



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

27 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many visitors in school this week, going into classes, looking in books and talking to the children. All of the visitors have commented on the excellent behaviour for learning and the excellent presentation in their books. We are really proud of the effort that children are putting into their attitudes and work.

We have said goodbye this week to Mrs Cahill (our SENCo) and wish her all the very best for her new venture. We have a new SENCo called Mrs Ahluwalia starting on Monday 13th April. She will be on the playground with myself and Mrs Fuller in the first week back if you would like to talk to her.

We have had lots of lovely concerts this week for violin, drums and Rock Steady. Thank you to all of the parents who have attended these concerts.

Yesterday Year 5 took part in a Tag Rugby tournament against the other schools in the Trust and we won! Well done Year 5!

Last week we had a girls' football match against Cherry Tree and we won on penalties - well done girls!

This week Year 5 went on a Geography fieldtrip to St Albans Road and Year 1 went on a trip to the park to look at human and physical geography. All of the children really enjoyed this learning.

We are looking forward to the Summer term and all the great things that will be happening.

Wishing you a Happy Easter if you celebrate and a relaxing Spring break. See you all on Monday 13th April.

Mrs Jackson



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th April: Summer Term begins
Tuesday 14th April: Lisa Sillitoe in school for Y6 parent appointments: 9am to noon.
Monday 20th April: Reception Trip to Odds Farm
Tuesday 28th April: Lisa Sillitoe in school for Y6 parent appointments: 9am to noon.
Friday 1st May: Y6 Isle of Wight Trip Parent Meeting in hall 3.10pm-3.40pm
Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 7th May: Y5 trip to Harry Potter
Monday 11th May: Lisa Sillitoe in school for Y6 parent appointments: 1pm to 3pm.
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May: Y6 SATS
Tuesday 12th May: Y3 Sikh Gurdwara Trip
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May: Half Term

Full term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 can be found on the school website.

<https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Statutory attendance so far this year is 95%. We would like it to be even higher in the Summer term please.

We have been really pleased with the improvements that have been made in attendance over the term. Our persistent absence rate has dropped to 10% - the national average is 15.7% so thank you to you all for your support in ensuring your children are in school every day.

There have been 195 children with over 97% attendance this term and 44 of those had 100% attendance. Well done to you all!

SEND NEWS

Please see the latest DSPL9 newsletter that is being sent out with this newsletter.



READING

All children from Reception onwards should read and share books at home every day and record this in their reading record. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 may also have specific words to practise related to the phonics they are working on. Parents can help their children at home by using these strategies:

- sounding out the word
- looking at the pictures to help with reading an unknown word
- looking for words within words
- finding 'special friends' e.g. sh, ea, ay
- discussing the book to check that the child has understood what has been read
- fostering a love of reading.

Key Stage 2 children should be reading for at least 20 minutes each day, either to themselves if they are a proficient reader, or to an adult. The children are responsible for filling in their reading record every day and making sure it is in school. Parents can help their children at home by using these strategies:

- talking about the story, the characters and any new vocabulary (even if they read alone)
- discussing why the author chose to use specific words
- identifying what the author is suggesting even though it may not be written literally
- encouraging children to read all types of texts including non-fiction
- fostering a love of reading.



INTERNET SAFETY OVER EASTER

During the Easter holidays, children may spend more time online. Please remind them not to share personal information and to only communicate with people they know in real life. Encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if anything online worries them.

Simple steps like using parental controls, keeping devices in shared spaces, and balancing screen time with offline activities can help keep children safe.

YOUNG CARERS OFFER

From 1 April 2026, Hertfordshire County Council will be bringing support for young carers in-house, when the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire comes to an end, integrating it fully within the council's services.

Support for young carers will continue. This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive and support in preparing for adulthood.

A new [Young Carers webpage](#) has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that they can get the support they need.

Hertfordshire County Council will be contacting all registered young carers directly to welcome them, provide updated contact information, details on how to access support, and a link to the new webpage.



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FOOTBALL FIRST!

On Monday 16th March, Beechfield hosted our first girls' football match against Cherry Tree. For most of the team it was their first experience of a football fixture, although you wouldn't have been able to tell with their exceptional performance! The main match finished 0-0, however there were plenty of Beechfield chances. As a result we then had a penalty shootout which Beechfield won 5-2, thanks to some brilliant penalties and some amazing saves from Yara in goal! The smiles, enjoyment, and camaraderie shared by all was a delight to see. Every single girl was fantastic and a credit to the school. Well done girls!

Mr Jarvis



JUNIOR LIBRARIANS

Our Junior Librarians do an amazing job of making sure the library and all our books are looked after.

They keep the shelves tidy and make sure stories are easy to discover.



VISITING VET



Thank you to [@sayhellovet](#) for coming in and speaking to our children about what it is like to be a vet!

MARY SEACOLE AND FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP

Year 2 stepped back in time during a special workshop exploring the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children were fully engaged, immersing themselves in history and experiencing the incredible contributions of these two inspiring women. A wonderful day of learning.



You can find lots more photos and posts on our Instagram page - [instagram.com/beechfieldschool](https://www.instagram.com/beechfieldschool)

