



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents

Wow – what a year it's been at Beaford! The end of the summer term is always busy for school staff, but it's also a time to pause and reflect on the year that's passed. There are several achievements I'm especially proud of, and the first is the way we've embraced and developed the values of community and togetherness.

Every school needs a core value to build itself around, and as a community primary school, these sit at the heart of everything Beaford do. This year, we've built on the strong foundations already in place by increasing opportunities for children to work with one another in their family groups and using our older pupils as role models and mentors for the younger children.

It's genuinely heartwarming to stand on the gate and hear our youngest children talk about how the older ones are their friends, or to see them run over for a hug. These everyday moments show how strong our sense of community has become.

We've also worked hard to involve parents more in the life of the school. So many of you have given your time this year. Be it supporting on trips, working with the PTA, or coming in to enrich our curriculum by sharing your skills and experiences. We've been lucky to have some amazing parent readers who not only help children with their reading but also give them someone to talk to about the stories they're enjoying. Other parents have generously run clubs, helping to extend our curriculum beyond the classroom. Positive relationships between adults and children are at the heart of good educational practice, and the more we can provide, the better.

Another real success this year has been the increased number of opportunities for children to perform. It's been a joy to see every class lead an assembly this year and shine in their own way. The Christmas play was a highlight, brilliantly supported by the choir, and of course I can't talk about performances without mentioning the incredible TEAM Proms at the Queen's Theatre.

Our commitment to personal development and the strong culture of community we've built were clearly recognised during our successful Ofsted visit in January. The report really captured what makes Beaford special and the hard work that goes into giving our children the best start.

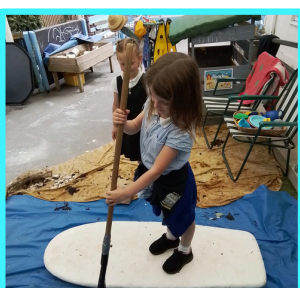
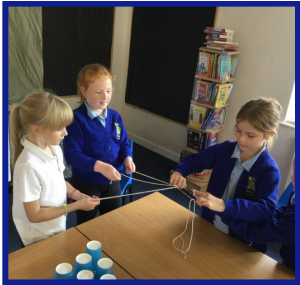
None of these achievements would be possible without the tireless commitment of our amazing staff. I feel incredibly fortunate to lead such a dedicated team who give their all every day to ensure the children thrive. I'd like to thank each and every member of staff for their hard work this year. They've truly earned a restful and refreshing break before coming back to do it all again in September.

Finally, we said goodbye to our Year 6s in their leavers' assembly this morning. It was a beautiful celebration of their time at Beaford. This year group are wonderful individually and as a collective, they've shown kindness, humour and great resilience, and they will be very much missed. To the families leaving us this year, thank you for your support during your time here.. Please do keep in touch and let us know how your children get on in the next chapter of their journey.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Warm wishes,

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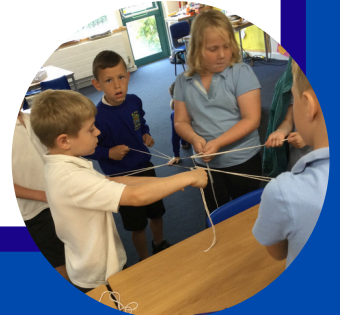
Owls

This week Owls have been super busy working on the ideas they shared for their leavers' assembly. They have been writing parts of the scripts and have been so encouraging to each other throughout! The children put a list of songs together for their leavers' assembly last week and have voted democratically for their favourite song which they have also been practising this week. The Year 6s took part in their Leavers' photoshoot - the bond they have with each other have been so clear to see and has made many of us feel quite emotional this week! On Friday afternoon, the children will be preparing for a video call to India next week.



Otters

What an amazing class Otters have been this year. Engaged in their learning, resilient about taking on new challenges, full of enthusiasm and looking after each other. This week we have been very busy with our transition day, finishing off our writing and also working on a few extra maths lessons to make sure we covered our statistics topic! We have also been preparing our "quiz of the year" in pairs so that we can give ourselves the best chance of remembering all the learning since September. Well done Otters for an amazing year and we are all looking forward to a break in just a few days!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs had a wonderful time during our joint KS1 Music Day with High Bickington. The children appreciated instruments and music played by Elfyn, the musician. They joined in with songs, rhythms and rhymes. The children were amazed when Elfyn took the Piano apart. The children performed to each other in the afternoon and got to play a range of percussion instruments. Both schools made some lovely new friends and enjoyed OPAL play together.



