



NEWSLETTER

04 July 2025

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very warm week and I think we are all pleased that it has cooled down a little bit.

Year 6 have been performing their puppet plays this week - 'The Mechanical Gardner' and 'How Not To Do A Bank Robbery'. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support them. It has been a fantastic experience for our Year 6s to make the puppets, sew the clothes, make the props, paint the scenery, build the stage and learn how to do the lighting and sound. We are all very proud of the effort they have put into this and hope this will be an experience they remember for a long time to come.

Year 6 also took part in a Year 6 Trust Sports Day last week with Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines. Our children represented Beechfield very well and we came second in the competition. Mr Jarvis, Mr Robertson and Mrs Fuller were all proud of their behaviour and their sense fair play.

We are starting to think about transition for September. Next week on Thursday 10th July the children will be spending the morning with their new teacher. Parents are invited into school on Monday 14th July at 3:10pm to collect their child's school report and then visit their new teacher and their new classroom. In the dining hall we will also have the chance for you to taste school dinners, meet the Pastoral Team, meet Herts Music Service and the Watford Mental Health Team. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

We are really proud to let you know that 87% of our Year 1 have passed their Phonics Check. Well done to everyone - children, staff and parents - for their effort with this. We know how important reading is to be able to access the curriculum.

Year 4 have done brilliantly with their government Multiplication Test Check. 74% of the children achieved 25 out of 25. 94% achieved either 24 or 25 out of 25. Again what a fantastic effort!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jackson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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 Your New Teacher (for Sept 25) 3.10pm
- 15th July: Rock Steady Concert
- 22nd July: Y6 Leavers Disco
- 22nd July: School finishes for Nursery
- 23rd July: Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents at 9am
- 23rd July: End of term. School finishes at 1.30pm
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- 3rd September: INSET Day - school closed
- 4th September: All students return to school

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

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

NATIONAL AWARD FOR PASTORAL CARE IN EDUCATION 2025

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the school has been shortlisted for 'Pastoral Primary School of the Year'. The awards evening is in October so fingers crossed our efforts are recognised nationally.

Y6 PUPPET THEATRE SHOWS

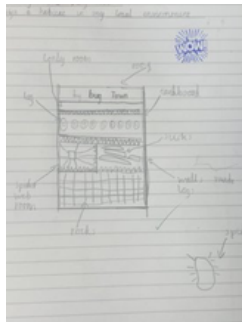
Year 6 performed their puppet shows this week to parents and the school. They began making the puppets in the Autumn term and planning the performance with the Young People's Puppet Theatre earlier this term.





BE KIND

Today Olive Class enjoyed designing a micro habit to care for insects on our school grounds! We added natural materials, safe spaces and plenty of detail to make bug hotels



WORK HARD

In Maths, we worked together to make equal groups using counters. The children had so much fun creating the groups with their partners and in small teams—great collaboration and learning all around!



LOVE LEARNING

What a fantastic DT sewing lesson! We really got the hang of stitching and everyone showed great care and responsibility while working with the needles. It was wonderful to see such skill and focus.



We've been exploring Brazil in Geography! Using globes, we located Brazil in South America and then discovered the Amazon Rainforest, Rio de Janeiro & more. Our globe-trotting geographers are loving the journey!

THANK YOU

Today Lime class enjoyed a fun-filled farewell with Miss Mathur, our student teacher.

She shared a lovely, interactive quiz about her likes & dislikes — and the children loved showing how well they know her! A joyful way to celebrate her last day with us. Mrs Mohran



HERTS BIKEABILITY CYCLE INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

Are you passionate about cycling and eager to share your skills with others? We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our team as Bikeability Instructors!

Why Become a Bikeability Instructor?

- Make a Difference: Help children and adults gain confidence and skills to cycle safely.
- Flexible Hours: Choose your own schedule and work at your convenience.
- Training Provided: No prior teaching experience needed. We provide comprehensive training.
- Community Impact: Be a part of a community initiative to promote healthy and sustainable transportation.

Requirements:

- Passion for cycling and road safety.
- Good communication skills.
- Willingness to undergo training.
- A positive and encouraging attitude.

How to Apply:

Email: cycle.training@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Best wishes

The Cycling Team

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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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