



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 20th June 2025



Dear Parents

It's not only been the sun that has shone at Beaford this week – the children have too. This was especially evident on Tuesday when a number of our Owls and Otters children represented the school at the Torridge Swimming Gala. They were fantastic ambassadors, trying their best in all the races, supporting their teammates graciously, and handling the highs and lows that come with competitive sport. We also had some standout performances, with children winning five gold medals and one silver. The whole team's efforts led to an impressive fourth-place finish overall. Well done to all of our swimmers.



Owls will present their work on local woodland trees, flowers and wildlife, while the children from SDM will talk about edible plants and spices that grow near them and how they support health and wellbeing.

Next week, Hedgehogs and Otters will be completing their end-of-term assessments. Year 6s heading to GTS will be taking part in a transition residential. Hedgehogs are visiting Rosemoor on Tuesday, and Otters will enjoy their end-of-year treat at Rock and Rapid climbing and activity centre.

A reminder that the Friends of Beaford EGM is taking place online on Thursday 26 June at 8.30pm. Please join us if you can and help support the PTA as they plan ahead for the new school year.



Owls have had a busy week. On Wednesday, our GTS bound Year 6s met children from other Trust schools who will be attending the same secondary school. Then on Thursday, they visited Exeter Racecourse to support their learning about weights and measures. Although it wasn't a race day, the children enjoyed taking part in a virtual race using VR headsets and mechanical horses. The visit also gave them a better understanding of a local industry. With many in our community involved in equestrian life, it may even have sparked some future career ideas.

Finally, the forecast suggests the weather may be turning next week, but please continue to ensure children come to school with sun cream and appropriate clothing as we move further into summer.

Enjoy your weekend.



Mr Myers

Nursery were also out and about on Friday. Sarah, Rachel and Maddie took them to Rosemoor for a sunny day of garden exploration, wildlife spotting and a picnic. The children learned about the different habitats that plants help to create and the creatures they support.

I also met with the leaders of SDM School in Mangalore, India, on Friday morning. Their school has just returned from the summer holidays. As part of our ongoing partnership, we've agreed on a shared project exploring the plants and flowers found in our local areas. We've scheduled a video call for the children to share their learning.



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Owls

This week in Owls, we have been learning about statistics in maths and drawing line graphs, they have also been learning how to interpret dual bar charts and read tables. In English, we have looked at the example text and found key features including modal verbs, dashes for parenthesis, similes and fronted adverbials. In science, the children learning about evolution. They chose a habitat and created their own imaginary animal with adaptations to suit its environment. In art, the children have been making a mood board for their collage and mixed media Journey Through Space piece. They have impressed us with their creativity and range of ideas.



Otters

Otters have managed very well with the heat this week. We even managed our tennis outside on Wednesday morning before it became too hot. We have produced our own fact sheets about Mumbai using our chrome books. This links in with our Skyline Explorers topic and supports our global links with India. In English we have been learning what makes a good narrative and in maths we have been learning about estimating answers. A group of Otters took part in the swimming gala and did extremely well. While some of the class were at the swimming gala, we practised column method addition and subtraction. We have also been building cityscapes from cardboard as part of our topic work. Next week we have our assessment week and we are all excited about the trip to Rock and Rapids next Friday!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been busy sketching minibeasts as part of their science lessons. They have created scientific drawings and labels to go with their drawings. The children enjoyed being a 'human clock', making actual clocks and moved onto their new maths unit on 'time'. Year One have been ordering the days of the week and months of the year. Year Two have been using the mini clocks to tell different times. As it has been a particularly hot week, the children have had additional outdoor learning time and we have played team games and tactical games. We have also been retelling The Great Fire of London story through pictures.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds, we've been exploring the story The Bicycle and discussing the importance of kindness and how people around the world help others. Inspired by the story, we created our very own skate park, where we practiced tricks using finger bikes! We also revisited our learning of the Green Cross Code and used that knowledge to build road crossings, ensuring our bikes could travel safely across busy roads. In maths, we've been using our rekenreks to compare quantities, focusing on the concepts of 'more than' and 'fewer than'. We designed our own lollipop people — complete with lollipop signs — to help cars know when to stop so pedestrians can cross safely. Next week, we're excited to take off on a new adventure as we explore balloon travel!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Heidi E for her excellent work in phonics, supporting her partner with their reading. Oliver for settling into our class like he has always been here.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Sydney for the effort and determination he has put into his sprinting when preparing for Sports Day.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Rosie for the consistent enthusiasm and effort which she brings to her school work. Quite often we have to stop Rosie working when it is break time because she is so engaged with her learning! Rosie's hard work has allowed her to make incredible progress. Well done Rosie!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Heidi for her really impressive art mood board for 'Collage and mixed media - Journey Through Space'. Heidi has gone for a mix of political newspaper clippings as well as finding key words in a thesaurus which sums up some of the themes she wants to represent. I can't wait to see the final outcome Heidi!</i>



Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Walter for his efforts during class discussions, sharing his knowledge about our key words during drawing club.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Freddie for putting his hands up more in lessons and making contributions across the subjects.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Remy for being extremely resilient with her school work and for being a friend to other children at playtimes. Remy has made a fantastic effort in writing and maths as well as looking after other children in the heat this week. Well done Remy!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Jack and Liam for always being so engaged on school trips and approaching them with genuine interest. You both asked brilliant questions volunteered your ideas positively and made fantastic links in your learning. 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

9th July

Reception Trip to Woody
Bay Train Station

11th July

Sports Day

15th July

Year 6 Trip to RAMM
Exeter

18th July

Leavers Assembly

22nd July

Last Day of Term

Attendance this Week

Reception - 99%

Hedgehogs - 91%

Otters - 99%

Owls - 99%

Year 3-6 Swimmers Shine at Active Torridge Gala!

A huge well done to our amazing swim team who competed in the Active Torridge Swimming Gala, going up against eight other North Devon schools with courage, focus, and brilliant team spirit.

Our team of just 15 pupils from Years 3 to 6 gave it their all in the pool, achieving a fantastic set of results.



5 Gold Medals

1 Silver Medal

4th Place Overall out of 9 schools

Every child swam their heart out, with some standout performances. The medals were a testament to their hard work in training – but just as impressive was the support they showed for each other on the sidelines. To finish 4th overall is an incredible achievement, especially with such a small but mighty team and we couldn't be prouder of the effort and enthusiasm shown by every member of the team.

Warhammer Club

Running every Thursday from 26th June, from 3:30pm to 4:45pm until the end of term. It's a fantastic opportunity for children to explore the world of Warhammer – a fun and creative hobby involving strategy games, storytelling, and miniature painting.

Please speak to the school office if you are interested in your child taking part.

Payments

Voluntary donations are incredibly important in helping us keep school trips accessible and enriching for all pupils. They allow us to cover essential costs such as transport, entry fees, and educational experiences that go beyond the classroom – providing valuable learning opportunities and lasting memories for every child.

If your child is due to go on a school trip this term, or has perhaps already been on one, please do log into your Arbor account and help contribute toward the cost. Every penny helps.

Trips

Otters - Rock and Rapid

Otters are excited to be going to Rock and Rapids as a special end of year treat. Please can parents make sure their children are dropped off promptly at the centre at 9.30am and then collect them again at 2.45pm. Payment is through your Arbor Account.

Hedgehogs to RHS Rosemoor

Hedgehogs class are looking forward to their school trip to Rosemoor on Tuesday. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine for them!

Please remember to send your children into school with **a packed lunch** (or alternatively order a school packed lunch by **10am tomorrow**), plenty of water, old clothes and shoes/boots. Please also make sure they have sun cream already applied if the weather is hot.

Owls Trip to Exeter Racecourse

The Owls had a fantastic day at Exeter Racecourse on Thursday, where they explored real-world maths through a range of exciting activities. The focus of the day was on imperial and metric measurements and how they're used in the world of horseracing.



The fun didn't stop there! The children got to experience the thrill of being a jockey through virtual reality headsets, giving them a front-row seat to the action of a real horse race. To top it off, they had a go on the mechanical horse, putting their riding skills to the test right in the parade ring. It was an unforgettable, hands-on learning experience that brought maths to life in the most exciting way!



One of the highlights was using trundle wheels to measure the perimeter of the parade ring, then applying their maths skills to calculate how many horses could comfortably fit inside – considering the space each horse would need. In the weighing room, the children learned about stones and pounds, gaining insight into the vital role weighing plays in keeping racing fair and safe.



