



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back

It was wonderful to see you all after the holidays. Having a short two-day week to kick off the term was just the ticket to help the children settle in and ease any nerves they may have had about returning to school.

Welcome to school!

It has been especially lovely to welcome our new Reception starters this week, along with our new Reception teacher. The children already know the school well, and Ms Baugh trained with us here at Beaford, but now they are formally part of our school community. I'd like to say a big welcome to Rosie, Ozlo, Jack, Jago, Eliza, Henry, Nelson, Honey, and of course Ms Baugh. We hope you all have an amazing time at Beaford School! I'd also like to welcome the new additions to our Governing Body, who are all either parents or grandparents of Beaford children. Thank you to Gemma Underhill, Holly Stevens, and Victoria Hodder for taking on the role of governor to support the school. They will join Kiri Snell and Rev Ally on the governing board. We will continue to meet termly to review actions taken and to discuss upcoming priorities.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Teachers will send out a curriculum newsletter next week, giving you an overview of each subject the children will be studying this half term. From this year, weekly homework expectations will also be posted on the newsletter. Children in Otters and Owls will take home a homework book and some resources to practise their core skills in English and maths. Homework will begin next week.

If you have any concerns about schoolwork or would like to pass on a message about your child, please try to catch teachers at the start or end of the day.

Alternatively, you can email the office (admin@beaford-primary.devon.sch.uk). Attached to this email is a flowchart outlining how to raise a concern at school.

Educational visits, workshops and school events

As always, our curriculum is enriched by many educational experiences. These help children build their cultural capital and learn in dynamic, enjoyable ways. Please keep an eye on emails and read the weekly newsletter to stay up to date with upcoming events. There is also an events calendar on the school website. Many of these events come at a cost. If you are able, please pay the voluntary contributions for trips. We do subsidise them through school budgets and generous donations from the Friends of Beaford PTA, but without parental contributions many of the opportunities we offer would not be possible.

Attendance, Medication and Illness

Attendance is always a priority. Children with low attendance not only achieve less academically but may also struggle socially and emotionally. Please let us know if you're finding it difficult to get your child to school, or if there are barriers to attendance, so we can support you.

If you think your child is too unwell to attend, please call the office to let us know. If they are only a little unwell or likely to improve as the day goes on, we recommend sending them in with paracetamol or ibuprofen. We will always contact you if we feel they are too unwell to stay. If your child develops a minor illness during the day, we may call for your permission to administer medication from the school stock.

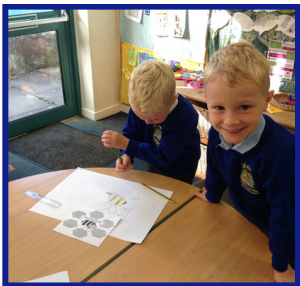
Children with high temperatures should not attend school, and those with diarrhoea or vomiting should wait 48 hours before returning. For other illnesses, such as chickenpox or conjunctivitis, please follow NHS guidance.

You will receive an email from our Medi-Tracker system if your child receives medical treatment in school. Please don't be alarmed — many of these are for very minor bumps and scrapes. For anything more serious, we will always try to call you directly.

I look forward to seeing you all as the term progresses and to watching the children flourish at Beaford School.

Mr Myers

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Owls

Since returning to school, the Owls have been engaged in their new topic, 'Empire of industry'. Together, we have created a class display recreating the style of Lowry featuring themselves as people on their way to work in an industrial landscape. In maths, we have been learning how to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000 thinking about the place value of the digits. In science, we learnt about friction and in groups, were given the task to create a ramp with the most friction so the toy car would travel down the slowest but still reach the bottom of the ramp! The children came up with some very creative ramps and enjoyed cheering each other on when testing their ramps! In English, we wrote descriptive poems about Dartmoor.



Otters

Otters have been fantastic in their first full week back in the new class. The year 3s have settled in extremely well and have started getting used to being in Key Stage 2. The year 4s have been very supportive and helpful. We have packed in an incredible amount and the children have been resilient. We could feel that everyone was a little tired in the middle of the week but by Friday energy levels were back up again. We started our new topic about the Roman Empire. We learned about the bones in the human body, we performed a short drama about John the Baptist and we also found time to start our new writing sequence about fairy tale endings. In maths we have reinforced our knowledge about 3-digit numbers and started learning about 4-digit numbers.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been settling into their new timetable and have coped tremendously. The children have been introduced to our new topic, 'Dinosaur Detectives'. They have enjoyed sharing their prior knowledge and have investigated the key question, 'Why were the Dinosaurs killed?' They watched a video, discussed different theories and made their own cartoon strip to show their ideas. Lots of interesting theories came to light, such as, the cause being a volcano, an asteroid, dinosaurs killing each other and much more. The children have been working hard on their maths unit, place value. Year One have been sorting objects and the Year Two children have been looking at tens and ones. What a great week - well done everybody.



