



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents

This Week

Assembly

On Monday we welcomed the children back after the half-term break and discussed our Jigsaw PSHE theme for the half term: Celebrating Difference. We talked about the world being full of different countries, cultures, religions and races, but that humanity is united by the feelings we share. The Owls were able to explain how this linked to the British values of tolerance and mutual respect, which was very pleasing to hear - such thoughtful observations.

On Friday, the ambassadors were busy gardening and preparing the class planter boxes again. They've worked with our green-fingered governor, Ms Hodder and have made real progress in weeding and airing the soil ready for planting. They've already learned lots about which plants to grow where and when. We look forward to some beautiful flowers arriving in the spring.

OPAL

Table tennis is now an option for children to play at lunchtime. We had some tables arrive recently and the children have been practising their skills. I apologise in advance to anyone locally who finds ping-pong balls in their garden - the children are still in the early stages of their journey to table-tennis stardom.

Friends of Beaford

I'd like to thank our wonderful PTA for putting on such an incredible Halloween Disco before we broke up. The children had such an amazing time. Their commitment to putting on great events does not stop there. I met with Sam Harding, the head of the PTA, this week to discuss ideas for the Christmas Fair. It promises to be an absolute cracker. Sam will be sharing plans in the Friends of Beaford group soon, so please do volunteer to take on some

responsibility for the fair, as many hands make light work. If you'd like to join the group and help support, you can leave your details with Emily at the office and she will pass them on.

Next Week

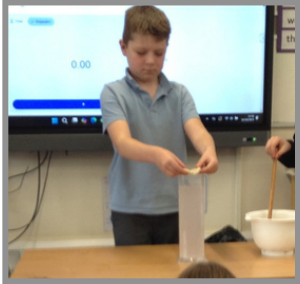
We will be observing a 2-minute silence on Tuesday at 11am to commemorate Armistice Day. Children can give a donation and get a poppy or wristband from the office should they wish to.

Nursery and Reception children are off to Rosemoor on Wednesday for their first off-site excursion of the year.

There is a Friends of Beaford cake sale on Thursday - remember your pennies or miss out on fabulous homemade treats!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr Myers





Owls

This week the Owls have started their new unit in English which will be diary writing. The text we are using inspire to our our diary entries is Rose Blanche by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti. The children have shown such a wide range of knowledge about the war and are all really intrigued about what will happen to the boy who escaped from the back of a soldier's van. The children have been describing emotions using show not tell techniques i.e. I felt scared = The shadows stretched longer so I pulled the blanket right up towards my chin and tightly closed my eyes. In maths, we have been looking at 2 step word problems using addition and subtraction as well as using decimals. In science, we wrote our conclusions to the investigations we carried out the day before half term.



Otters

Otters have made an excellent return to the new half term. We have started our new writing sequence, a "mischief narrative", and some of the children helped us by creating a scene of chaos in the classroom during breaktime! This was actually planned carefully and intended to introduce us to our new text, Seen and Not Heard, which is about the children inside some pictures coming out and causing mayhem at night. In maths, we have started our new multiplication sequence, working steadily through times tables and solving problems using our times tables knowledge. For our topic we are continuing to learn about the Romans and we began by thinking about what life was like for children in Roman Britain. Otters had a fantastic RE lesson when we learned about the "aum" symbol. The children were able to show their learning beautifully with a combination of art and words. Well done Otters for an excellent first week back.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have immersed themselves into our English book, 'Grandad's Island'. They have explored key vocabulary and phrases and included them in sentences. In maths, Y1 have been looking at part-whole models and Y2 have been creating fact families. All of the children have thought carefully about what they already know. The children have learned about Neil Armstrong and his significance and have started preparing for their class assembly. The children have learned about stereotypes as part of our Jigsaw Curriculum and worked on their dribbling skills in PE.

Next week's spellings

Y1: looking, looked, jumping, jumped.

Y2: know, knee, knew and knock

Ladybirds

This week in Reception, we enjoyed our book of the week, The Squirrels That Squabbled, and learned our wow words 'greedy' and 'squabble'. In Literacy, we listened to the story, retold it with puppets and picture cards, and used instruments to add sound effects. In Phonics, we learnt and practised our special friends th, sh, and ch. In Maths, we explored circles and triangles and worked on counting, ordinality, and cardinality. In the afternoons, we tried gymnastics, made autumn tree collages, learned about Bonfire Night and Christmas, and created firework art. We also explored Van Gogh's swirling skies and practised our Christmas songs. It has been a fun and busy week full of learning and creativity!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Honey for her excellent contribution in our art lesson learning about Van Gogh. Honey listened and created a beautiful piece of art based on Van Gogh's style. Well done Honey!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Oliver for trying really hard to be a patient learner and helping others in this area.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Georgina for the focus and effort she brings to all her work. Georgina listens carefully so she knows exactly what she needs to do and she makes sure that all her work is the best that it can be. Well done Georgina!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Roo, for making great choices in his learning to help his concentration.</i>



