



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 13th June 2025



Dear Parents

We've had another busy week at Beaford as we move into the final stretch of the summer term. This week, children across the country have been taking part in national assessments, and our Year 1 children completed their Phonics Screening Check, while Year 4 took part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). These assessments are a statutory part of the school year, but the most important thing for us is the progress the children have made in their reading and maths fluency across the whole year.. Both are essential parts of the primary curriculum and act as building blocks for all future learning. You can support your child at home by establishing good habits at home such as reading regularly at home and helping children practise their times tables and addition and subtractions through games, apps or daily routines.



This week, we also welcomed Torrington Dental into school to talk to our EYFS children about dental hygiene. The team were fantastic with the children, and we're pleased to say they'll be returning in the autumn term to deliver an assembly to the whole school about oral health and looking after our teeth.



On Tuesday, we hosted a Trust netball tournament for Owls. It was a brilliant afternoon of sport and team spirit. Competitive sport is an important part of school life, it teaches resilience, collaboration, communication and the importance of both winning and losing with grace. The children were amazing; they supported one-another and represented Beaford wonderfully. I was extremely proud of their attitude and performance and their very respectable third place finish.



Our Year 6s are continuing their preparations for the next stage of their education. In addition to the transition support provided by GTS and Chulmleigh, we've also been working across the TEAM Trust to bring together Year 6 children who will be attending the same secondary schools. This week, those heading to Chulmleigh had a chance to meet and take part in a morning of activities and the next week the GTS starters will meet up to help ease anxieties and build early friendships ahead of September.

Looking ahead to next week, we have more exciting opportunities planned. Some of our children will be representing Beaford at a swimming gala in Northam, and Owls will be heading to Exeter Racecourse to learn more about local industries and to apply their understanding of weights and measures in a real-life context. Meanwhile, our Nursery children who will be joining Reception in September are off to Rosemoor for a special day exploring the gardens and building confidence ahead of their big move in September.

As always, thank you for your continued support and enjoy your weekend.

Mr Myers



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Owls

This week the Owls have been solving problems with coordinates in maths, exploring symmetry and reflection using 4 quadrants. In English, the owls have written some fantastic poems about the moon as well as writing a description of what it might feel like to step on the moon for the first time. The children really challenged themselves to think outside the box and made it emotive by writing a flashback memory. In science, we learnt about aloe, barrel cactus and Saguaro cactus and how they have adapted to survive in the Desert; the children then created a poster to showcase the plants adaptations. The children have also continued on their presentations to SDM projects about plants and animals in our locality.



Otters

Otters have been amazing this week. On Tuesday, the year 4 children completed their statutory times table check. Everyone was exceptionally patient and resilient and we all feel incredibly proud of all the children. The year 3 children supported the year 4s. The year 4s were focused and calm, even though some of us felt nervous! We have also found time to learn about human teeth, life in cities, using personification in our writing and comparing decimal numbers. In RE we thought about the Golden Rule and how this might be used in our own lives. We will keep on learning our times tables but it will not be quite as intense as it has been over the past few weeks!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs produced some careful artwork on Monday. They observed trees, sketched them and used water colours to paint them. The children have been continuing with their work on rivers and have produced some beautiful descriptions on this theme. The children investigated Tudor houses as part of our London's Calling topic and created some of their own. The children were set a deep dive challenge of creating pop-up houses. Although this was a challenge, the children coped tremendously. I have been impressed with a new spelling strategy that the children have been using- the phoneme frame has really helped them.

What a super week!



Ladybirds

This week, we've been learning all about trains –what they do, how they've changed over time, and what they look like today. We even designed our own trains for the future!

In maths, we used a rekenrek to explore the number 5 and its number bonds. We also created picture puzzles by manipulating shapes and enjoyed talking about the strategies we used to solve them.

We had a visit from a Torridge dental nurse who taught us how to keep our teeth healthy and explained what plaque is—we had lots of fun learning!

Next week, we'll be revisiting the Green Cross Code through the story The Bicycle as we continue learning about road safety.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Heidi Z for taking pride in her learning by making her train print picture and working really hard on using her sounds within her reading.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Charlie for trying really, really hard to manage his distractions and get on with his own learning across the different subjects.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Henrietta for the calm and imaginative approach she brings to her learning. Henrietta thinks creatively about how she can present her work in interesting ways. Well done Henrietta!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Riley for his positive attitude to his learning. Riley has completed all English and Maths tasks with care and motivation, asking questions to move his learning on and generally acting with maturity - well done Riley!</i>



Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Seb for being a really good role model and friend to a new child joining our class.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Sid for being respectful to members of staff and children. He has been waiting patiently when staff are busy and coming up with ideas of how to help others.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Year 4 for working so hard and being so resilient for the multiplication check. Everyone in year 4 has worked hard to learn their times tables and everyone was resilient and focused for the check this week. Well done year 4!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Sarah for working really well in a group, having a key part to play and explaining the task to one of her friends who joined later. We're really proud of you Sarah - well done!</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