Ladybirds

Our Reception Ladybirds have settled in wonderfully and are embracing school life with enthusiasm. They've quickly learned our BE rules - Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Respectful - and enjoyed using the Colour Monster to talk about their feelings. This week they began their phonics journey with the sounds m, a, s, t, and d, practising letter formation, and explored maths through subitising with Miss Polly, as well as sorting, matching, and comparing. As part of our Marvellous Me topic, we shared Super Duper You, introduced the wow word unique, and celebrated what makes each of us special. Afternoons have been just as busy with PE, nature exploring, talking about similarities and differences, self-portraits, and music with the Tapping Teddies. We are so proud of the Ladybirds - what a fantastic first week!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Honey for being so enthusiastic about her learning and play, encouraging her friends to join in and have fun too!</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Kiara for a fantastic start to school at Beaford. Kiara has been amazing this week and we are very proud of you. Well done Kiara!</i>
Otters	<i>Reggie and Sid for starting year 3 with such a fantastic attitude to their learning. Reggie and Sid have listened well and been focused on their independent learning. Well done Sid and Reggie!</i>
Owls	<i>Alice for her incredible hard work in all subjects this week. She's always trying to raise her standards.</i>

Contribution Certificates



Awarded to



Ladybirds	<i>Jack Harding for being so helpful in class and remembering his BE values and demonstrating them in the classroom. Jack also reminds his friends of the school rules and is an excellent role model in our class.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Elsie for always being ready, always helping out in class and always being so kind. Well done Elsie!</i>
Otters	<i>Eliza for her incredible week of learning. Eliza has thought carefully about all her work at school and has been a real credit to herself this week. Well done Eliza!</i>
Owls	<i>Amber for taking her Year 6 responsibilities so seriously and helping children across the school to settle in.</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

4th September

1st Day of Autumn Term

22nd September

Hedgehogs Animal Encounters Trip

25th September

Appledore Book Festival Author Visit
John Townsend

3rd October

Otters Class Trip to Bath

13th October

Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Festival

21st October

Owls Trip to Exeter Racecourse

23rd October

Individual and Sibling Tempest Photos

27th October

First Day of Half Term

Attendance

This Week



Reception - 95%

Hedgehogs - 98%

Otters - 95%

Owls - 99%

Clubs This Term

Exeter City Community Trust

Football Club

Thursday from 18th September until 11th December

- For children in Years Reception to Year 2
- A fun, energetic session to help children stay active, develop teamwork and boost confidence

Lego Club

Tuesdays from 16th September until 9th December

- For children in Reception to Year 6
- A creative and hands-on club perfect for imaginative builders of all ages

Crafting Club

Wednesdays from 17th September until the 10th December

- For children in Years 3 to 6

Breakfast Club

Available every day from 8:00am – 8:45am

- 8:00am sessions are charged at £3 per session (Pupil Premium: £2 per session)
- Free Breakfast Club is available from 8:30am onwards
- All children attending, regardless of arrival time, must be signed up in advance via their Arbor account

After School Club

Running Monday to Thursday from 3:30pm – 5:00pm

- Sessions charged at £4 per session (Pupil Premium: 50% discount)
- Please sign your child up through your Arbor account

School Trips

We have an exciting half term ahead with trips booked for all our classes!

Owls Class

Bristol's SS Great Britain
Exeter Racecourse Race Day

Otters Class

The Roman Baths in Bath

Hedgehogs

Animal Encounters Workshop in High Bickington

Ladybirds & Nursery School Starters

Workshop at Rosemoor

We are so lucky as a school to have such a proactive PTA who have very generously donated toward all of these trips in order to minimise the costs to parents. We are however, still dependent on the voluntary donations that we receive from our parents. Without your help, we simply wouldn't be able to arrange these fantastic experiences for the children.

To pay your voluntary donation, please log into your Arbor account, head to the Trips section and sign your child up.

As always, we thank you for your support.