Ladybirds

It's been a calm and enjoyable week in Ladybirds as we head towards the summer break. In Drawing Club, we explored Tom and Jerry and created imaginative inventions to help Tom catch Jerry – from robot lasers to rainbow-powered traps! We also read The Friendship Bench, a story about a girl who finds starting a new school difficult until she makes a friend. This led to lovely discussions about how change can make us feel and how friends help us through those moments when we're feeling unsure. Thank you all for your continued support this year. It's made a big difference and is reflected in how much the children have grown and progressed on their school journey. Wishing you a happy and restful summer break!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Grace and Cora for how much you have both grown in confidence this year in all aspects of your learning. You are confident speakers and are always wanting to share your knowledge to the class.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Erika for her stamina in writing. Erika composed a recount about our KSI Music Day that was beautifully presented and contained immaculate spellings.</i>
Otters	<i>Sophie for being a fantastic member of the class. Sophie is calm and focused and is always kind and polite in her interactions with children and adults around the school. Well done Sophie!</i>
Owls	<i>Bethany for going the extra mile and throwing herself into her learning. You do a lot behind the scenes to help motivate others, cheer others up and keep the classroom calm. Thank you!</i>



Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Felicity for her contribution towards every drawing club session. She has worked extremely hard in developing her ideas and really thinking about how she writes her sentences.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Sydney for his contribution and effort during our KSI Music Day. He was so engaged and put his heart and soul into each activity.</i>
Otters	<i>Aidan for having such a great transition this week. Some of us find change difficult and Aidan has shown how this can be managed calmly, maturely and thoughtfully. Well done Aidan!</i>
Owls	<i>Finley for always being such a positive person to be around and approaching life with a fantastic sense of humour and just the right amount of sarcasm! Finley, anytime you have been involved in any group work, you have always managed to bring out the best in everyone! Thank you!</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





Year 6 Leavers Poem



Our Journey Together
Year 6 is ending, time to part,
With memories close to every heart.
We've laughed, we've grown, we've made our mark,
Each one of us a unique spark.

Kiki cares with quiet grace,
A calm and kind, familiar face.

Ellie stands so bold and strong,
She speaks her truth and leads along.

Wren belongs upon the stage,
With drama bursting off the page.

Ella's art brings joy to all—
Her colours brighten every hall.

Jack is charging down the field,
With rugby skills that never yield.

Riley's full of zest and might,
He powers through both day and night.

Finley brings a peaceful tone,
With calmness that feels like home.

Oliver, quiet, works with care,
His diligence is always there.

Harry dreams of life outdoors,
With tractors, fields, and stable doors.

Harry F, unique and keen,
Knows every part of a washing machine!

Phoebe bubbles with delight,
Her laughter shining warm and bright.

Arianna blends art and flair,
A theatric soul with style to spare.

Dexter walks and never tires,
So full of life and bold desires.

Liam bursts with fun and cheer,
With ideas fresh throughout the year.

Milo, quiet, calm, and smart,
A ninja master of martial art.



Bethany and Sarah, side by side,
With caring hearts and beaming pride.

They try their best in all they do,
So kind, so strong, so brave, so true.
We've shared so much within these walls,
From painted skies to football calls.

Now onward to adventures new—
But we'll remember this great crew.

Though we may travel far and wide,
We'll keep our Year 6 pride inside.

So here's to every girl and boy—
You've filled this school with light and joy.





DATES

for your diary

22nd July

Last Day of Term

3rd September

Non Pupil Day

4th September

1st Day of Autumn Term

End of Year Reminder – Please Check Your Arbor Account

As we approach the end of the academic year, we kindly ask all parents and carers to log in to their Arbor accounts and check for any outstanding balances.

Clearing any amounts owed – such as for school meals, clubs, or trips – before the summer break helps us to close the year smoothly and prepare for the term ahead. Looking ahead to next academic year, we kindly ask that all parents aim to keep their Arbor accounts in credit, rather than in deficit. This helps us to manage school finances more effectively and ensures that services such as meals and clubs can continue without interruption.

If you have any questions about your account or need support accessing Arbor, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Friends of Beaford

Making a Difference

Join the PTA!



We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic PTA here at Beaford – Friends of Beaford. This group of parents, carers, and staff volunteer their time to raise valuable funds and help make our school an even better place for our children.

The importance of Friends of Beaford cannot be overstated. Through events like uniform sales, Frozen Fridays, cake stalls, and school fairs, they raise money that goes directly back into enriching school life. Thanks to their efforts, we've been able to fund school trips, purchase outdoor play equipment, and provide learning resources that would not otherwise be possible from the standard school budget.

Trips and enrichment activities play a vital role in our children's development – they bring learning to life, offer new experiences, and build confidence and curiosity. The support from Friends of Beaford ensures that these opportunities remain accessible for all families.

