



# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Life, Love and Learning to the full

### Friday 3rd October 2025



## Dear Parents

### This week at Beaford

On Monday, Rev Ally led a wonderful Harvest assembly. Using an apple, she demonstrated how little of the world's land is actually available to grow the food we eat, reminding us of the importance of being thankful for what we have. This message links perfectly with our adoption of food waste bins this year, which help us monitor and reduce waste — so, eat your vegetables, kids!

Wednesday brought the arrival of the Burton Art Box. Throughout the day, every class had the chance to step inside in small groups and experiment with different materials to create their own art. In the afternoon, Owls and Otters were treated to a special workshop in which they built camera obscura, a device which helped improve artistic accuracy during the renaissance.

On Thursday, our Local Governing Body met to review the school improvement priorities this year and vote on a new Chair. I'd like to thank Kiri Snell for stepping into this role and for her ongoing commitment to Beaford. I look forward to working with her and the wider team this year.

### Increased hygiene measures

As a precaution, we've stepped up our hygiene routines and cleaning across the school. This is to help prevent the spread of bugs that have been circulating and to keep both staff and children healthy.

### Educational visits

Today, Otters enjoyed their long-awaited visit to the Roman Baths. It was an early start but well worth it, giving the children a memorable experience that deepened their classroom learning.

Trips like this are an important part of our curriculum, but they can only happen with your contributions. Please, if you are able, log on to Arbor and pay your donation towards visits. Currently, the Owls' SS Great Britain trip, Hedgehogs' animal experience, and Otters' trip to Bath have cost the school an additional

£500, which isn't sustainable long term. Every contribution makes a real difference.

### EYFS survey

Thank you to those who have already completed the EYFS survey. If you have children in Nursery now, or who may join in the future, please do share your views. Your feedback will help us improve our offer and consider extending wraparound care if there is enough demand.

Survey link: [EYFS Survey](#)

### Next week

- PTA meeting – Monday, 9am at school. The Friends of Beaford do a fantastic job organising events, purchasing resources, and helping fund educational visits. Please come along if you can and see how you might support the school this term.
- SDM phone call – Owls will reconnect with their partner school in Mangalore, India.
- Parent Support - On Friday the 10th the trust parent support worker, Carrie Sprenger will be available in the morning for a walk and talk session. Carrie has a wealth of knowledge and links to local services that can support parents on a range of matters from housing to parenting strategies. She can also just be a friendly ear if you're finding something challenging at the moment and would like to talk. Look out for her on Friday and please do chat with her.
- Wear Yellow Day – Friday 10th October. To mark World Mental Health Day, children are invited to wear yellow – anything from socks to a full outfit! During the day, they'll also take part in activities focused on promoting good mental health and wellbeing.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Myers

Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust





# Owls

This week, the Owls have finished writing their cliff-hanger narratives and have edited and published their best paragraphs. They also looked at some examples of how to publish their writing with illustrations and borders and all came up with unique designs with illustrations fitting to their published paragraphs. In maths, we have been finding the difference between negative and positive numbers and using numberline jottings to help us. In science, the children tested their theory that parachutes with a larger surface area would take longer to fall to the ground and enjoyed watching all the parachutes fall and discussed why some surprised us.

### Spellings for next week:

circumstantial, confidential, essential, impartial, influential, potential, preferential, residential, substantial, torrential



# Otters

Otters have had another busy week and the children are settling into the new year and getting used to being year 3s and year 4s. Presentation in books is improving, the ability to focus in lessons is increasing and classroom routines are more established. As well as all the hard work, we have definitely had fun this week with a wonderful workshop on Wednesday when we each made our own camera obscura. We are of course very excited about our trip to Bath on Friday and we hope to have some news and photos from this next week. Well done Otters for another brilliant week!

