



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents

We've had a lovely week at school, the children have been very settled and supportive of each other as always. Here are the things we've been up to...

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was a very moving occasion at Beaford this year. We talked about the history and meaning of the day during Monday's assembly and then joined together on Tuesday to observe the two-minute silence. The children were all keen to share stories of their relatives that had served in the forces or fought in the World Wars. Discussing with the children about which of their great grandparents or great great grandparents served, really brought home to me how many generations we are from those that remember the World Wars. When I grew up, I vividly remember my grandparent's generation telling stories about their war experience and I could see how discovering stories about their relatives helped them connect to that period in history.

Although today's children don't have that same direct link many of us once did, it was wonderful to see how proud they were to speak about their families' contributions. Remembrance Day is not only a poignant reminder of those who gave their lives to protect our country, but also of the horror and devastation of war. In a world where messages of division can sometimes seem loudest, Remembrance Day can bring us together with a stark reminder of the importance of peace.

Reception and Nursery Trip

Ladybirds had their first school trip this week! The Nursery and Reception children had a fantastic day at Rosemoor. They left beaming with excitement and returned even happier. Well done, Ladybirds, for representing the school so beautifully on Wednesday.

Hedgehogs' Assembly

A huge well done to the children and staff in Hedgehogs for their incredible Space assembly! The whole school - and the many parents who came to watch - learned so much about our solar system. Great work Hedgehogs, your hard work and enthusiasm really paid off with an astronomical performance!

Staffing

Our job advert for a SEN TA role is still live. We've tweaked the application so that people interested in part-time work can now apply as well. If you'd like to join the team and help support our SEN children by running engaging activities, or if you know someone who would be perfect for the role, please share the link below or visit the My New Term website.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/149090/EDV-2025-BCPS-19692>

Nursery parents may have noticed a new face in Ladybirds recently. Level 3 practitioner Emma, who previously worked at Beaford, has been covering staff absence over the last two weeks. She'll also be joining us on Mondays until the end of term to support our youngest children. Otters also have a familiar face with them a little more often at the moment. Carole, who has been volunteering at the school for the past year and previously worked here as a teaching assistant, is kindly supporting in class while we wait to fill the advertised role.

Next Week

Teachers will begin planning for the Christmas play.

Enjoy your weekend, everyone!

Mr Myers





Owls

This week the Owls have been looking at prime numbers and how they have exactly two factors. They have been really articulate explaining why 1 is not a prime number and why 2 is a prime number and why these always confuse people. In English, we have been looking at using semi-colons in a list and using parenthesis to add extra information. The children were given pictures from the book we have been reading 'Rose Blanche' and created brilliant setting descriptions thinking about what they might see, hear and feel in these settings. In science, we have been learning about the solar system and creating our own presentation on the Chromebooks about the solar system sharing key facts about how the sun is actually a star and thinking of ways to remember the planets in order. In art, the Owls have been using polystyrene tiles to print poppies.



Otters

Otters have continued their hard work this week. They have produced fantastic fact files about Roman gladiators using their chrome books. This has been a brilliant way to learn not just about the Romans and their lives but also about presenting information electronically. In maths we are working on times tables and solving problems relating to our times tables knowledge. For our writing, we have written a character description of a mischievous child and we have practised punctuating speech. We had to do PE indoors again due to the weather but we have also been able to do some clay modelling. The children designed Roman coins and then made them from clay. In PSHE we looked at British values and what it means to be British. We have continued with our Mastering Number fluency sequence and we have learned to use terms like addend, sum, minuend, subtrahend and difference! Well done Otters for another fantastic week of learning!

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have enjoyed learning more about the planets this week. They have been fascinated by the similarities and differences between them. As part of our remembrance learning, the children have sketched the most beautiful poppies. In maths the children have moved onto addition and enjoyed talking about previous number facts to help them. The children have been rehearsing and performing their lines for our class assembly and have impressed me with how well they have been supporting one another. In religion and worldviews the children are gaining a greater understanding of Christianity and what the birth of Jesus teaches Christians. The children worked with a partner to pass and receive a football and have started to think about spatial awareness.

Ladybirds

This week, the children made great progress in phonics, mastering the special friend sounds qu, ng, and nk. In maths, we focused on numbers 1 to 5, covering subitising, comparing groups, one-to-one matching, and exploring 'equal', 'too many', and 'not enough'. On Tuesday, we explored what it means to remember and celebrate together and made poppies in commemoration of Remembrance Day. The highlight of the week was our trip to Rosemoor Gardens for a "Bee's and Beasties" workshop, where we watched busy bees, planted radishes to grow back in class, and explored the gardens and woodland. In PE, we began gymnastics with our "woodland animals" theme, and we also investigated hedgehog hibernation by making hedgehog huts outside. Finally, we learned about community and started music practice for our Christmas play. We are looking forward to watching our radishes grow and sharing our memories from Rosemoor!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Nelson for being a busy bee during our Rosemoor workshop and making an amazing yellow and black bee pattern. Your listening and attention to detail was phenomenal whilst we were on our trip. Well done Nelson!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Henry for being confident to volunteer to have his own lines in the play. Even though Henry was nervous and unsure at first he tried something unknown. Well done Henry!</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Sydney for the amazing progress he has made since starting year 3. Sydney has thought hard and worked hard. The difference between September and today is enormous. Well done Sydney!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Olivia G for her hard work in maths this week. She always tries her best and thinks about what she's being asked to do carefully.</i>

