



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents

This week at Beaford

It's been another lively week in school. Our assembly this week was all about our school rule: be safe. We discussed the importance of following instructions at school and how it makes the school a nicer place to be when everyone tries their best to the right thing.

The owls have had plenty of opportunities to practice some key life skills this week. On Monday a group of them represented the school at a trust tag rugby tournament and they didn't lose game! I was so proud of them as they played the games just as competitive sport should be. They played to win but were respectful of their opponents and were gracious in victory.

Owls have also spent the week practising for their assembly. The skills of speaking and presenting clearly and confidently are often overlooked and is something we're trying to increase opportunities for in the children. I believe they will become increasingly important in the world our children will grow into. Sports and drama give children experiences that help them to build resilience, develop confidence, and a broad skill set.

Our after-school clubs have been a big success this half term. The Lego Club has provided fantastic STEM links, with a new challenge set each week to get the children thinking creatively and logically. The Exeter City Football Club for Reception to Year 3 has also been a hit – and both clubs still have spaces available. Cheryl's Craft Club has produced some incredible creations, and after half term, Zenna will be taking over the club with a focus on art techniques instead of craft.

Thank you to all the EYFS parents who completed the recent survey. Your feedback has been extremely helpful in showing the level of need for wraparound care. I'm exploring possible options for extending our provision in the future to better support families.

New role at Beaford

We currently have a job advert out for a new member of staff to join the Beaford team. This is primarily an SEN-focused role, working one-to-one and with small groups of children to provide tailored support and run bespoke activities in the afternoons. If you or someone you know might be interested, please come and speak to me for more details about the role.

Next week

Next week marks our first formal opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to discuss their child's progress. These meetings are so important; good communication between home and school ensures we're all working together to help children achieve their best. At primary age, progress is the most important measure, and these meetings give us a chance to explain current standards and plan next steps.

The annual pumpkin carving competition is back! Children can bring in their entries before Wednesday, and I'll be judging them with the help of the ambassadors. It's a lovely chance for families to get creative together – I can't wait to see what designs you come up with this year.

Tempest Photography will also be in school on Wednesday for individual and sibling photos. If you'd like a photo taken with older or younger siblings who aren't at Beaford, these can be done before school in the back room.

Otters' Class Assembly

On Friday, Otters will be performing their class assembly. They've been working incredibly hard on it, and it promises to be a great showcase of their learning. Parents are warmly invited to come along and watch.

PTA Halloween Disco

We'll finish the half term on a high with the Friends of Beaford PTA Halloween Disco at the village hall. It's always a fantastic event and a brilliant way to start the half-term break. Huge thanks to the PTA for organising it – the children are in for a treat!

Enjoy your weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr Myers





Owls

This week Owls have been analysing the structure of a formal report written by Watson based on his findings at Baskerville Hall and a strange burning mark on a window. In maths, Owls have been exploring the image of the bar model to find facts for free and to use closely related facts to help them solve problems. In music, the Owls have been playing different drum beats in time together and watching closely when the rhythm changes. Owls have been busy this week making props and learning the lines to their class assembly. Well done Owls!

Spellings for next week:

appreciate, cemetery, conscious, convenience, environment, immediately, language, sufficient, thorough, vegetable



Otters

Otters have continued their hard work on column addition and subtraction. The children have all thought hard and been keen to share their thinking with the class. Everyone has made excellent progress. In our writing, we have been preparing for our persuasive letter writing. We spent an afternoon reviewing all the French that we have learned and the children performed their conversations. We learned about passing and defending in netball and had our extra PE session with Exeter City. Otters even found time to start practising their class assembly for next Friday!

Spellings for next week:

actual, bicycle, answer, circle, earth, enough, island, fruit, often, popular

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been 'scent detectives' in science this week. They explored strong, weak, floral, sweet, sour and unpleasant smells. The children impressed me with their scientific vocabulary and thinking. They completed a speak like an expert activity based on their topic, 'Dinosaur Detectives'. The children impressed me with how much knowledge they have retained. We had a great discussion as part of our PSHE lesson based on what makes a good learner and what we need to do in order to achieve our dream job. The children thought really carefully about this.

Next weeks spellings:

Y1-flowers, cars, dogs, boats.
Y2-space, circle, circus, rice.



Ladybirds

This week in Reception, we explored the story Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis, learning about online safety, trust, and making good choices. The children enjoyed retelling the story through role play and created their own labelled drawings of the main character. In phonics, we focused on the sounds v, y, w, z, and x, and in maths we worked on recognising and understanding the numbers 1, 2 and 3, including one more and one less and completed further practice on comparing. We also made harvest soup in D&T, explored why leaves change colour in science, and created vibrant Rainbow Fish artwork to explore colour and texture. Another wonderful week in Ladybird class!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Jago has shown fantastic thinking skills this week by using what he's learned in phonics to help him blend sounds into words. He's starting to make great connections in his learning and is growing in confidence every day</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Grace for taking so much pride in her presentation. Grace always completes her work to the highest of standards.</i>
Otters	<i>Charlie for his incredible effort in both writing and maths. Charlie listens so well and thinks so hard that he has made fantastic progress. Well done Charlie!</i>
Owls	<i>Heidi and Amelie for the incredible efforts in home learning each week.</i>