### Spellings for next week:

treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure

# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have had another fantastic week and have worked really hard. Year One have been looking at comparing numbers using the language of less, more, fewer and equal. They have played games with dice, dominoes and playing cards to support with this. Year Two have been looking at tens and ones on a number line to 100. The children have been using their story friends to help them write their adventure story. Hedgehogs have learned some more facts about Mary Anning and have created sketches representing her as 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl.' The children have been on a 'sound walk' as part of our science curriculum. In PE we played some 'Dinosaur games'.

### Spellings for next week:

Y1- words with the 'tch' trigraph, catch, fetch, kitchen and switch.

Y2- Words where 'g' makes a /j/ sound giraffe, energy, digit, engine.



# Ladybirds

Ladybird Reception children have had a brilliant week. Our Book of the Week, You Choose, helped the children explore making choices and expressing opinions. They enjoyed picking their favourite pages about food, clothes, or homes and sharing their preferences with the class. Our "Wow Word" for the week was 'decide', which we explored through activities like the You Choose tuff tray and role-playing in our You Choose Cafe. In phonics, the children learned c, k, u, b, and f, practising letter recognition and sounds. In Maths, we focused on subitising to four, measurement, and pattern. During Understanding the World, the children observed seasonal changes in autumn and learned about people who help us, such as doctors, vets, and firefighters, recognising the communities they are part of. It was a week full of creativity, choice, and fun learning!





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Nelson for trying really hard with his maths this week and for joining in with the maths related activities. You have been a superstar Nelson!
Hedgehogs	Seb and Henry for working as supportive partners during RWI and 'jumping in' when the other got stuck
Otters	Killian for being an incredible learner this week. Killian has listened to input and been ready to learn. He has focused carefully when working independently and thought hard about how to present his thinking clearly. Well done Killian!
Owls	Zak for persevering with his publishing, approaching the task with maturity when he came across a challenge and for using some fantastic vocabulary throughout his story i.e. worthy opponent



## Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

Ladybirds	Jack for using the Opal equipment nicely and putting it back in the correct places. Well done for exploring the outside equipment Jack!
Hedgehogs	Oliver for being an active learner. Oliver is keen to share his knowledge and thinking across the different subjects.
Otters	Ethan for engaging with the art workshop so well this week. Ethan was extremely enthusiastic and his enjoyment and engagement were a joy to witness. Well done Ethan!
Owls	George for being a fantastic talk partner during learning time. He always listens actively and asks insightful questions that help him and his partner learn.

Opal Award	Arlo and Finley in Otters for their amazing tidying. As soon as the bell goes they look for equipment to put away and keep our playground tidy.
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Mr George Myers

Head of school



## Year 5

### London Residential Trip

A reminder that if you have expressed interest in your child attending the year 5 residential trip to London in February, please pay your £75 non-refundable deposit through your Arbor account to secure your child's place on the trip.

If you did not express interest, more tickets will be released on Monday 13th October.



### Wear Yellow - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 10th October, our school will be wearing yellow to support @youngmindsuk and raise awareness of children and young people's mental health.

Big or small - a yellow top, socks, scarf, or hairband - let's fill our school with sunshine and show young people they're not alone.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

## Parent and Guardian

### Consultations

We will be holding Parent and Guardian consultations throughout the week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Booking will open at 7pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child has additional needs you will be able to book a longer meeting by completing the booking form which will be sent home with your child at the beginning of next week. Please make sure these are returned before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Monday

Ladybirds Reception  
Hedgehogs

#### Tuesday

Hedgehogs

#### Wednesday

Owls  
Otters  
Hedgehogs

#### Thursday

Owls  
Otters

# 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,  
Prawn Crackers  
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!**



### PE Days

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

### Wrap-around Care

#### 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

#### After School Club

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

Sessions charged at £4 per session (Pupil Premium: 50% discount)