Music Lessons



This term, we're delighted to welcome Jeffers back to school, offering a fantastic range of music lessons for our pupils. Jeffers will be providing specialist tuition in piano, drums, ukulele, and guitar. For more information or to book a lesson, please contact Jeffers at tworiversmusiclessons@gmail.com



PE Days



Monday - Ladybirds
Tuesday - Owls
Wednesday - Otters
Thursday - Hedgehogs & Otters

Arbor Payments

If your child is in Nursery or Years 3-6 and will be having school dinners, please can you ensure that your child's Arbor lunch account is kept topped up and in credit at all times.

Change of Clothes

As the Autumn days are now here, so is the rain! Please can all children make sure they bring a complete change of clothes with them in case they get wet at break or lunchtime.



Annual Consents

An email was sent out at the beginning of the week about our annual consents. Thank you to all those parents who have already completed this. For those who are yet to do so, please can you log into your Arbor account, read and complete the necessary consents **no later Friday 19th September**

Changes to Nursery Funding

From September 2025 in England, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours of government-funded childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 3 years, not just for 3 and 4-year-olds, as the government's phased expansion of free childcare continues. This means that from this date, all eligible working parents will be entitled to 30 hours of government-funded childcare for their children aged from 9 months old until they start school.

If you have a two year old and had a valid funding code (without being in a grace period) at the start of September this will automatically have changed to 30 hours. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact the school office or to find out how to apply please click [this link](#)

Pupil Premium

Did you know that schools receive extra funding called Pupil Premium to help provide children with additional support, resources, and opportunities? If you think your child might be eligible, it doesn't take long to check, and even if your child doesn't take up free school meals every day, the school can still receive this valuable funding to support their learning. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office - we'll be happy to help. We've also attached a leaflet to this email with more details about eligibility and how to apply.

DON'T FORGET

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.

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Menu

Monday

Burger in a Bun
V - Quorn Dog
Potato Wedges, Baked
Beans and Sweetcorn

Sorbet

Tuesday

Corned Beef Hash
V - Cheese and Broccoli
Bake
Cubed Potatoes,
Seasonal Veg

Fruit Jelly

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
V - Quorn Bites
Roast Potatoes and
Seasonal Veg

Doughnut and fruit
slices

Thursday

Homemade Pizza
V - Homemade
Vegetarian Pizza
Rice 'n' peas and Corn

Ginger Cake and Custard

Friday

Fish Fingers
V - Cheese Wheel
Golden Fries and
Seasonal Veg

Shortbread Biscuit

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

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



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>



Assistant SENDCO

TEAM Multi Academy Trust



Are you passionate about making a real difference in the lives of children with special educational needs and disabilities? We're seeking a dedicated Assistant SENDCO to work closely with our experienced SENDCOs. This vital role supports the development and implementation of tailored learning strategies, targeted interventions and collaborative work with families, professionals and staff across our schools.



GTS Year 5 & Year 6 Open Mornings

GTS YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 - OPEN MORNINGS & OPEN EVENING

Open Mornings from Monday 22nd September through to Friday 26th September. Arrival from 8.50am. Tours start at 9.05am.

See the school in action. This is the ideal opportunity to get a real feel for the atmosphere of the school and ask your tour guides lots of questions. Parents and pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are welcome to attend our Open Mornings. The morning tours get underway with a welcome talk before having a tour around our school. At the end of the tour, you are welcome to stay for light refreshments and talk to members of our Senior Leadership Team.

Open Evening on Monday 29th September from 6pm - 8pm

Staff and pupils look forward to welcoming all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening. Please arrive early to allow time to be seated in the Drama Studio for the Headteacher's welcome at 6pm. There will be a second introduction at 7pm to allow for numbers. Following a welcome talk from our Headteacher, you will have the opportunity to wander around our school. All department areas will be open and staffed for you to ask any questions you may have about GTS.

To book a place on our tours, please register a place using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/y7m79riFLd>

Community News



CHILDREN'S RUN

Sunday 14th September 2025

Bolt to the beach!



Join us for the final stretch of Barney to Beach: A one-mile fun run across the dunes to the beach at Crow Point.

- Conquer the sand dunes and help raise money to support local children in need!
- Race starts at 11.15am
- Just £5.50 in advance / £7.50 on the day
- Event village with face painting, samba band, sea shanties and more
- Breakfast, tea and cake
- Medals to be won!



Visit tinyurl.com/BarneyToBeach to sign up in advance / Arrive at Crow Point from 9.30AM to register on the day.

Park @ Crow Point (£2.50 toll) or Sandy Lane (£2.50 a car/free minibus shuttle to site)