



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break.

The whole school community enjoyed our Proud to be Me day on the Friday before half term. The local police came into school and ran a workshop with Year 5 and 6 about preventing Hate Crime. The children in Nursery and Reception were then lucky enough to get to have a look at the police car on the playground and listen to the siren.

The weather was great and the children enjoyed the disco, the ice cream van and the bouncy castle. We raised £500 at the end of the day for school funds and are looking forward to saving up for a new outside stage for the children to play on. We are hoping to continue to fundraise for this over the next academic year.

You may have noticed our new playground markings we had installed over the holidays. The children have had a great time using them at playtimes and lunchtimes this week.

We are also having a trampoline installed in our bungalow garden to support some of our children who have sensory needs. We will be letting all the children have a jump on it once it has been installed!

Year 6 have had a fabulous week in the Isle of Wight - have a look on (Twitter) X for all the amazing things they have been doing. Thank you so much to Mrs Fuller, Miss Deacy, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Mohran for accompanying the children.

Year 2 took part in a Trust-wide handball tournament on Wednesday against Laurance Haines and Cherry Tree and came second. Well done!

Well done to Year 4 who are doing their government Multiplication Check tests this week and next. All of the children are trying their absolute best which is all you can ask.

Have a good weekend.  
Mrs Jackson

06 June 2025

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 Multiplication tests  
9<sup>th</sup> June: Phonics Screening  
10<sup>th</sup> June: KS2 - Wizard of Oz show in school  
12<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery Sports Day: 9.30-10.15am and 1.30- 2.15pm  
13<sup>th</sup> June: Reception Sports Day 9am  
16<sup>th</sup> June: New Nursery (Sept 25) Stay and Play 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> June: LKS2 (Y3+Y4) Sports Day 9am  
18<sup>th</sup> June: KS1 (Y1+Y2) Sports Day 9am  
19<sup>th</sup> June: UKS2 (Y5+Y6) Sports Day 9am  
**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Willow Puppet Show 9am  
3<sup>rd</sup> July: Y6 Walnut Puppet Show 9am  
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  
15<sup>th</sup> July: Rock Steady Concert  
22<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Leavers Disco  
22<sup>nd</sup> July: School finishes for Nursery  
23<sup>rd</sup> July: End of term. School finishes 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>

## SUMMER PARTY

Y1: Sunshine, smiles & serious fun at the end of half term! We've got a bouncy castle AND ice cream — what more could you want?





## RECEPTION TRIP TO ODDS FARM

What a fantastic day spent at @OddsFarmPark! The children and adults had a great time and we saw lots of animals! We especially enjoyed the tractor ride



## LIBRARY UPDATES

Fantastic additions to our library and reading curriculum! The children enjoy such wonderful and diverse books - no wonder we love reading!



## PARENTS' BOOK-LOOK

Thank you to our wonderful parents for joining us just before half term. It was so special to celebrate the success and achievements of our incredible children together.

Mrs Mohran

## LOVE LEARNING!

An exciting science lesson before half term - 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!



## TRUST HANDBALL EVENT

This week Year 2 took part in their Inclusive Multi-Academy Trust tournament against Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines, which was held here at Beechfield. The sport this time was handball. During the tournament there was a bundle of energy on each pitch as the children scored some great goals, showed brilliant teamwork and made excellent saves and interceptions. The final results stood with Cherry Tree in third, Beechfield in second and Laurance Haines the winners. Every Year 2 Beechfield child was fantastic throughout the tournament and did themselves very proud.

Mr Jarvis, Sports Coach



Superb fun at the handball tournament, great respect and teamwork shown! Well done Year 2 on 2nd place! Great effort!!!

Mr Alexander

## Y6 ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP

Y6 have been having a great time on the Isle of Wight. There are lots more photos on X to enjoy!







## 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](http://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](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).



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