



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

19 June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school and have enjoyed all the sports days and good weather this week.

KS2 children enjoyed a performance of the Wizard of Oz last week by a visiting theatre company. We are going to ask the theatre company back again next year to perform for KS1 and KS2 as it was such a brilliant production.

The stage has gone up this week in the hall for Y6 to start rehearsing for their Puppet shows next month. We are really looking forward to seeing all the puppets they have made this year in their story.

Please remember school is closed tomorrow and Monday

Have a good weekend.
Mrs Jackson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th June: INSET day - school closed

23rd June: Occasional Day - school closed

24th June: New Reception Stay and Play (Pear) 3.30pm

25th June: New Reception Stay and Play (Peach) 3.30pm

26th June: Class photos

2nd July: Y6 Willow Puppet Show 9am

3rd July: Y6 Walnut Puppet Show 9am

7th July: New Nursery (Sept 25) Stay and Play 3.30pm

8th July: New Reception (Pear) Stay and Play 3.30pm

9th July: New Reception (Peach) Stay and Play 3.30pm

10th July: Y6 Transition Day

14th July: Meet the Teacher (for Sept 25) 3.15pm

15th July: Rock Steady Concert

22nd July: Y6 Leavers Disco

22nd July: School finishes for Nursery

23rd July: End of term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Full term dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 can be found on the school website.

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

LOVE LEARNING

Pine class explored coding and created codes with 'if' and 'variable' commands. They were systematic and methodical in their coding and had lots of fun coding their micro:bits to play Rock, Paper, Scissors.

Y2 VISIT THE LOCAL MOSQUE

Year 2 enjoyed visiting and exploring the local mosque this week. We listened to the call to prayer followed with the actions. All the children were respectful, sensible and eager to answer questions! It was very informative and children were so engaged!

Mr Alexander



GARDENING CLUB

We have some keen gardeners who have been busy weeding and watering our vegetable beds this term. The strawberry plants are looking healthy, but they were small when we planted them so we don't have much fruit. They should produce runners/new plants for next year. We also have a few tomatoes growing. Nursery have some amazing peas which they are about to harvest. The KS2 children regularly watered them. Mrs Goldsmith

Please remember the vegetables and fruit are part of the children's learning and are not for general consumption - tempting as they are! Thank you.





FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING!

During half term, Casper in Y2, inspired by his cousin's fundraising, decided to do his own fundraising event for the charity Young Lives vs. Cancer. Casper cycled 50 laps around Callowland Park. To date, he has raised over £500! Amazing!



NEXT THING EDUCATION

Next Thing Education are holding one of their summer camps here at Beechfield.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information and booking.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents and carers that all medicines need to be brought to the school office and consent forms completed for administering them. No medicines should be put in children's school bags as this is not safe.

Full information can be found on the school website in the parents information section.

<https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/medicines-in-school>

CREATIVE WRITING SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to share that five talented children from Ash class - Harry, Akithya, Antonia, Ashleigh and Yasaman - have had their stories selected for publication in The Magic Map – At Journey's End, a national creative writing competition. Their imaginative entries stood out among thousands, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement. Mrs Diwan shared, "It was worth the effort. I am so proud." What a fantastic celebration of creativity and storytelling!

SPORTS DAYS

The children have enjoyed their sunny sports days this week. Mr Roach, the IMAT CEO popped in to see some of the action!

"Lovely to join @BFS_Watford Sports Day today. Always pleasing to see children enjoying competitive sport in the sun! Thanks to @HeadBeechfield and @BeechfieldPe for organising such a brilliant day".

A BIG Thank You to Mr Jarvis, our Sports Coach for organising.



Who said sports day was just for the kids?

Our amazing parents laced up for the big race—and brought the energy! Thanks for joining the fun and making it a day to remember!

Mrs Mohran

Y1 "SUPER ME" COMPETITION

Year 1 took part in the Super Me competition, where children had the opportunity to create their own superheroes! The exciting news is that we won!

Mrs Mohran and Mrs Shaw





DfE - FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

The Department for Education recently announced that, from 1 April 2025, the rule protecting pupils' free school meal entitlement will end for some.

That means Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) will regularly check pupils' eligibility to ensure they can still get free school meals. If a pupil is no longer eligible, their free school meals will end from this point.

Applications approved before 1 April 2025 will remain eligible until the pupil finishes their current phase of schooling – that is:

- end of Year 6 (when primary ends)
- end of Year 11 (when secondary ends).

Once a pupil moves to their new school phase, HCC will regularly check that the pupil is still eligible for free school meals.

The checks will start this summer for all children moving from Years 6 and 11, plus all applications made after 1 April 2025.

HCC will write to you if your child is no longer eligible.

If you're experiencing financial difficulty and are seeking support, visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/household-support-fund-in-hertfordshire> or contact

or contact www.citizensadvice.org.uk

As always, HCC will run a renewals process during the summer and update schools of continued entitlement.

Note - Parents with pupils currently in Year 2 moving to Year 3 will need to reapply for the new academic year.

To make an application visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.



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