Contribution Certificates

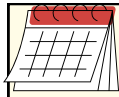


Awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Henry for involving Ladybird friends in independent learning and making sure everyone felt included. This is lovely to see Henry, well done!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Grace for carefully dribbling the football and demonstrating control when passing the ball and kicking her ball into a hoop and large cone.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Harper, Arlo and Rose for the effort they are putting into their presentation. Well-presented work is easier to read and understand. Well-presented work is more enjoyable to look at. Well done Harper, Arlo and Rose!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Henrietta, for being a fantastic table partner all week. She's supported others with their work and kept the table incredibly tidy and organised.</i>

<i>Opal Award</i>	<i>Honey, for working well with children across the school, challenging herself to try new things and supporting others.</i>
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DATES

for your diary

27th October

First Day of Half Term

4th November

Lego Club starts

5th November

Cross Country at High Bickington

12th November

Nursery School Starters and Reception to RHS Rosemoor

13th November

Year 1,2 & 3 Football Club starts

14th November

Hedgehogs Assembly

18th November

Flu Immunisations

2nd December

No Lego Club this week

10th December

Nursery & Reception Christmas Nativity

11th December

Christmas Play

Hedgehogs Class Assembly

We are looking forward to welcoming Hedgehogs parents into school on Friday 14th November for their class assembly. Their performance will start shortly after 9am and parents are welcome into school from 9am.

Please can you send your child in wearing all dark clothes (black or blue) and they can stay in these all day.

Tempest Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 6th November 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you, or if you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).
Many thanks.

Ladybirds & Reception Trip to Rosemoor

Ladybirds School Starters and Reception Class are looking forward to their school trip to Rosemoor on Wednesday. A special thanks to Nick and Sam for agreeing to come along and help.

Please can you make sure you log into your child's Arbor account to sign your child up and give your consent for the trip. If you are having issues doing this, please let the school office know.

Don't forget that you will need to send your children in with a warm coat, wellies, a packed lunch and water bottle.

Friends of Beaford WhatsApp Group

If you would like to join the school PTA What's App group please send a message to Sam on 07891 183 650 and she will happily add you.

This group will allow you to stay in the loop with events and will provide other organised PTA information.



Fidgets and Toys

A reminder that children are not to bring fidgets or toys into school.

Where a fidget is needed for learning or focus, it will be provided by the school at the teacher's discretion.

Comfort toys and personal items from home should also stay at home, as we have plenty of resources in school to help children feel settled.

This change helps us maintain a calm, focused environment and avoid lost or damaged items.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

PE Days

Monday - Ladybirds

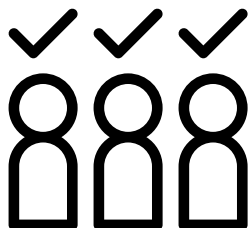
Tuesday - Owls

Wednesday - Otters

Thursday - Hedgehogs

Attendance

This Week



Reception - 98%
Hedgehogs - 96%
Otters - 96%
Owls - 91%

Wrap-around Care

Breakfast Club

Available every day from 8:00am – 9:00am

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)

Please remember to book your child into after school club through your Arbor account. We cannot guarantee we will have space if you have not booked.

Menu

Monday

Sausages & Bacon
Breakfast

V –Vegetarian Breakfast
Potato Waffles, Beans,
Peas
Specialty Icecream

Tuesday

Beef Pasta Bolognese
V – Mac and Cheese
Garlic Bread & Salad
Sticks

Orange Jelly &
Mandarins

Wednesday

Roast Beef
V – Quorn Fillet
Roast Potatoes and
Seasonal Veg
Seasonal Fruit

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
Butterscotch Angel
Delight

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

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



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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.

Trustee with Financial
Expertise

Board of Trustees

We are seeking someone with financial expertise. You do not need previous experience in education, just a commitment to our vision and values.

A gentle reminder for morning protocol...

- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01805 603263 by 9.30am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Please park considerately avoiding the car park opposite school and the village hall car park. No parking in the school layby at any time.



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Community News and Events

Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Service Training and Education

‘Parent Pop Up Event’

Is your child
ready for
potty/toilet
training?

Want to find out
more how to
support your
child?



Is your child
experiencing any
difficulties with
toileting?

Drop in and join us for a cup of coffee/tea and have an informal chat with:

Debbie Richards
Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Care Specialist Nursery Nurse

At: Bluecoat C of E Primary School
On: Thursday 4th December 2025

Anytime Between:

11.30am – 12.30pm

OR

2pm – 4pm

School holidays adding to your energy costs?



Our energy team can help



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Mid & West Devon**

Call us on **01237 879 233** to see if you're eligible for help with fuel vouchers and grants, and to receive tips on how to cut your bills