



Dear Parents

It's been another busy and exciting week at Beaford!

This week, we welcomed a film crew who are creating a video for the TEAM Multi-Academy Trust. They came to capture our OPAL playtimes, and as I often tell the children, they really do have the best playtimes in the Westcountry! Tuesday certainly didn't disappoint. The film crew were blown away by the variety and richness of our play provision. They saw children fully engaged in water play, sports, den building, and all sorts of creative activities. Our strong community spirit was also on full display, with the Owls acting as play buddies to our new school starters, who are getting their first taste of playtimes in preparation for next year.

Elsewhere in school, Year 5 completed their Bikeability and road safety training, gaining valuable skills for life. On Friday afternoon, Donna shared her extensive baking knowledge with the Owls, who enjoyed making their own pizzas - a delicious reward for all their hard work!

Lego Club has also been a huge success this term. The children have built a fantastic variety of creations, each week rising to a new challenge set by Nick. I'm pleased to say that Lego Club will continue next year on Tuesdays. If your children are missing their Lego fix over the summer, look out for workshops run by STEMgineering with Nick during the holidays.

Looking ahead to next week:

- We will have a work experience student and a trainee teacher working with Hedgehogs.
- Owls will be taking part in a football tournament and will also lead their family groups in making banners ready for sports day.
- Torrington Library will be visiting to deliver an assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge. The children are encouraged to aim to read a book a week over the holidays, with prizes to be won for taking part.

- Nursery will be celebrating with a sports and graduation afternoon party on Wednesday, ahead of the whole school sports day on Friday afternoon.

Finally, a reminder about trip donations. If you are able, please pay any outstanding contributions for trips. At the moment, the Owls' recent visit to the racecourse and the Otters' trip to Rock and Rapid are being heavily subsidised by already stretched school budgets. We do everything we can to keep costs down by seeking offers, using travel grants, friends of Beaford donations, and negotiating discounts – but we will always need to pass on a portion of the cost to parents. If you are able to, please make your voluntary contributions via Arbor.

Children eligible for free school meals receive a 50% discount on trips, and the school receives additional funding to support them. Many parents don't realise they are eligible. If you receive income support, universal credit, child tax credit, or if you currently serve or have served in the armed forces within the last six years, your child may also be entitled to additional funding. Please speak to the office or check online if you think this may apply to you.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy your weekend.

Mr Myers





Owls

This week, in maths, the children have been learning about different units of measure. In science, the Owls have learnt about natural selection using the peppered moth as an example. They have also explored Darwin's finches and how the different beak types related to the type of food they ate. The Year 6s have been reflecting on their time at Beaford while writing a page of memories and the Year 5s have been reflecting on their memories of the Year 6s. In art, the children have planned and created their final Journey Through Space - mixed media collages. We have been so impressed with the range of designs and creativity! Well done Owls!



Otters

Otters had an incredible trip to Rock and Rapids at the end of last week. The children behaved beautifully and rose to the challenge. Many of them found resilience and courage they didn't know they had. This week has been back to normal and we have packed in a lot of hard work. We have started our new diary writing sequence. We have started learning about angles (not angels!) in maths. In topic we have continued learning about cities by thinking about the cities we have in the UK. In RE we listened to Stormzy's "Blinded by Your Grace" and in PE we practised running for Sports Day. We even found time to start our science experiment about tooth decay! Well done Otters for another great week!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have worked really hard on their creative writing this week. They have been thinking about dangerous animals that they would find in the jungle. Their spellings and vocabulary are improving all of the time. The children have enjoyed starting their new mini topic, 'Rhyme and Rhythm' in which they have been listening to and appreciating instruments, learning new musical vocabulary and singing songs collectively as a class. The children are underway with their Sports Day preparations. I have seen some real determination and effort.

Well done Hedgehogs!