# DATES

for your diary

## 7<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Meeting in School  
9am

## 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Otters Class Trip to  
Bath

## 13<sup>th</sup> October

Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby  
Festival

## 20<sup>th</sup> October

Pumpkin Carving  
Competition

## 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Parent Consultations

## 21<sup>st</sup> October

Owls Trip to Exeter  
Racecourse

## 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Individual and Sibling  
Tempest Photos

## 27<sup>th</sup> October

First Day of Half Term

## 10<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery & Reception  
Christmas Nativity

## 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Play



## A welcome from our new Chair of Governors, Kirin Snell

Hello, my name is Kiri and I am delighted to be introducing myself as the new Chair of Governors at Beaford

I am really looking forward to working alongside staff, families, and fellow governors to support the school in continuing to thrive and in providing the very best opportunities for all children throughout their primary years.

This term we have also welcomed three new Governors to the board. It was inspiring in our first meeting to hear all the great ideas and enthusiasm they bring with them, and I am excited to see how their contributions will help shape the future of the school.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Saffron for her dedicated time as Chair. Her calm and thoughtful leadership, particularly in guiding the school through the recent Ofsted inspection, was invaluable. I know the whole school community is grateful for her hard work and support.

Finally, if you ever have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the School. I am here to help in any way I can.

## Friends of Beaford...

# HALLOWEEN DISCO

*Friends of Beaford will be putting on an end of term  
Halloween Party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the village hall  
from 5.30pm - 7.30pm*

*Forms will be coming home with your child next week which  
will need to be completed and returned to the school office  
along with payment for your ticket if your child would like to  
attend.*

*Please ensure that all forms are returned to the school office  
no later than 17<sup>th</sup> October*

*Unfortunately, due to restrictions on numbers at the Village Hall,  
older siblings and friends who do not attend Beaford School will not be able  
to come.*

*We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause*

## Attendance

### This Week



Reception - 85%  
Hedgehogs - 95%  
Otters - 97%  
Owls - 91%

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# 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>



## Teaching Assistant

*Pilton Infants*



The appointed persons will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support pupils to engage with their learning. In addition, they will provide classroom cover during teacher absence and PPA sessions.



## Teaching assistant and MTA

*Horwood and Newton Tracey*

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the class teacher and will help to support the pupils to engage with their learning.

**FRIENDS OF BEAFORD**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

£3.50 Entry

**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER**  
**5.30PM - 7.30PM**

**BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL**

TUCK SHOP SELLING SWEETS, CAKES AND OTHER TREATS!  
(REMEMBER TO BRING SOME PENNIES)

Please return form and payment to the school office by Friday 17th October

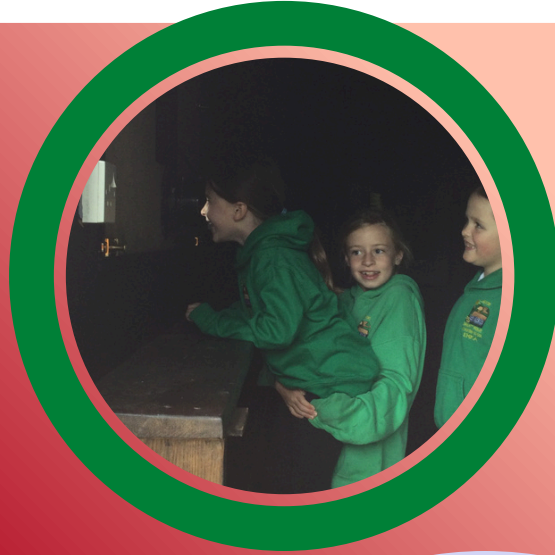
**BEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PUMPKIN CARVING**

**20TH OCTOBER**

**ALL PUMPKINS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, WITH JUDGING ON THE 23RD**

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF EACH YEAR GROUP**



## *The Burton Art Box Comes to Beaford!*

This week, we were excited to welcome the Burton Art Box to our school. A unique mobile art experience, the Burton Art Box is a converted horsebox turned camera obscura! Inside, it's a darkroom that projects the world outside upside down and backwards! All the children in Hedgehogs, Otters, and Owls had the opportunity to explore this incredible setup, marveling at the view of our upside-down playground and playing field, along with the upside-down children entertaining us from the outside!

