



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

10 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tony Fitzpatrick visited our lovely school this week. He is the Director of Education in Hertfordshire. He had a tour of the school and talked to us about the educational provision on offer. He was impressed by how inclusive Beechfield is and commented on the great behaviour for learning and the provision meeting the needs of all children.

I would like to personally thank you all for your collective efforts to improve our attendance. I have been monitoring attendance weekly and I am pleased to say there are very few children who are persistently absent (less than 90%) or severely absent (less than 50%). We really want all children in school every day. We know that this impacts on all areas of learning - academic, social and emotional. We are aiming for 97% attendance over the year so please continue to support us with this.

Beechfield has been nominated for Pastoral Primary School of the Year. The awards ceremony is taking place this evening. We are hoping that the school wins, but even if we don't we feel it has been a great recognition to have made the national shortlist. We will let you know the outcome in the next newsletter.

Have a great weekend, see you all on Monday.

Mrs Jackson

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](#)

BOOK LOOK

We would like to invite parents in to see their children's books from 3.00pm to 3.20pm on Wednesday 15th October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th October: 3.05pm Reception Parents Workshop
13th October: Y5 +Y6 Hate Crime Workshop
15th October: 3.00-3.20pm Book Look for parents
17th October: Walnut Class Trip to Sky Studios
20th October: 3.05pm Reception Parents Workshop
20th October: 3.15pm Y4 TimesTable Parent Workshop
21st October: Author visit for KS2
23rd October: Flu vaccinations (details to follow)
23rd October: Willow Class Trip to Sky Studios
24th October: 9.30am Harvest Festival celebration at Christchurch, St Alban's Road
27th-31st October: Half Term
3rd November: INSET Day - school closed to students
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
11th November: Parents Evening - in person
13th November: Parents Evening - online
14th November: Children in Need and EYFS dress up day
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

Full term dates for 2025-26 can be found on the school website. <https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates>

JUNIOR PARK RUN

If you would like to enjoy some exercise in the fresh air, there is a Sunday Park Run each week in Cassiobury Park. It costs nothing to take part but they ask that you register before you go along.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=cassiobury-juniors>

There are other park runs as well have a look at the park run website for your local one.



VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION

We're trying to improve recycling across Watford, and we need your help.

This month, we're holding a competition for pupils across Watford to design posters encouraging people to recycle correctly.

To enter, please send posters as PDF files to enquiries.watford@veolia.co.uk with your school name, and the name and key stage of the pupil(s) who designed the poster. The competition closes on Friday 20 October 2025. Posters should be A4 and in portrait layout.

We encourage students to research good recycling practices to make sure they're using the correct information. We're looking for creative, engaging posters that focus on key messages, like rinsing out food cartons or squashing down cardboard boxes before you recycle them.

We'll pick a winner from each key stage, whose posters will be displayed on digital screens around the borough and posted on Watford Council's social media.

An overall winner will be voted for by our operatives who collect your waste and recycling and keep your streets clean every week.

The overall winner's school will also receive a visit from Watford's elected Mayor Peter Taylor in November.
Good luck!

HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB

FOREST SCHOOL

This term Year 6 are learning advanced tool skills and how to maintain our natural environment. They are working as a team to create a Forest School community area that is inclusive to all pupils of Beechfield School.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations to assist them in their designs and creations.

Our current project is a Mud Kitchen! We would appreciate any donations of metal pots and pans/trays/utensils for the new woodland kitchen. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.

Mrs Keene



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

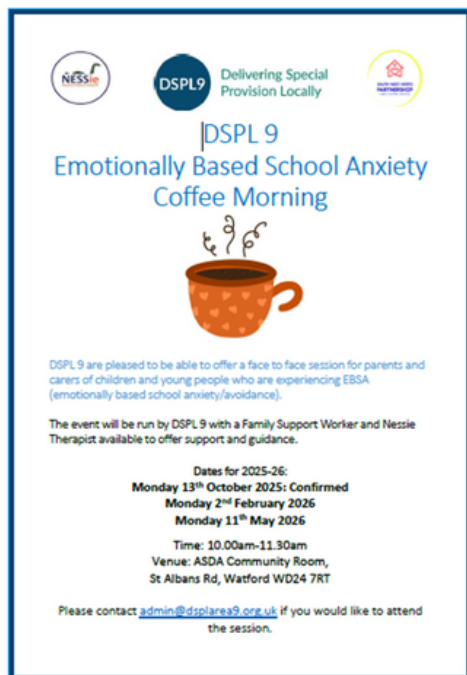
Battlers Green Farm, Radlett, Herts – October Half Term at the Farm

Join us for autumnal, family-friendly activities at Battlers Green Farm. Expect arty workshops, free face-painting, costume contests and a host of great food options on site. Please visit www.battlersgreenfarm.co.uk/whats-on for dates, times and booking details.

Find us: Battlers Green Farm, Common Lane, Radlett, WD7 8PH.



SEND NEWS



E-SAFETY - PARENTAL CONTROLS

This year, we're excited to focus on digital content and its impact on our students, highlighting a different aspect each week.

Parental controls are an effective way to help keep children safe and balanced in their online activities. They can be used to:

- Manage screen time
- Block inappropriate or harmful content
- Prevent accidental spending
- Protect children from unwanted contact

Research shows that parental controls are most effective when used alongside regular, open conversations about children's online experiences.

For practical guidance on setting up parental controls across a range of apps, devices, and platforms, visit:

👉 [Internet Matters – Parental Controls Guides](#)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Darsh won a medal for participating in a cultural dance called Garba - a traditional folk dance from Gujarat, India.

Ibrahim won best bowler of the year at Cricket Time
Ari wrote a super poem about love (below) that she read in assembly.

Amelia was awarded a Level 3 Stagecoach medal.

Ozzie was awarded a Mental Maths Medal

A POEM BY ARIADNE, Y4

Love is

Love is extraordinary, but extra ordinary.

Love is something that makes you thrive and makes you feel alive.

Love is more than you think.

Love is something everybody needs.

Love is just something that needs to be seen.

Love is a possibility!

Love is a literal dream.

Y2 SUPER SCIENTISTS!

Super Scientists in Olive class. We went exploring around the school grounds to look for Microhabitats and Minibeasts!

We have been identifying features of a microhabitat and why minibeasts live there! Brilliant enthusiasm by all! Well done!



GARDENING CLUB

Thank you to Mrs Goldsmith who is running our gardening club at lunchtimes.



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