Every ice pop sold or raffle ticket bought helps make this happen – and we're so grateful for your support. Whether you can spare time to volunteer, attend events, or simply spread the word, every little bit counts.

If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please contact the school office or speak to one of our current members. We'd love to welcome new faces!

Together, we can continue to provide exciting, memorable opportunities for every child at Beaford.

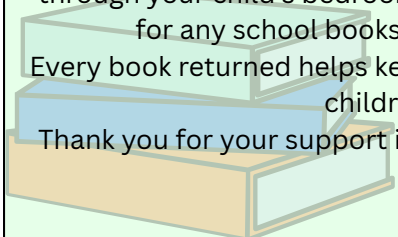
Have You Seen Any School Library Books at Home?

As we near the end of term, we're doing a stock check of our school library and classroom reading books – and we've noticed that quite a few are still out on loan.

We'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to have a look through your child's bedroom, book bags, or any reading corners at home for any school books that may have been forgotten about.

Every book returned helps keep our library well-stocked and ensures other children can enjoy them too.

Thank you for your support in helping us take care of our school's reading resources!



Nursery Increase in Charges

The price for 2-year olds will go up to £7.42 per hour from 1st September 2025 to match the funded rate. The 3-year-old rate will remain at £5.50.

A reminder that parents need to apply for their working entitlement codes, if applicable.

Get free childcare if you're working: [Apply for free childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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Year 6 Trip to Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum

Year 6 recently enjoyed an exciting educational visit to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter, where they took part in the immersive Time Odyssey experience. Throughout the day, pupils explored global museum collections using augmented reality, met historical characters, and worked in teams to solve quests and open a time portal—bringing history to life in a truly memorable way.



Menu

Monday

Sausage Rolls
V – Veggie Sausage Rolls
Hash Browns & Peas
Ice Cream

Tuesday

Chicken Burger
V – Veggie Burger
Vegetable Rice and Salad

Banoffee Cheesecake

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

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

Otter Town – A DT Project Inspired by Skyline Explorers

This term, our topic was Skyline Explorers, where we explored cities from around the world and looked at what makes each skyline unique. As part of our Art and DT work, the children designed and created their own individual cityscapes—using plenty of cardboard and creativity!

Once everyone had completed their models, we brought them all together to form Otter Town—a collaborative, imaginative city showcasing everything we've learned. We're so proud of the children's hard work, teamwork, and artistic flair. It's been a fantastic way to bring the topic to life, and we hope you enjoy seeing what all that cardboard was really for!



A Page of Thank Yous...



A Huge Thank You to Mr Northmore

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Mr Northmore for his incredible work as our Reception teacher over the past two years. His energy, enthusiasm, and creativity have made a lasting impact on both the children and the wider school community.

Mr Northmore's lessons have always been engaging and full of joy, sparking curiosity and a love for learning in the classroom. He has gone above and beyond to provide memorable experiences for the children, including trips to RHS Rosemoor and the Lynton Railway, which brought learning to life outside the classroom.

Alongside his teaching, Mr Northmore has also led PE across the school with dedication and passion, encouraging all pupils to stay active and enjoy sport. His after-school football and multi-skills club was also a particular highlight for many.

As he moves on to High Bickington Primary School and continues to grow his nutrition and wellness business, we wish him every success in the exciting journey ahead. Thank you, Mr Northmore, for everything – you will be greatly missed!

Thank You, Eleanor!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Eleanor, who has been with us for the past two years as part of her Level 3 Early Years course at Petroc. It has been a real pleasure to watch her grow and flourish during her time at our school.

Eleanor has been a wonderful support in Nursery, building warm and trusting relationships with the children, who absolutely adore her. Her enthusiasm, kindness, and natural rapport with young children have made her a valued and much-loved member of our team.

Her support has extended beyond Nursery too, helping out on school trips and getting to know many of the children across the school. Eleanor brings a calm, caring presence wherever she goes, and her dedication has not gone unnoticed.

As she prepares to head off to Plymouth University in September to study Psychology and Early Childhood, we know she will continue to shine. Thank you, Eleanor—you will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the very best for the exciting journey ahead!

Thank you Donna & Sean

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Donna, our wonderful cook, and Sean, our fantastic kitchen assistant, for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. They consistently go above and beyond to create delicious, nutritious meals for the children—always prepared and served with care and a smile. This week, excitement is building for the eagerly anticipated Year 6 Leavers' Menu. Donna has spent a great deal of time coming up with creative and mouth-watering menu options for the children to choose from, and they're all looking forward to enjoying their chosen chilli dogs very soon!

Donna has also kindly prepared SATs breakfasts, a beautiful cream tea for Nursery Sports Days, and even baked scones with our Owls class—adding those special touches that make all the difference.

