



NEWSLETTER

14 November 2025

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your participation in our Parents' Evenings this week. We had great feedback from staff and parents about the in person meeting held in school on Tuesday evening. If you have any further comments about how we can improve these consultations, then please feel free to chat to me on the playground or send me an email. If you haven't met with the teacher please do arrange to meet as we know working together improves children's outcomes.

We have had lots of interesting things going on in school over the past two weeks, please take a look at our 'latest news' section on our website. Year 5 and 6 had a Cyber Crime Workshop led by Herts Police and parents also took part. A number of our pupils have won a competition to have their Christmas card designs displayed in the Harlequin Centre. On Tuesday (18th November) we will be able to see the designs and the Christmas tree if we go along at 4.30pm to Charter Place. Year 2 joined in with a COP 30 webinar from Brazil all about climate change.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of going to talk to MPs in London, along with the other Headteachers and the CEO of the Multi Academy Trust to talk about Pastoral Care, Nurture and Inclusion. It was amazing to be invited to go along to this event and fantastic that our school and academy trust has been recognised as leading the way in strong inclusive practice.



Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.
Mrs Jackson

COP30 AT BEECHFIELD

In Damson class we learned new ways to help protect our planet - like saving energy, recycling, and caring for nature. The most important message was to look after children, because they are our future.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th-21st November: Scholastic Book Fair
17th November: Reception: Little City in school
17th November: 3pm Reception Parents Workshop
21st November: Non Uniform day for school funds
24th November: 3.05pm Reception Parents Workshop
28th November: Y4 Times Tables Parent Workshop
1st December: Y3 Pantomime Trip
4th December: Parent Book-look 3pm-3.20pm
9th December: EYFS Nativity (details to follow) 9am
10th December: EYFS Nativity (details to follow) 9am
11th December: KS1 Nativity (details to follow) 9am
12th December: KS1 Nativity (details to follow) 9am
17th December: Carols at Christchurch 9.30am
18th December: Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
18th December: Nursery - End of term
19th December: End of term R-Y6 at 1.30pm

Full term dates for 2025-26 can be found on the school website. <https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates>

FAMILIES FIRST AWARD

I recently nominated Mrs Carvalho, our Pastoral Lead, for a Families First Award - Collaborative Worker of the Year. The shortlist was very competitive and I am thrilled to say that she won the award. She is so dedicated and committed to supporting our children and families and this recognition is very well deserved.

AWARD 1: COLLABORATIVE WORKER OF THE YEAR

An individual who is committed to building relationships and engaging with the community to ensure positive outcomes for children, young people and families working with colleagues across different services/agencies



Lara Carvalho

Pastoral Leader, Beechfield School

Through her considerable support, advice and signposting Lara has empowered many of our families and children to be resilient and built mutually respectful and trusting relationships between families, external providers and our school.

working with various agencies she has been able to support children and families with:

- finance,
- housing,
- attendance and punctuality,
- access to mental health
- domestic violence support, and much more

Nominated by:
Gillian Jackson,
Head

Lara's role in our pastoral team has been transformational in terms of Early Help and supporting children and families with ALL needs to support their social and emotional wellbeing.





SCOOTERS

Adults are not ride electric scooters on school grounds under any circumstances. Please ask your children to get off their scooters when they come into school and please don't let them ride them until you are out the gates at the end of the day. The reason for this is that one of our pupils was knocked over recently.

LOVE LEARNING



Life skills were learned today as the children learned how to look for definitions of words in the new modelled text in a dictionary! Great effort in English Olive class!

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Our Year 6 children recently took part in the Primary Maths Challenge (PMC), a national competition organised by the UKMT. They approached the challenge with great enthusiasm, perseverance and impressive problem-solving skills. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school, showing resilience and a real love for mathematics. Well done to all the pupils who took part!

Mrs Diwan, Maths Lead

E-SAFETY

Online slang can be a vibrant way for young people to express themselves, but it also changes rapidly and can sometimes carry hidden meanings. The guide attached to the newsletter helps adults navigate this shifting landscape by breaking down what some of today's most-used slang terms actually mean and why they matter. From 'rizz' to 'sigma', it's a handy starting point for anyone wanting to better understand how young people communicate online.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be held in the school dining hall every day between 3-4pm from Tuesday 18th November until Friday 21st November, where you can come along with your child/children.

Please come to the dining hall door, next to the entrance door to Lime class on the following days:

Tuesday 18th November - Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th November - Years 5 and 6

Thursday 20th November - Years 3 and 4

Friday 21st November - Reception and Nursery

SEND NEWS - MINDFUL MOTION

Gala Academy are holding weekly badminton classes for adults and children with invisible disabilities and neurodiversity.

Please see the poster sent out with this newsletter for more information.

WINTER FAIR

The 1st Watford Brownies, Guides and Rangers are holding a Winter Fair at St Marks Church, Leggatts Way on Saturday 15th November from 2 – 4pm.

There will be gifts, games, raffle, tombola, cakes and refreshments. Entry is free.

Cash and Card payments taken



CYCLE HUB EVENT

Watford Cycle Hub are raising money for Children in Need on Sunday 16th November and are inviting everyone to join in. Please see the poster sent out with the newsletter for more information.

ODD SOCKS DAY

We started off Kindness Week by wearing odd socks on Monday. A reminder that we are all unique - and that's something to celebrate!



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