26th - 30th May

Half Term

10th June

Netball Tournament
(Owls)

11th June

TEAM Chulmleigh
Transition Day

17th June

Swimming Gala at
Torridgeside Pool

19th June

Owls Exeter Racecourse
Trip

18th June

TEAM GTS Transition Day

20th June

School Starters trip to
Rosemoor

24th June

Hedgehogs Trip to
Rosemoor

30th June

Year 5 Bikeability

11th July

Sports Day

15th July

Year 6 Trip to RAMM
Exeter

18th July

Leavers Assembly

22nd July

Last Day of Term

Trips Next Week

Tuesday - Swimming Gala

Wednesday - GTS Transition morning at
Umberleigh

Thursday - Owls Trip to Exeter
Racecourse

Friday - School Starters Trip to RHS
Rosemoor

Please remember to log into your Arbor accounts to give consent and also make your voluntary donations toward the cost of your child's trip. Voluntary donations from parents play a crucial role in making school trips possible, helping to cover essential costs like transport, entry fees, and activities. These contributions ensure all students can benefit from enriching educational experiences beyond the classroom, regardless of their financial background.

Summer HAF Programme 2025

- Now Live!

We're excited to let you know that the Summer HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme for 2025 is now open for bookings!

This year, bookings are being managed through the new EEQU system, which means unique HAF codes are no longer required. The new system makes it easier than ever for eligible families to secure a place.

👉 Book now via EEQU: [Eequ - After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

👉 Learn more about HAF: [Information for parents and carers - Children, families and education](#)

We know from feedback that parents are most likely to hear about HAF when schools help spread the word—so thank you for taking a moment to check out these links and pass the information along if you know someone who might benefit.

Clubs & Wrap-around Care

Coding Club

Mondays - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
9th June - 7th July

Goal Getters (Key Stage 2)

Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
9th June - 7th July

Lego Club

Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.40pm
10th June - 8th July

Breakfast Club (Reception - Year 6)

Monday - Friday
8am - 8.30am (Please book through
your Arbor Account)

8.30am onwards - No need to book, just
show up!

After School Club

Monday - Thursday
3.30pm - 5pm

**You are now able to book through your
Arbor Account!**

Arbor Accounts

Please ensure that you are keeping your Arbor accounts topped up. This includes Meal, Breakfast and After School Club accounts. If you are having difficulty paying, please contact the school office.

The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am - 12.30pm. If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01805 603263. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

Attendance this Week

Reception - 96%
Hedgehogs - 97%
Otters - 95%
Owls - 98%



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NEW

After School Playworker 

Horwood and Newton Tracy Primary


Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

Early Years Playworker 

After School Club
10 hrs per week

Witheridge Primary

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Witheridge and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

1 FTE Classroom Teacher (Suitable for Early Career Teachers) 

Witheridge Primary


We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The successful candidate will have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life. ECT's are encouraged to apply.

1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant 

Witheridge Primary

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support a pupil, currently in the Foundation Stage Unit (FSU) to engage with their learning as they undertake their journey through the school. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.


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0.44 FTE EYFS CLASSROOM TEACHER 

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NEW

Meal Time Assistant 

Umburleigh Primary

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

Early Years Playworker 

After School Club
8 Hrs per week

Witheridge Primary

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Menu

Monday

Spaghetti Bolognese
V – No Meat Fajita or Veggie Spaghetti Bolognese
Sweetcorn and Coleslaw
Arctic Roll and Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Chicken Pasta Bake
V – Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake
Summer Salad Buffet
Real Fruit Cupcake

Wednesday

Roast Beef
V - Vegetarian Roast
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg
Banana Angel Delight with Real Bananas

Thursday

Loaded Potatoes with Sausage and Beans
V - Loaded Potatoes with Quorn Sausage and Beans
Salad Selection
Fruit Sorbet

Friday

Fish in Breadcrumbs
V – Vegetable nuggets
Golden Fries and Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate Brownie

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive Free School Meals

Don't forget we're a nut free school!





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ROOTNOTES FAMILY MUSIC **Tuesdays, 4-5pm**

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Instruments are provided or bring your own. No experience needed!



ROOTNOTES YOUNG FOLK

For young musicians age 9+

Learn folk tunes from around the world, develop your music & performance skills, and play in a band

Tuesdays, 5.15-6.15pm



ROOTNOTES RHYMETIME

A fun music and song session for under 5s and their families/carers

Fridays, 9.45-10.30am



RootNotes

groups are led by
Community Musician
Becki Driscoll

For more info email
becki@rootnotes.org.uk
or message 07811 279230

COMMUNITY SINGING CIRCLE

A monthly singing group for all ages led by Natural Voice Practitioner

Lara Conley

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First Mondays, 4-5pm



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Thursday
31st July
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday
28th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

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Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am