Donna and Sean, your efforts make a real difference every day. Thank you both for everything you do to make our school such a warm, welcoming, and well-fed community!



Ethan's Swimming Success!

Ethan recently competed in the Devonport Summer Sizzler swimming gala in Plymouth. Despite a packed weekend of racing, Ethan performed brilliantly, bringing home 7 gold medals and 1 silver from 9 races – covering everything from sprints to long-distance events in all strokes. This event marks a full year of competitive swimming for Ethan, representing Torridgeside Amateur Swimming Club and racing against swimmers from across the South West. Over the weekend, he achieved an impressive 8 personal bests, including one time that qualifies him for regional competition next year!

Ethan's dedication is inspiring – training four times a week and even fitting in an early morning session before school.

Well done, Ethan!

BEAFORD'S BUDDING EQUESTRIANS SHINE AT COXLEIGH BARTON!

Due to an oversight in last week's newsletter some well deserving children missed a mention for their impressive equestrian achievements.

Over the last few months Coxleigh Barton equestrian centre held a Schools Show jumping league, sponsored by Torch Equine vets. Two teams represented the school directly; The Bouncing Beafordians, comprising of; Olivia G, Roo G, Elsie H & Eliza U, along with the reception class team; The Beaford Beasts, made up of: Harry B-J, Heidi E, Una G & Percy U. There were also other students competing from the school, representing the whole trust. The competition was fierce, with many very speedy and talented riders taking part, but both of the lead rein teams rode exceptionally well, with the mums putting in the effort to run the course alongside! Each month the children came back with rosettes and happy faces. During the finale championships Heidi gained a 6th individually in the overall placings, which is determined by a points system over the total duration of the event and Una received a best turned out award. A big thank you to all the mums who took the time to turn up & turn out, making sure children & ponies were fit and ready to take part in the monthly competitions.





YEAR 5&6 ARE INVITED
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JULY
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A CHANCE TO SAY FAREWELL AND
EXCHANGE NUMBERS

THIS FRIDAY

18TH JULY

AT 3.30PM

OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES



FROZEN FRIDAY!
ICEPOLES FOR SALE
20P EACH!

PRE LOVED
UNIFORM SALE!
GET READY FOR SEPTEMBER
EARLY AND GRAB SOME
BARGAIN UNIFORM



Autumn Term Menu

	Week 1: 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12	Week 2: 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 17/11, 08/12	Week 3: 15/09, 06/10, 03/11, 24/11, 15/12
Monday	Sausages & Bacon Breakfast V –Vegetarian Breakfast Potato Waffles, Beans, Peas Sorbet	Toad in the Hole V – Vegetarian Sausages Crispy/cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy Sorbet	Burger in a Bun V – Quorn Dog Potato Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn Sorbet
Tuesday	Beef Pasta Bolognese V – Mac and Cheese Garlic Bread & Salad Sticks Fruit Jelly	Minced Beef Soft Taco V – No meat Mince Taco Sweetcorn and Wedges Fruit Jelly	Corned Beef Hash V – Cheese and Broccoli Bake Cubed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	Roast Chicken V – Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices	Roast Gammon V - Homity Pie Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices	Roast Chicken V – Quorn Bites Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Doughnut and fruit slices
Thursday	BBQ Chicken V – Hunters Quorn Rice and Salad Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard	Katsu Curry V - Hidden Veg Quorn Curry Naan Bread, Rice, salad sticks Fruit Sponge and Custard	Homemade Pizza V – Homemade Vegetarian Pizza Rice 'n' peas and Corn, Prawn Crackers Ginger Cake and Custard
Friday	Cod or Salmon Fingers V – Cheese and Bean Wrap Golden Fries and Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Cracknell	Oven Baked Fish V – Quorn Nuggets Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Oaty Cookie (various flavours)	Fish Fingers V – Cheese Wheel Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg Shortbread Biscuit

Community News & Events

WILD FLOWER FIELD WALK

FRI 18TH JULY 5PM-9PM

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BEAFORD VILLAGE FETE
6th SEPTEMBER 2025
 Doors open 1.30pm

DOG SHOW
Dog show 2pm
 10 classes judge Sue Buswell

Lots of fun for everyone

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<p>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend</p> <p>ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays</p> <p>BEEFEATER Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main</p> <p>BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept</p> <p>BREWERS FAYRE Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer</p> <p>BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August</p> <p>BURGER KING From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)</p> <p>CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st</p> <p>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch</p> <p>FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p>HARVESTER Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App</p> <p>MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend</p> <p>MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult</p> <p>PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm</p> <p>TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult</p> <p>TESCO Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p>TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays</p> <p>ZIZZI Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)</p>
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