Contribution Certificates

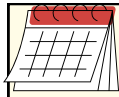
Awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Jago for his impeccable manners. Jago has been so polite this week, especially when speaking to adults about his Rosemoor trip. We really appreciate this, thank you Jago!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Ava for trying extra hard in areas of the curriculum that she finds more tricky. Ava has been challenging herself and asking questions at the right time when she is stuck.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Matilda for the focus, thought and effort she puts into all her work. Matilda listens to instructions and thinks extremely hard about how to present her thinking effectively and clearly. Well done Matilda!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Kit for being such a positive member of the class. He loves a problem to get stuck into and gets on well with everyone. He's a friend to all children.</i>

Opal Award

Henrietta and Cody for the perseverance they've shown to improve their football skills and being so supportive of one another.





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

Tax Free Childcare

A reminder to all parents that use our breakfast and after school club, that you are able to use your tax free childcare account to pay for your child's sessions. For more information on Tax Free Childcare accounts, please click on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Change of Clothes

Now the wetter weather is here, children are getting very muddy in the playground. Please can all children remember to bring a change of clothes to school every day. Please include spare underwear! If your child enjoys playing in the mud kitchen, please also send you child in with clearly named wellington boots. Thank you!

Tempest Photos

A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 16th November 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link found on the paper order form and 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.

PE Days

Monday - Ladybirds

Tuesday - Owls

Wednesday - Otters

Thursday - Hedgehogs



Flu Immunisations - Final Reminder

A friendly reminder that the online consent form must be completed by **9am on Monday, 17th November 2025.**

The nursing team will be visiting our school on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025. Please Note: We can only offer the vaccination to your child if we have a submitted online form. If you choose not to have your child vaccinated, please still complete the form and mark your preference.

How to Give Consent

Please click the link below and use our unique school code to submit your form:

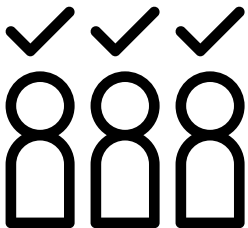
Website Link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: DV149090

If you run into any issues with the form or have any questions, please contact the Devon School Age Immunisation Service directly at 01392 342678.

Attendance

This Week



Reception - 98%

Hedgehogs - 97%

Otters - 87%

Owls - 96%

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 (Year 1-6) £6 (3 Year Olds)

(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.



This Week's Spellings

Year 1

Year 2

Otters

Owls

Adding the prefix 'un'
Unhappy, unfair,
unlock, undo

Words where
'wr'
makes a /r/
sound
at the beginning
of words
Write, wrap,
wrong, wriggle

Words with the
prefix 'dis-'
disappoint,
disobey,
disappear,
disapprove,
disable, dislike,
disadvantage,
disagree

Words ending in
'-ance' and '-
ancy'
abundance,
abundancy,
brilliance,
dominancy,
elegance,
extravagance,
hesitancy,
relevancy,
tolerance,
vacancy

Menu

Monday

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

Tuesday

Minced Beef Soft Taco
V – No meat Mince Taco
Sweetcorn and Wedges
Strawberry Jelly &
Strawberries

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
V - Homity Pie
Roast Potatoes and
Seasonal Veg
Apple Crumble and
Custard

Thursday

Katsu Curry
V -Hidden Veg Quorn
Curry
Naan Bread, Rice, Salad
Pineapple Sponge and
Custard

Friday

Oven Baked Fish
V – Quorn Nuggets
Golden Fries and
Seasonal Veg
Fruit Pancakes

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

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



Ladybirds and Nursery Trip to Rosemoor

November 2025



Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk or call our Education Helpline on: **0345 155 1019**



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



Friends of Beaford Christmas Fair Appeal!



Wine or Water Stall!

Can You Help Us?

What We Need:

- Any bottle of Wine (red, white, rosé)
 - Any bottle of Prosecco or Cava
 - Any bottle Non-Alcoholic Wine
- (Please ensure bottles are sealed)

How to Donate:

- Please drop your bottles of wine into school office before the 1st December.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Friends of Beaford

(All funds raised go directly towards enhancing school facilities and activities)



Team Trust Vacancies

Apply now direct with mynewterm

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.

Meal Time Assistant

Umberleigh Primary

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.



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.

Community News and Events



Saturday 29 November 2025 11am- 12.30pm

WINTER TALES AND WILD WOOD WONDERS

with **CLAIRE BARKER**

AUTHOR OF KNITBONE PEPPER AND PICKLEWITCH AND JACK

Calling all young hedgewitches, boys and girls..

You're invited to a magical seasonal event with author Claire Barker. She will be telling some of Hettie Nettle's stories for us and introducing her latest novel, 'Hettie Nettle's Handbook for Hedgewitches'.

Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER | 10AM - 2PM



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PARTY
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