately 7 days

These works may lead to traffic delays or diversions in the area. We recommend allowing extra time for your journey or seeking an alternative route where possible.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I M Daniel'.

I M Daniel, BA (QTS), NPQH  
**Principal**