

NEWSLETTER

24 October 2025

WELCOME

It's been a long and hard-working half term which has been finished off beautifully by our wonderful Harvest celebration this morning. I am always so proud of our school when we come together to celebrate our wonderful children.

So many great things have taken place this half term:

- Music concerts with Year 1 and 2 performing the recorder for parents and Year 5 performing the cornet.
- School trips: Year 6 trip to Sky Studios; Year 4 to St Albans; Year 1 to London.
- Visitors: Hate Crime Workshops from Hertfordshire Police; Rotary Club planting bulbs with children; Allwyn Charity Day clearing and painting the outside of the bungalow; Watford Mental Health Team attending Hello Yellow Assembly; Author visit from Ryan Crawford.

Next half term will also be a busy one with us getting ready for Christmas performances so we will be looking forward to sharing this with you.

Have a great half term. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4th November.

Mrs Jackson

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR PASTORAL CARE IN EDUCATION

Beechfield School was one of five finalists from across the UK's primary and secondary schools, for the Pastoral School of the Year, having been shortlisted in July.

It was an amazing evening; demonstrating the care, commitment and determination school staff have to provide the best outcomes for their pupils with many strong, impactful speeches from the guest speakers and winners.

Mrs Jackson said after the event: "Tonight was amazing recognition for the fantastic pastoral support our whole team provides. We love our community and do everything we can to help everyone in it. We didn't win the award, but even the nomination felt fantastic! Well done Beechfield!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th to 31st October: Half Term

3rd November: INSET Day - school closed to students 4th November: Nursery Stay and Play (11am for

morning and 2.45pm for afternoon)

5th November: 2-3pm Cyber crime session for parents 6th November: School Photos (individual and sibling) 10th November: 3.05pm Reception Parents Workshop

10th November: Odd Socks Day

10th November: EYFS Book Sale 3.00-3.20pm 11th November: Parents Evening - in person 13th November: Parents Evening - online

14th November: Children in Need & EYFS dress up day

17th-21st November: Scholastic Book Fair 17th November: Reception: Little City in school 17th November: 3.05pm 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

PARENTAL FEEDBACK AWARD

We know that building and fostering good relationships with our community and working with parents is key to success at our school. This award is great recognition of that.





PARENTS EVENINGS

These will be coming up after half term. We have changed the format in response to our parent survey and will have one Parents' Evening in school in the school hall and one online. This gives our families the flexibility to choose which one suits their needs the most. We hope you feel informed about your child's progress this half term through our meet the teacher and book look sessions.

PARENT TOURS

We have been conducting weekly parent tours for new Reception and Nursery parents. Please do recommend us to people in the locality as your positivity about our school has meant we have been full up, with a waiting list, for Reception for the past two years.

CELEBRATIONS

Well done to Alyssa for coming First and Third in a national dancing competition. We enjoyed seeing her magnificent trophies in our Celebration Assembly last week.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you all for you support in improving our attendance and punctuality this half term. I have been monitoring this weekly on a Friday. I have been able to send many emails thanking families for good and improved attendance and punctuality over the past 7 weeks. We are aiming for at least 97% attendance for our children over the year, we do understand that children may be ill at some point, however, we know the benefits of children being in school every day.

Please have a look at your child's attendance on Arbor. I will be meeting with the Hertfordshire Attendance Improvement Officer on the 11th November.

If you would like any help or support with your child's attendance please contact myself or Mrs Carvalho.

ALLERGIES

Please could parents remind children not to share their lunch food or snacks with others due to allergies. Thank you for your help.

SECONDARY TRANSITION Y6

Applications for secondary schools are now open for Year 6. These close on 31st October 2025. You must have submitted 4 preferences by that date. Please click on this link for more information: HCC Secondary School Application

Y1 RECORDER CONCERT

Lemon class showed their recorder skills in a small performance to parents this week. They have learnt how to hold the recorder correctly, play the note B and play a pattern to a piece of music.





Mrs Shaw

Y6 TRIP TO SKY STUDIOS

Year 6 had a brilliant time visiting Sky Studios this week. They had a tour of the production studios and had the opportunity to go inside a sound stage. They also made their own movie pitch and learnt about different careers in the TV and film industry. It was such an amazing day.

Marco "It was so much fun. I enjoyed making our own pitch for the film. I loved being the producer"

Denis L "I liked being an editor because it made me feel like I could be anything I wanted"

Roman " I enjoyed being an actor because it was fun and the costumes were great"

Maya "learning about the different jobs was so interesting"

SAFEGUARDING

Thank you for your support with the closing of the gates. We have had lots of positive feedback and it has all worked very smoothly.

If you have any safeguarding concerns with any pupils over the holidays please email head@beechfield.herts.sch.uk so we can keep our children safe from harm.



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Thank you everyone for the fantastic donations for the Watford Foodbank. Everyone really enjoyed this morning's celebration at Christchurch.

SPRING BULBS!

The children had a lovely time planting crocuses with The Rotary Club today in our car park. We are looking forward to seeing some beautiful bursts of colour appearing in the coming months!





BE SAFE, BE SEEN



A POEM BY ARIADNE, Y4

People laugh, People cry, People smile, People sigh.

People do this, People do that— But why does it matter After all that?

People can love, People can care, So why don't we do it Here and there?

People can bully, People can help-You can pick one side, So why not decide?

SEND NEWS

We would welcome parents and carers' input to review the SEND Information Report which is published on our website. If you would like to attend a meeting on 10th November 2025 at 9am to give your input, please can you RSVP to senco@beechfield.hert.sch.uk by 5th November.

E-SAFETY

As AI becomes part of everyday life, it's important for families to stay alert. The NSPCC reminds parents that while AI can inspire creativity, it can also spread false or harmful content. Talk with your child about what they see online, remind them not everything is real, and encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if something feels wrong.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/newsopinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-forparents/



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