



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our summer break. It's been lovely to see all of our children, parents and staff on their return.

Attendance so far has been 94.5% this term. We do want every child in school every day. Good attendance positively impacts on children's social and emotional wellbeing as well as their academic achievement. School will be monitoring attendance regularly and will be recording how many minutes late families are, school will be in touch with you if there are any concerns regarding punctuality or attendance. If you need any support with helping your child to attend regularly then please talk with Mrs Carvalho who will do all she can to support you.

Formal learning started on our first day back, we appreciate the support you are providing with hearing your children read regularly (daily if you can) and practising spellings and times tables. The 'meet the teacher' events should have provided you with a good understanding about your child's learning this year. Learning starts at 8.40am which is another reason why it is so important to be in school on time. Everyone across the school reads from 08.50-09.30am and we don't want any children missing these lessons.

For this half term we are having a focus on making sure we are looking at the person who is speaking and using non verbal gestures such as nodding to show we are listening. If you could reinforce this at home that would be very helpful.

We really want all of our children to do as well as they possibly can and we know working in partnership with our families is the key to this. We have an open door policy at Beechfield, please feel free to talk to any staff when the need arises.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jackson

12 September 2025

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17<sup>th</sup> September: 9am -9.30am: Lisa Sillitoe in school for transition meetings (see below)

19th September:: Y4 Trip to St Albans Cathedral

25th September: Y1 History Trip

13th October: Y5 +Y6 Hate Crime Workshop

24th October: Harvest Festival

27th-31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> November: INSET Day - school closed to students

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

## EMAILS

Please be aware that should parents email the teacher, there is no expectation on our staff to answer outside of school hours, at weekends or during holidays. Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs Fuller, Assistant Headteacher

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can you all label all coats and jumpers over the weekend. You'd be amazed by how many navy blue jumpers have no names! We do not want any lost property.

## BEHAVIOUR

Two of our school rules are 'Be safe' and 'Be Kind'. Please can you talk to your children about these rules. We really do want our children to show kindness to each other especially at playtimes. We want to teach them to be inclusive and let all children play.

## ASSEMBLIES

We have been talking about respect in assembly this week. Next Monday our assembly theme is excellence and growth mindset.

## SEND NEWS

Please find the link below for the DSPL9 Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter.

[September Newsletter](#)



## Y5 - OUR FIRST WEEK!

Year 5 Maple have been enjoying their first week back:

Ibrahim - 'One of the things I have enjoyed in Year 5 was swimming as it was really exciting and I got to be with my friends.'

Ava - 'In Year 5, I have enjoyed going to the swimming pool because it was fun and good for your health. I have also enjoyed Maths and English.'

Aamina - 'I have enjoyed maths and learning about Ancient Egyptians.'

Elder class:

This week marked an exciting milestone for our Year 5 students as they attended their first swimming lesson of the term. While some children arrived feeling nervous and anxious about getting in the water, it was wonderful to witness their transformation throughout the session. By the end of the lesson, many of these same students were eager and excited to return to the pool, having discovered the joy and confidence that comes with being in the water. As teachers, we couldn't have been prouder of their resilience and bravery - watching them overcome their initial fears and embrace this new challenge was truly inspiring. Their determination to push through their comfort zones and try something new demonstrated the kind of courage and growth mindset we love to see in our students.

Miss Webb

## KS1 - OUR FIRST WEEK!

The Year 1 children have settled in really well and are enjoying their new routines. They have been busy learning to write during phonics, practising their counting in maths, and showing off their wonderful artistic talents.

Our Year 2 children have started the new year with great enthusiasm. They are enjoying their new classes and engaging fully with their learning across all subjects. Mrs Mohran

## SECONDARY TRANSITION MEETING FOR Y4 AND Y5 PARENTS

There is a meeting in the school on Wednesday 17th September. It officially starts at 9am but please wait on the KS1 playground underneath the shelter and we will let you in through the dining hall.

This meeting will inform you about the secondary school transition process and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

## SECONDARY TRANSITION Y6

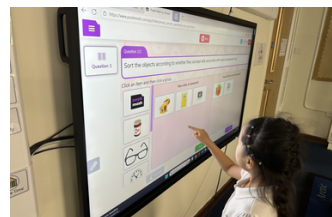
Applications for secondary schools are now open for Year 6. These close on 31st October 2025. You must have made 4 preferences by that date. Lisa Stillitoe from DSPL is in school on Wednesday. If you want to make an appointment to meet with her an email was sent out earlier in the week with her email address.

## E-SAFETY

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

This week, we've included a link that explores social media age restrictions and the effects they can have on children's wellbeing. We encourage you to read the article and join us in fostering a thoughtful conversation around online safety and healthy digital habits.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>



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