



# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Life, Love and Learning to the full**

**Friday 10th October 2025**

*Dear Parents*

### **This week at Beaford**

We began the week with an assembly on India, reminding the children about our link with SDM School in Mangalore. On Thursday, we had a video call with the SDM teachers, who gave a fascinating presentation on their recent Dasara Festival celebrations. The children were amazed to see how the festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil through the burning of effigies of the ten-headed god Ravana, as well as through colourful processions featuring elephants, drumming, and traditional tiger dancing.

On Wednesday, we welcomed leaders from across the TEAM Multi-Academy Trust to observe our early reading and maths lessons. These visits are part of our termly school improvement work and provide valuable feedback to help us continue developing our curriculum. The visiting leaders were full of praise for the children's behaviour, their focus and enthusiasm for learning, and the strong ethos that our staff have built across the school.

Today, we're supporting World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and taking part in activities focused on emotional wellbeing. In assembly, I talked to the children about the importance of emotional intelligence – understanding what you're feeling, recognising how others might feel, and knowing when and how to ask for support. These skills are crucial for maintaining good mental health. We also discussed the importance of having trusted people we can talk to about how we're feeling.

### **Damage to school property**

Unfortunately, we've come in on a few Monday mornings recently to find some damage to the school site. Last year, one of our doors was smashed, and some rude graffiti appeared on the playground. Sadly, this week one of our football goals was snapped. It's always disappointing to see our lovely

school environment treated this way, especially knowing how much effort goes into making it a welcoming and safe space for the children.

If you have older children who live in the village, please remind them that the school grounds are not open to the public outside of school hours. We take pride in our site and want to keep it safe, secure, and ready for the children to enjoy every day. We're also very grateful to local residents who help by keeping an eye out for any unusual activity around the school.

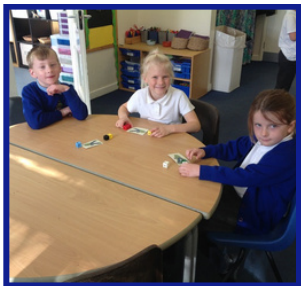
### **Next week**

Next week, I'll be taking a group of Beaford children to Witheridge for a tag rugby tournament against Witheridge and High Bickington schools. This is part of our new initiative to increase opportunities for competitive sport across our Trust schools. The children have been working hard in PE lessons, and I know they'll represent Beaford brilliantly.

I'll also be meeting with a Climate Action Planning Consultant to explore how we can further reduce our carbon footprint as a school. This is now a statutory requirement for schools, and we'll be reviewing how to make our site and operations more sustainable. I'll share updates from this meeting with our governors and keep you informed on the steps we'll be taking to improve our environmental impact.

Enjoy your weekend,

*Mr Myers*



*Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust*





# Owls

This week in Owls, the children have been practising addition and subtraction using a formal written method. In English, we have started a new unit of report writing based on *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. We have been focusing on writing relative clauses to give extra information about the noun. In science, we were learning about gravity and tested whether the weight of an object affects the speed it falls. We found out that if something is the same size and shape, the weight of it doesn't change the speed it falls. In music, we were learning about harmony and trying a harmony to 'Hold Back the River' by James Bay. We also tried singing a song in a round with 4 different groups - it sounded brilliant!

### Spellings for next week:

commercial, controversial, controversially,  
financial, financially, initial, initially, palatial,  
provincial, spatial



# Otters

Otters have had an exceptional week, especially with maths. For many year threes, it would have been a completely new skill as we learned how to complete column addition problems. The children focused and engaged with great enthusiasm and by the end of the week we were all able to complete column addition correctly. The children's resilience and concentration were fantastic. We also found time to start our new writing sequence about writing a persuasive letter to a witch to help us make the endings to our fairy tales happy again. Our last sequence had involved twisting fairy tales to have unhappy endings! We also wrote a fact sheet to follow up on our Bath trip, learned how to ask someone their age in French and learned about how to classify animals according to their skeletons. Well done Otters for another great week of learning!

