



NEWSLETTER

02 May 2025

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our holidays. We have had a lovely week in school and have been enjoying the sunshine.

Year 4 had a fantastic trip on Monday to Hampton Court. They told me how much they enjoyed the trip and were full of enthusiasm to talk with me about what they had been learning.

Year 3 visited the Gurdwara on Wednesday, which again was great for their learning in RE. We are aiming for our children to have visited 6 different places of worship by the time they leave us in Year 6. We feel this is important as we have children at our school from all around the world, from lots of different cultures, who speak 49 languages. The more we learn about each other and the more we talk about similarities and differences, the more we can celebrate how 'good it is to be me!'

The Attendance Officer from Hertfordshire came to talk with me about school attendance. Our unauthorised absence is inline with national but she wants us to reduce our authorised absence. She has asked us to circulate some posters from the NHS regarding health which might support your decisions about keeping your children at home or sending them to school. We do know that those who attend school regularly make better progress socially and academically and go on to achieve better outcomes.

If you do need any support with your child's attendance then please contact Mrs Carvalho, our Pastoral Lead or any of our phase leaders, Mrs Mohran in KS1, Mrs Ahmed in LSK2 and Mrs Fuller in UKS2.

Two of the Academy Trustees came to visit yesterday. They were very impressed with the school and the enthusiasm and dedication the staff have for your children.

Monday is a Bank Holiday so the school will be closed. We will look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th May.

Have a good long weekend.

Mrs Jackson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th May: Bank Holiday - school closed
6th May: Y1 Visit from the Synagogue
8th May: New Reception Parent Meeting 9.30am
8th May: Lisa Sillitoe - Y6 Transition session for parents - 9-10am
12th-16th May: Y6 SATS
12th May: Reading Cafe
15th May: Ark Farm visiting Nursery
19th May: Reception Trip to Odds Farm
20th May: 9am New Reception (Sept 25) parents meeting
22nd May: Parent Book-Look 3.15pm
23rd May: Summer Party in the afternoon
26th- 30th May: Half Term
9th -13th June: Y4 Multiplication tests
17th June: LKS2 (Y3+Y4) Sports Day
18th June: KS1 (Y1+Y2) Sports Day
19th June: UKS2 (Y5+Y6) Sports Day
20th June: INSET day - school closed to students
23rd June: Occasional Day - school closed
26th June: Class photos
10th July: Y6 Transition Day
14th July: Meet the Teacher (for Sept 25) 3.15pm
22nd July: Rock Steady Concert
23rd 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>

ATTENDANCE

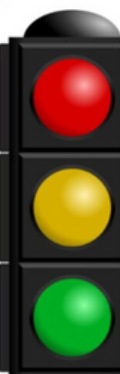
Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!





Y4 VISIT HAMPTON COURT

Y4 had a wonderful day of learning, viewing and walking in the footsteps of kings and queens! This Year 4 trip to Hampton Court Palace has left the children wanting to learn more!



MARVELLOUS MATHS!

Today in Maths, Y3 had a great practical lesson as part of our first topic on weight and mass. We worked in groups to predict which objects would be heavier or lighter, then used balancing scales to check if we were correct. Fantastic teamwork!

Mrs Diwan



GYMNASTICS TASTER - 50% OFF!

Local club, Dolphina Gymnastics has provided a 50% off taster session discount for each child that goes to the club from Beechfield School. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

SEND NEWS

Hertfordshire Local Offer Webinars

Add-Vance have created free webinars for parents and carers e.g. Managing transitions, Support for dads, Understanding ADHD, Supporting siblings. Click on the link above to find out more.

WOW!

Incredibly proud that we have been shortlisted for the @tes Schools Awards 2025 in the Trust of the Year - 9 schools or fewer category!

This recognition belongs to our amazing children, talented staff, supportive parents & dedicated trustees & governors.

Mr Roach, Trust CEO



SWIFT KITCHEN

We have had a positive start to the new lunch ordering system with Swift Kitchen.

We still have a few families who have not yet registered. If you have any questions, please come to the school office and they will be able to help.

Please talk with your child about the menu and the choices before ordering so they know what they will be eating. This will help to avoid confusion when they get to the serving hatch.



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