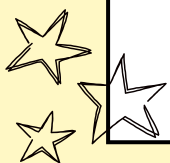
Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Ozlo has shown wonderful creativity and confidence during our Hot Seat activities this week, using impressive acting skills to bring characters to life. His enthusiasm and imagination have shone through, showing a real contribution to our class learning.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Seb for thinking about his learning. Seb is able to talk about his previous learning to help him move his learning forwards.</i>
Otters	<i>Ella for working so well independently, especially with her writing. Ella is determined to do the best writing which she can and she is very creative and thoughtful in her choices. Well done Ella!</i>
Owls	<i>Isabella for always being ready in assembly practice and supporting her classmates in rehearsals.</i>

Opal Award	<i>Amber and Eddie for their creative tidying and stacking of the crates. Henry R for being selfless and putting other people first.</i>
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Special Mentions	<i>Finley and Alfie for working so well together on their maths. Mr Wright had to persuade them it was break time!</i>
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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

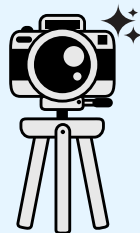
First Day of Half Term

10th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Nativity

11th December

Christmas Play



Tempest Photos - October 23rd

Action Required

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on October 23rd 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.

Arbor House-Keeping

It's time for a little housekeeping!

Please can all parents and carers to log in to Arbor to:

Check and update your contact details, please review the following and update anything that may have changed:

- Home address - have you moved and forgotten to give the office your new address?
- Mobile & home telephone numbers
 - Emergency contacts
- Medical conditions and allergies

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Snacks

Please remember that only healthy, nut-free snacks are allowed in school. This supports student wellbeing and helps protect children with severe nut allergies.

Allowed Snacks:

- Fresh fruit or vegetables
- Cheese sticks
- Yogurt
- Nut-free granola bars
- Crackers or pretzels
- Plain popcorn

Not Allowed:

- Any snacks containing nuts or nut products
- Crisps
- Chocolate bars or sweets

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)

Attendance

This Week



Reception - 98%
 Hedgehogs - 98%
 Otters - 94%
 Owls - 99%

PE Days

Monday - Ladybirds **Tuesday** - Owls

Wednesday - Otters **Thursday** - Hedgehogs and Otters



BEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION!



It's that spooky time of year again – time to get creative with pumpkins!

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN OUR
PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

KEY DATES:

BRING YOUR PUMPKINS
TO SCHOOL:

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

JUDGING DAY:

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

PRIZES:

Winners will be chosen for creativity, effort, and originality – with special prizes awarded for each class!



GUIDELINES:

- Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated in any way you like.
- Please make sure your pumpkin is clearly labelled with your name and class.
- Pumpkins will be displayed in school for everyone to enjoy before judging.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR AMAZING DESIGNS, LET'S MAKE BEAFORD PRIMARY THE PUMPKIN CAPITAL OF THE SEASON!

Menu

Monday

Toad in the Hole
V – Vegetarian Sausages
Crispy/cubed Potatoes,
Seasonal Veg and Gravy
Sorbet

Tuesday

Minced Beef Soft Taco
V – No meat Mince Taco
Sweetcorn and Wedges
Fruit Jelly

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
V - Homity Pie
Roast Potatoes and
Seasonal Veg
Doughnut and fruit
slices

Thursday

Katsu Curry
V -Hidden Veg Quorn
Curry
Naan Bread, Rice, salad
sticks
Fruit Sponge and
Custard

Friday

Oven Baked Fish
V – Quorn Nuggets
Golden Fries and
Seasonal Veg
Oaty Cookie (various
flavours)

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

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

Owls Class Trip to Exeter Racecourse

On 21st 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.



Parent and Guardian Consultations

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

Booking will open at 7pm on Friday 10th October.

Monday

Ladybirds Reception
Hedgehogs

Tuesday

Hedgehogs

Wednesday

Owls
Otters
Hedgehogs

Thursday

Owls
Otters

Do not forget

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that it is time to apply for your child's secondary school placement.

The application period began on September 1st and will end on October 31st.

To secure a place at their preferred school, it is strongly encouraged to begin the application process promptly.

All necessary information and the application submission can be accessed via the following link: [Devon School Admissions](#).

The Application Deadline is the 31st October
National Offer Day is on the 2nd of March, when you will be informed of your child's allocated school.

For any questions or assistance needed, please do not hesitate to contact the 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>



Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant

Beaford Primary

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.



SEND 1:1 Teaching assistant

Horwood and Newton Tracey

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 2 children in year 3 to supervise throughout the day.



Cover Supervisor

Wetheridge 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.



Community News and Events



FREE

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY CLUB




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FREE

Tarka 3G, Barnstaple
Monday 27th 10am - 1pm

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FREE

Kingsley School 3G, Bideford
Tuesday 27th 10am - 1pm

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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. **My hope is back**'*

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

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www.autismfamilysupportservice.com