### Spellings for next week:

adventure, future, picture, nature, creature,  
furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture

# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have worked hard on their spellings this week. They have been having a go at their weekly spellings and their green words as part of their Read, Write, Inc sessions. The children have been looking at ordering numbers in maths and have used the language of smallest and greatest to compare numbers. They have been exploring the sense of touch in science and have thought carefully about smooth, rough and soft materials. Year One and Two have been building up their knowledge of dinosaurs through videos, books and photographs this week and have made fact cards to record the new information. Their presentation has really impressed me.

### Spellings for next week:

Y1- witch, ditch, patch and match  
Y2- race, ice, city, fancy



# Ladybirds

This week in Ladybird Class, we celebrated Harvest and explored the theme of turning mistakes into something beautiful, inspired by our book *Beautiful Oops*. The children shared their own 'oops' moments and creatively transformed crumpled, torn, or smudged paper into imaginative art.

In phonics, we learned the sounds e, l, h, r and j, and used Fred Fingers and magnetic letters to build words. In maths, we explored numbers 1, 2 and 3 through subitising, comparing sets, and finding one more and one less.

We also enjoyed an autumn nature walk, collecting and sorting leaves by shape, size, and colour. In PSED, we discussed our rights at school and the importance of learning and playing together. To finish the week, we discovered where our food comes from, created pattern prints in art, and played instruments to the beat in music. What a busy and brilliant week!





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Nelson for incredible handwriting. Nelson's handwriting has been incredible this week and he is working so hard to improve it.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Rosie for keeping on going with her learning. Rosie continues with each activity until she completes it.</i>
Otters	<i>Evie for being an all-round excellent role model and fantastic learner. Evie is hungry for knowledge and she does all that she can to learn more and to present her thinking creatively and effectively. Well done Evie!</i>
Owls	<i>Amelia for her incredible effort across all subjects this week, Her work is always of a high standard.</i>



## Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Eliza for helping others when they are upset and for keeping a close eye on those who need a helping hand.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Walter Snow for trying really hard to keep the class tidy and look after it. Walter understands the importance of a tidy working environment.</i>
Otters	<i>Arlo for his steady, calm and mature attitude to his learning. Arlo can be relied upon to set an excellent example and to challenge himself to do the best work he can every lesson. Well done, Arlo!</i>
Owls	<i>Aidan for working well in partner and group work this week.</i>

Opal Award	<i>Cody for being really brilliant at tidying up at the end of playtimes and being such a good role model</i>
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**Mr George Myers**  
Head of school





# DATES

for your diary

## 13th October

Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Festival

## 17th October

Owls Class Assembly

## 20th October

Pumpkin Carving Competition

## 20th - 23rd October

Parent Consultations

## 21st October

Owls Trip to Exeter Racecourse

## 23rd October

Individual and Sibling Tempest Photos

## 24th October

Otters Class Assembly

## 27th October

First Day of Half Term

## 10th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Nativity

## 11th December

Christmas Play



## Tempest Photos - October 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Action Required

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to take individual and family group photos. If you wish to include a child who attends a different setting, please arrive at 8 a.m. on that day. To ensure your child's photo is taken, **it is essential to sign into your Arbor account and provide consent for Tempest to take their photograph.** Without this consent, your child's photo will not be captured. Please make sure to complete this step to avoid any disappointment.

## Owls Class Trip to Exeter

### Racecourse

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, Owls children will visit Exeter Racecourse for a race day experience organized by Racing to Schools. The day includes morning workshops and live races in the afternoon.

- Arrival at school: 8:45 AM
- Dress code: school uniform and comfortable shoes
- Bring: coat and packed lunch (free school meal students can request a school lunch)
- Cost: £10 for transport, payable via Arbor

Please don't forget to log into your Arbor account, give consent and pay your voluntary contribution if you can.