Inside the Art Box, the children learned how the camera obscura mimics the way our eyes work and serves as a giant camera, capturing the world in an entirely new way. The Otters and Owls then enjoyed an engaging art workshop, where they created their very own mini camera obscuras and proudly took their masterpieces home.





## LET'S WALK & TALK

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9:00am – 10:00am**

**Meeting Point:** Outside Front Entrance

Are you free on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the morning after school drop-off? Fancy getting some steps in before your day begins? Come and join me for a gentle half-hour walk around the village, followed by a hot or cold drink back at school.

**9:00am** – Meet Outside Main Entrance

**9:30am** – Tea/coffee back at school

**10:00am** – Finish

All abilities are welcome, feel free to bring your little one/s and dogs are also welcome– it's a great way to tick off a job from your list and get some steps in.

This is a chance to do something just for YOU – to feel refreshed, energised, and connected before the day runs away with you.

**I'd love to see as many of you as possible!**

Carrie-Anne Sprenger

TEAM Family Support Worker





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[www.stepupfamilyorganisation.com](http://www.stepupfamilyorganisation.com)

Charity no: 1203953



## Shoe Appeal for Step Up Family Organisation

If you have any spare trainers, crocs or school shoes that are in wearable condition - please consider donating them!!

Many of our children have no shoes and some have to walk to school barefoot.

We would be very grateful to any donations.

If you can spare any change towards shipping costs, please pop a coin in the toe of the shoes. Thank you.



### *Shoe Donations*

There is a box in the school porch to put any shoe donations in. This will be collected on the last Friday before half term.

Thank you for your support.

**FRIENDS OF BEAFORD**



**PTA MEETING**

**Tuesday 7th October**

**Back room of school**

**9:00am**

**Everyone welcome**

# Community News and Events

## AUTUMN HARVEST *Service*



October 5th  
9:30am

Beaford church

[tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

Libraries Unlimited

TORRINGTON LIBRARY

# HALF TERM SPIKE LEGO WORKSHOP

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
£3 per child. Age 6+

A fun workshop using SPIKE LEGO. A STEAM-based tool from LEGO that includes bricks, sensors, motors and wires to make robots and other projects.

To Book: Call 01805 622107 or visit Torrington Library

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# The Secret Keeper

With Araceli Puppetry

Torrington Library | 25 October | 11-1pm 2 - 4pm | £3

Step into a world where nature tells the story. Begin your journey with The Secret Keeper, a magical puppetry performance and then join us for the Spirit in Nature Workshop, where you'll create your own characters using natural materials.

Find out more and to book your place, please contact Torrington library or go to [discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/whats-on](https://discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/whats-on)

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# RISING ICONS

UNLEASH THE CREATIVE HERO WITHIN

QUEER DIARY ZINE-MAKING  
SONG WRITING  
OPEN MIC  
LGBT+ SCHOOL GROUPS

## YOUNG PERSON'S DAY '25

19 OCT EXETER LIBRARY 12 NOON

Section 28 Workshop | LGBT+ Stalls | Games Area & More

FREE Tickets - <https://tinyurl.com/youngpersonsday>  
Email: [info@out-there-exeter.com](mailto:info@out-there-exeter.com)  
Socials: @outtherequeerfest

Stop the Clause

# RISING ICONS

UNLEASH THE CREATIVE HERO WITHIN

## OPEN MIC

### DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM?

Hosted by Lady of the Sea Events

Do you sing, play instruments, rap, read poetry, or perform spoken word – everyone is welcome, no matter your experience.

Free to take part  
Limited slots – register your interest now!

Register - <https://tinyurl.com/ypdopenmic>  
Email: [info@out-there-exeter.com](mailto:info@out-there-exeter.com)  
Socials: @outtherequeerfest

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