Ladybirds

What an 'amazing' week! Our story amazing has really influenced our learning this week. We decided to create a party for Zibbo the dragon. As a class we have created our own decorations, party hats, birthday cards and food in order to have the best party for Zibbo. We are also very excited to invite our own teddies to the party, and have made invitations for them. We have also had a go at drawing our very own Zibbo. Away from our party preparations, we have learned about the story of David and Goliath and have spoken about the importance of being brave when things maybe scary for us. We have then retold the story by drawing inside a silhouette of Goliath.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Cora for her concentration in following a step by step drawing of Zibbo.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Lilly-Ann for her care and commitment to her friend Sid when he injured himself earlier in the week.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Rose for the focus and hard work she has brought to her writing recently. Rose is thinking hard about her presentation, her word choices and her punctuation. She is also writing more. Well done Rose!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Harry F and Kiki for their impressive attitude to their art project, for sharing ideas for their mood boards and motivating each other to find related ideas I can't wait to see your final piece!</i>



Contribution Certificates



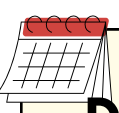
Awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Una for going above and beyond what was expected of her to give Zibbo the best party!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Reggie for his attitude to our Sports Day preparations. He has been helping others to understand that it is about taking part and having a go.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Olivia Gaskin for working so well with other children. Olivia enjoys discussing her learning and sharing her thinking with other children. She thinks hard about how to present her work in her books. Well done Olivia!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Ethan for his can do attitude in all that he does. Ethan is always willing to give everything a go and thinks very carefully about his learning, often bringing in his own interests in to motivate him further. Ethan often thinks about his learning at home and brings in related books to help further his thinking!</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

26th - 30th May
Half Term

9th July

Reception Trip to Woody Bay Train Station

11th July

Sports Day

15th July

Year 6 Trip to RAMM Exeter

15th July

Transition Day

18th July

Leavers Assembly

22nd July

Last Day of Term

Attendance this Week

Reception - 92%
Hedgehogs - 93%
Otters - 97%
Owls - 84%

OTTER'S TRIP TO ROCK & RAPIDS

Year 3 and 4 pupils had an unforgettable adventure at Rock and Rapids, where excitement, learning, and resilience came together. The children embraced a range of outdoor activities, including abseiling, climbing, archery, and high ropes, each challenge encouraging teamwork, courage, and perseverance.



For many, it was their first time tackling such heights and skills, and they rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination. Laughter, and encouragement filled the air as confidence grew with every step. The trip was not only packed with fun, but also provided valuable lessons in self-belief and collaboration, making it a truly rewarding experience for all.



Knitting for a Cause

Over the past few months, Amelie has been busy honing her knitting skills after learning to knit at Easter. Working alongside her mum, Lisa, she has created hats and cannula covers for the North Devon District Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU), while Lisa knitted a range of other essential items.

Yesterday, they proudly delivered 11 incubator blankets, 30 hats, and 15 cannula covers to SCBU. A kind nurse even gave them a tour, allowing Amelie to see firsthand the impact of her thoughtful work. What a wonderful example of kindness, dedication, and community spirit!



Message from the new Friends of Beaford Chairwoman



I would just like to introduce myself as the new chair of the PTA. I'm very much looking forward to running events throughout the year and getting to know you all. I'm also excited to work with such a fantastic committee. Please let me know if you would like to find out more information about the PTA, it would be great to get as many of you involved as possible.

I would like to thank Ellie for all her dedication as chair over the last three years. Ellie has helped raise lots of money for the school and the children have greatly benefited. I hope I can do the same.

Watch this space....

Samantha Harding

Menu

Monday

Spaghetti Bolognese
V – 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

Thursday

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

Fruit Sorbet

Friday

Fish & Chips
V – Vegetable Fingers
Golden Fries and
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Lollies

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

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

YEAR 6

LEAVERS LUNCH

FRIDAY 18TH JULY

MAINS

AMERICAN CHILLI DOG (MILD)
WITH WEDGES AND SWEETCORN ON
THE SIDE

VEGETARIAN

VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE AND QUORN
MINCE

JACKET POTATOES

DESSERT

ICED DOUGHNUT

DRINK

PINK LEMONADE



Can You Help? Donations Needed for Hedgehogs Class

We are currently looking to expand our collection of educational games and puzzles for our Key Stage One children, to support their learning through play.

If you have any good-quality pre-loved games or puzzles suitable for ages 5–7, we would be so grateful for your donation.

These resources help to build important skills like problem-solving, communication, and teamwork—all while having fun!

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Sports Day 2025 - Friday 11th July

Weather permitting, children will enjoy a special fish and chip or vegetable fingers basket meal outside in the playground at lunchtime.

Families are invited to join us from 1:15pm, ready for a 1:30pm start, which will begin with a special opening performance.