Thank you!

## Owls Class Assembly

We are delighted to invite Owls parents to a special assembly hosted by the Owls Class on the 17th of October.

The assembly will start shortly after 9am and is expected to last no longer than 45 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see your children showcase their talents and hard work. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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.**

### Monday

Ladybirds Reception  
Hedgehogs

### Tuesday

Hedgehogs

### Wednesday

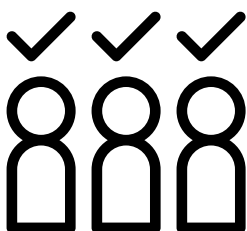
Owls  
Otters  
Hedgehogs

### Thursday

Owls  
Otters

## Attendance

### This Week



Reception - 92%  
Hedgehogs - 94%  
Otters - 95%  
Owls - 95%


## Nursery Hours

### Google Form

Please can all Nursery parents complete the Google form that was emailed last week regarding any changes to your children's nursery hours after the half term break. Please ensure you submit your response by 15<sup>th</sup> October. We will review all requests and confirm with parents on 17<sup>th</sup> October whether their requests have been accepted.



## Cauliflower Christmas Cards



As the festive season approaches, our school is once again engaging in tradition of creating Christmas cards. Thank you to the parents who have already returned their children's card templates and placed orders online. Please ensure that all templates are returned to the school office by **Monday, 13th October** as this is the final day before they are sent off for processing. A portion of the proceeds from the ordered items will be given back to our school PTA.

Thank you for your support.

## 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)

## PE Days

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

## Spy Dog, Spy Pups, and Spy Cat Books – Inappropriate Content Linked

We want to make you aware of a recent issue concerning the Spy Dog, Spy Pups, and Spy Cat books by Andrew Cope.

An old website link printed in some editions now leads to inappropriate adult content. The website is no longer controlled by the author or publisher, and access to it should be avoided.

### Our Actions:

- All copies have been removed from the school library.
- We ask that any copies at home be removed from children's access and, if possible, returned to school for safe disposal.
- Please do not visit the website listed in the books.

# Menu

## Monday

Sausages & Bacon

Breakfast

V –Vegetarian Breakfast

Potato Waffles, Beans,

Peas

Sorbet

## Tuesday

Beef Pasta Bolognese

V – Mac and Cheese

Garlic Bread & Salad

Sticks

Fruit Jelly

## Wednesday

Roast Chicken

V – Quorn Fillet

Roast Potatoes and

Seasonal Veg

Doughnut and fruit  
slices

## Thursday

BBQ Chicken

V – Hunters Quorn

Rice and Salad

Chocolate Sponge and

Chocolate Custard

## Friday

Cod or Salmon Fingers

V – Cheese and Bean

Wrap

Golden Fries and

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Cracknell

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

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



# OTTERS CLASS TRIP TO THE ROMAN BATHS, BATH

The trip to Bath last week was a fantastic experience for the class. We enjoyed an archaeology workshop as well as a tour around the Roman Baths and the Roman Baths museum. It was a long day for the children but their behaviour and resilience were extraordinary. We all learned something new about the Romans in Britain and had the opportunity to see and handle genuine artefacts close up. The timing of the trip right in the middle of our Roman topic was perfect. We would like to thank parents and the Friends of Beaford for supporting the children to make this trip possible for us all.





# 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 Bluecoat*



The appointed person will work in close partnership with the class teacher and will help to support the pupils to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

## Cover Supervisor

*Witheridge Primary*



We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our team, working closely with class teachers to support pupils in engaging meaningfully with their learning. The successful candidate will also provide classroom cover during teacher absence and PPA sessions.

**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

*Friends of Beaford...*

**HALLOWEEN**

**DISCO**

*Please ensure that all invitations and payments are returned to the school office no later than 17th 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*

# Community News and Events

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




## RISING ICONS

UNLEASH THE CREATIVE HERO WITHIN

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