IMPORTANT!

Friends of Beaford - Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) – Join Us!

The PTA will be holding its next Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on:

- 📅 Thursday, 26th June
- 🕒 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM
- 📍 Online via Google Meet

This is an important opportunity to stay involved, hear updates, and have your voice heard in shaping the school community.

Join the Meeting: [PTA EGM Google Meet Link](#)

Or copy and paste this into your browser:

<https://meet.google.com/yxh-yzxc-jpu>

Summer HAF Programme 2025 – Now Live!

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.

- 👉 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](#)



Team Trust Vacancies

Apply now direct with mynewterm

If you're interested in joining our team we currently have vacancies across the TEAM Trust.

Please click on the link below to find out more...

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>



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!



Meal time Assistant



Pilton Bluecoat Academy

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.

1 FTE Classroom Teacher
(Suitable for Early Career Teachers)



Wetheridge 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



Wetheridge 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.

0.44 FTE EYFS Classroom Teacher



Umberleigh 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.

Meal Time Assistant



Umberleigh 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.



0.44 FTE KS2 Teacher



Brayford

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.

Menu

Monday

Beef Chilli Hidden Veg sauce with Pasta
V – No Meat Chilli Hidden Veg Sauce with Pasta , Peas
Fruit salad and ice cream

Tuesday

Katsu Curry
V – Quorn Veggie Curry
Rice and Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Muffin

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
V – Cheesy wheels
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg
Jelly Mousse with Real Strawberries

Thursday

Ham and Cheese Pizza
V – Pizza Margarita
Sweetcorn & Mixed Salad
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Friday

Fish Fingers
V – Vegetable fingers
Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables
Shortbread Biscuit

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

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



Community News & Events



Come along with your children to a TEAM Community Day. A chance to get together with friends from your child's school and schools across the Trust. It will be a chilled social gathering for all to enjoy, and the children can make new friends or even hang out with the friends they already have. You will need to supply your own refreshments and dress for the weather on the day and most importantly remember sun cream.

Please also cross your fingers and pray for good weather.

The dates are as follows:

Friday 25th JULY

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 29th JULY

Knighthayes (National Trust)

A wooded walk and play & picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Friday 1st AUGUST

Saunton Sands Beach

Beach clean, play, ball games, sand sculptures, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Thursday 7th AUGUST

Landacre Bridge (Exmoor)

Exploring the river and a picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 12th AUGUST

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock Pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Please let me know if you plan to attend any of these events so I can be in contact with more details closer to the time.

Csprenger@team-mat.org.uk .



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A COUNTRY SUMMER

26TH JULY - 30TH AUGUST

HELP US TO CELEBRATE SUMMER
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

SEASIDE

Dressing up - Selfie station
Punch and Judy theatre

HARVEST

Hunt the scarecrows hidden
around the museum

CRAFTY TUESDAYS

29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August
10 - 12 Drop in.
£3 per child with paying adult (£2.50 per
child with museum member)

THURSDAY FUN

10 - 12 Drop in. Look out for a
different activity each week!

GAMES

Hook a Duck - Splat the Rat!
Maypole dancing and more!

... and more! Plus all our usual family friendly activities!
Follow us on social media for activity updates!



**TIVERTON
MUSEUM**
of Mid Devon Life

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
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Registered charity 1181976



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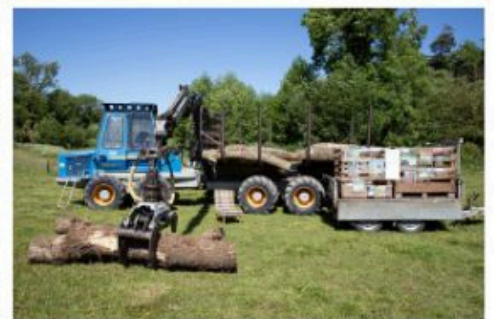
Ashridge Wood Fair

Saturday 5 July 2025

10am - 4pm

Fun for all the family

Join us for a wonderful wood inspired country fair
Fun for all the family



Demonstrations, stalls, food, shire horses,
guided woodland walks, music and more

FREE Entry - Car Park £5

Ashridge Court,

North Tawton, EX20 2DH