



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, lots has been going on in school since our last newsletter. World Book Day was a great success and the children had a lovely assembly at the end of the day to share what they had been doing.

There have been another two sessions with the Mini Police project with Year 5 and 6. The PCSOs commented on how well our Beechfield children have participated in the sessions.

We have had some music concerts for parents where the children were able to show off their violin skills.

Some of our children took part in an Inclusive Multi Academy Trust video and on Wednesday we took a wonderful group of Year 3s to Cherry Tree to meet children from the other Trust schools. They got to make some new friends and have some photos taken.

Our Headteacher Prefects have also supported in an interview process for Christ Church - they were all so articulate and mature and a real credit to the school and their parents.

Have a good weekend.  
Mrs Jackson

## BIKEABILITY FOR Y5 & Y6

Bikeability starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - the office will have sent an email to the children involved in this.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Everyone brought their favourite book to share with friends, spreading the joy of reading across the school. Some students also shared beautiful stories in Arabic, Greek and Vietnamese, celebrating the many languages and cultures in our community.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 16th March: Y5 +Y6 Bikeability Course  
17th March: Y2 Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole Workshop  
17th March: Lisa Sillitoe - Y6 Parents Meetings (9am to 11am)  
19th March: Y4 to LHS for Trust Rounders Tournament  
19th March: Parent Book Look 3.10-3.40pm  
20th March: Y4 Lego Workshop  
20th March: Non Uniform Day for Comic Relief  
24th March: Rocksteady Concert 9.30am  
26th March: Y5 Tag Rugby Tournament  
27th March:  
March: End of Term at 1.30pm and non-uniform day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Summer Term begins  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Reception Trip to Odds Farm

Full term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 can be found on the school website.

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

## PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK

Please see the feedback report attached to this newsletter which sets out steps to address the feedback. Please do feel free to contact us at any time if you want to know anything about your child's learning.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The attendance today is 93.7% and this year's is 95.1%.

We understand that children may be poorly at times, but we are aiming for all children to be in school every day.

Our Persistent Absence (children who attend school less than 90%) has reduced to 9% which is very good, but we would like to reduce it even further. Please check your child's attendance on the Arbor App.

We are always very happy to offer any support or advice to parents if you need it.

The Hertfordshire Attendance Officer will be in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



## FRUIT WORKSHOP FUN! 🍏🍌

Thank you to Aspens for delivering a rich learning opportunity where the children explored different fruits, used descriptive vocabulary and learned how fruit is safely prepared—perfect preparation for our DT work this half term.

Please take a look at the school's Instagram page for pictures.

## CHRISTCHURCH, WATFORD

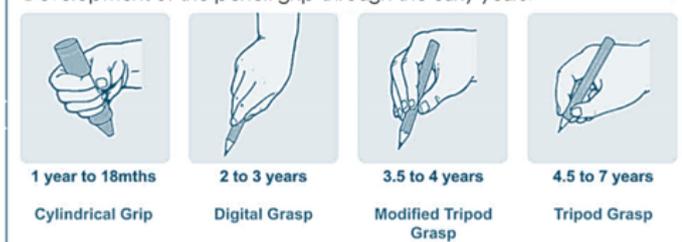
Please see the information sent out with this newsletter. ChristChurch run a range of clubs for parents and children to support our north Watford community. There's a Youth Club, Homework Club and Toddler & Parent Hub. Please see if you are interested in the toddler or youth groups. They also run sessions for parents to go along, have a chat and make new friends. They were keen to stress although these are run through the Church they are not religious in nature they are to support people in our community.

## PENCIL GRIP

Please see the pictures below. We are working hard to ensure all of our children are using a correct pencil grip.

A proper, functional pencil grip (often called the dynamic tripod grip) helps children develop efficient and legible handwriting. It supports fine motor control, allowing writing to be smoother and more fluent. When a pencil is held incorrectly, writing can become more tiring for the hand and may affect the neatness and speed of a child's work. Over time, an incorrect grip can also lead to muscle fatigue, hand cramps, or discomfort when writing for longer periods.

Development of the pencil grip through the early years:



## SEND NEWS

Please see the latest DSPL9 newsletter that is being sent out with this newsletter.

## E-SAFETY

Social Media and Children's Wellbeing

Even though most primary-aged children aren't using social media yet, many hear about it from older siblings/friends or see snippets online. This early exposure can influence how they feel about themselves and others.

What Parents Should Know

- Children may compare themselves to what they see online, which can affect confidence.
- Fast-moving content and constant notifications can make it harder for young minds to switch off.
- Seeing what others are doing can sometimes lead to feelings of being left out.

Supporting Healthy Habits

- Talk openly about what children see online and how it makes them feel.
- Keep some screen-free times in the day, especially before bed.
- Encourage plenty of offline fun—play, reading, and time outdoors.

## YOUNG WRITER'S COMPETITION

We have attached to this newsletter two amazing pieces of creative writing by Mia and Sagun on the topic of Happiness in Nature - these are their entries for the Young Writer's Competition. Enjoy!



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