



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

16 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many things happening over the past two weeks in school.

We are proud to say that last week Year 3 were joint winners with Laurance Haines in the dodgeball competition. Thanks to Mr Jarvis and the Year 3 staff for organising this. Year 1 had a local Rabbi in to talk to them about Judaism as part of their RE curriculum. We also had some engineers in school from the Vellore Institute in India and University College London talking to Year 5 about clean energy and sustainability.

On VE Day (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May) five children went to the Town Hall for the 9:30am commemoration at the war memorial. They were all a credit to the school. Then in the evening, three of these pupils attended Watford Museum with their parents where they read about VE Day from the steps of the Museum. A huge thank you to all of the parents and staff who came along to this. There are lots of photos on the latest news section of our website if you would like to have a look.

This week we have had Year 6 SATs. It has been very hot upstairs in the KS2 building but the children have been absolutely brilliant. Every single child has tried their absolute best and nobody can ask anymore of them than that. They should all be very proud of the great effort that they have put into their learning this year. They really are living our school values of work hard and love learning!

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week with a focus on the importance of feeling part of a community. We talked about this in our Monday whole school assembly and discussed how proud we are to be part of the Beechfield School community as well as our local Watford community. We talked about positive ways to support our wellbeing including the 5 Keys to Wellbeing and random acts of Kindness.

Nursery had an exciting visit yesterday from some farm animals which they really enjoyed. Thanks to Mrs Pavlova for organising.

Next week is Walk to School week. We will be recording how people get to school and sharing this with our classes. Even if you drive to school maybe park a little bit further away next week so you get a bit of extra walking in if you can!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19<sup>th</sup> May: Reception Trip to Odds Farm  
20<sup>th</sup> May: 9am New Reception (Sept 25) parents meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> May: Parent Book-Look 3.15pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> May: This is Me Celebration party in the afternoon  
26<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Isle of Wight Trip  
9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Multiplication tests  
10<sup>th</sup> June: Y3-Y6: Wizard of Oz show in school  
12<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery Sports Day  
13<sup>th</sup> June: EYFS Sports Day (Reception)  
16<sup>th</sup> June: New Nursery (Sept 25) Stay and Play 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> June: LKS2 (Y3+Y4) Sports Day  
18<sup>th</sup> June: KS1 (Y1+Y2) Sports Day  
19<sup>th</sup> June: UKS2 (Y5+Y6) Sports Day  
20<sup>th</sup> June: **INSET day - school closed to students**  
23<sup>rd</sup> June: **Occasional Day - school closed**  
24<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Stay and Play (Pear) 3.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Stay and Play (Peach) 3.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> June: Class photos  
7<sup>th</sup> July: New Nursery (Sept 25) Stay and Play 3.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> July: New Reception (Pear) Stay and Play 3.30pm  
9<sup>th</sup> July: New Reception (Peach) Stay and Play 3.30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day  
14<sup>th</sup> July: Meet the Teacher (for Sept 25) 3.15pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> July: Rock Steady Concert  
23<sup>rd</sup> July: End of term at 1.30pm

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

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

We are trying to improve our communication with parents following the parent survey and I have had some positive feedback about this. If you have any further suggestions then please feel free to contact me.

Lastly, can you please make sure that children do not ride their scooters and bikes on school site, particularly on the slope down towards the Woodland Path exit. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend, I think the good weather is forecast to continue.

Mrs Jackson



## TRUST DODGEBALL EVENT

Year 3 took part in a dodgeball tournament against Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines this week. During every game there was plenty of points collected by Team Beechfield with excellent throwing, dodging and tactics on show.

After the games the scores were collected, and the results came in with a joint victory to Laurance Haines...and BEECHFIELD!! A thoroughly deserved win due to the hard work the children put in and perfect behaviour throughout the whole afternoon. Congratulations Year 3!

Mr Jarvis, Challenge Sports Coach

## SEND NEWS

Sometimes our children can become cross and we can find it hard to work out what is going on for them and how to help them.

Try this approach to support them in calming their emotions and opening up.

Further information can be found here

[https://girfec.fife.scot/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0032/187484/PACE-School.pdf](https://girfec.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0032/187484/PACE-School.pdf)

	<b>Playfulness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playfulness in interactions can diffuse conflict and promote connection e.g. Maintaining a relaxed 'lightness' and can involve making a joke (though this has to be done carefully)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Acceptance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepting needs and emotions that drive behaviour (not necessarily the behaviour) without judgement</li> </ul>	
	<b>Curiosity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being curious to where a behaviour has come from (in your head or out loud...)</li> </ul>	
	<b>Empathy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Really connecting with how they are feeling and showing compassion</li> </ul>	

## WATFORD TRAIL TALE

We have sent out with this newsletter a flyer about the new Watford Trail Tale and quiz sheet.

Take a self-guided walk through the town's fascinating past!

Pupils' and parents' insights are invaluable to us. As they explore the app and the routes, we would love to hear any feedback. Whether it's about the user experience, the content, or any suggestions for improvement, their input will help us refine and enhance the TrailTale experience for everyone.

## READING CAFE

Our Reading Cafe is going strong with lots of enthusiastic children wanting to read.

Thank you to everyone who came along on Monday afternoon.

Mrs Ahmed



## LOVE LEARNING!

An exciting science lesson this week - Olive class planted seeds and placed their cups in three different spots to see where plants grow best. They learnt that plants need sunlight, water, and care to grow. We're excited to see which one grows the most!



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