Please enter via the side gate by Hedgehogs Class, rather than through the main reception. The gate will be manned until 1:45pm, and after that, staff will check for any new arrivals every 10 minutes.

Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust





TEAM Trust Transition Days TEAM BUILDING FOR YEAR 6

This year, we decided to introduce something new for our Year 6s across the Trust. Emma and I came up with the idea of bringing together all the children who will be attending the same secondary schools in September. We know this time of year can feel daunting and stressful, so we felt that offering a relaxed and fun opportunity to meet their future school mates and be able to recognise some friendly faces could really help ease those nerves.

Across our nine schools, our Year 6 children will be attending:

- Pilton Community College
- The Park Community School
- Great Torrington School
- Chulmleigh College
- South Molton Community College
- Braunton Academy
- Tiverton High School

We held team-building events at different schools across the Trust, and we're very grateful to Witheridge, Umlerleigh, and Pilton Bluecoat for hosting us. A huge thankyou also goes to the schools that supported with transport and made time for these events during what is an incredibly busy summer term—juggling residential, transitions, SATs, sports days, show rehearsals, competitions, and many other activities.



The children took part in a range of fun activities, including:

- "Crossing the River," where they had to get from one end of the field to the other using pieces of carpet without touching the grass
- The "Birthday Line-Up"
- A silent colour-dot grouping activity, where they had to find their group using only non verbal communication
- And even some games involving throwing around inflatable pigs!



Each session ended with a "link-up" task, where children shared an interesting fact about themselves. If someone shared the same fact, they would link arms, forming a growing chain of connections which ended in a big circle together. It was a lovely way to end the team building sessions—and we all learned quite a lot about our wonderful Year 6s across the Trust.

We're excited to continue these events in the future and are already discussing new games and dates for next year.

Kind regards,

Emma Humphrey – TEAM Pastoral Worker
Carrie-Anne Sprenger – Team Family Support Worker





Team Trust Vacancies

Apply now direct with my  **newterm**

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>



0.48 FTE Classroom Teacher (Music)



TEAM Trust

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to support and deliver music curriculum across TEAM Multi-Academy Trust.

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.

Early Years Playworker- After School Club - 10 Hours per Week



Wetheridge Primary

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

**Deadline for applications:
12 noon Today**

Early Years Playworker- After School Club - 8 Hours per Week



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12 noon Today**

APPRENTICE – EYFS Nursery Assistant



Beaford Primary

The successful applicant will receive training to take on the responsibilities of an EYFS Nursery Assistant, contributing to a high-quality, caring environment for children.

**Deadline for applications:
12 noon Today**

Community News & Events

Libraries
Unlimited

THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST

TORRINGTON LIBRARY

LAUNCH DAY

EXTRAVAGANZA

SAT 12 JULY | 10AM - 1PM

PICK UP YOUR QUEST PACK!

MAKE A NINJA STARFISH &

A JIGGLING JELLYFISH!

SEA CREATURE TATTOOS!

JOIN US IN YOUR BEST

PIRATE COSTUME!



Hatherleigh Festival
7th - 13th July 2025

+ Fringe events 5th & 6th

[www.HATHERLEIGHFESTIVAL.CO.UK](http://www.hatherleighfestival.co.uk)

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4 TUESDAYS IN AUGUST AT VICTORIA PARK BIDFORD

5TH - 12TH - 19TH AND 26TH AUGUST

Age 5 - 12yrs old, 10.00am-2.00pm
GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

FUN PACKED FOOTBALL DAYS WITH QUALIFIED COACHES. Children must bring along their own water bottle, packed lunch, boots/trainers, shin pads and clothing for all conditions.

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OR ALL 4 DAYS FOR JUST **£55**

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SOUTH MOLTON football fun SUMMER CAMP

5 THURSDAYS IN JULY/AUGUST SOUTH MOLTON FOOTBALL CLUB

31ST JULY - 7TH - 14TH - 21ST - 28TH AUGUST

Age 5 - 12yrs old, 10.00am-2.00pm
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NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

BARNSTAPLE football fun SUMMER CAMP

4 THURSDAYS IN AUGUST AT PILTON BLUECOATS SCHOOL

7TH - 14TH - 21TH AND 28TH AUGUST

Age 5 - 12yrs old, 10.00am-2.00pm
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