



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents

We've had a lovely week at Beaford. I try and steer clear of getting too involved in Christmas before December starts, but it's not been possible this week as the halls are filled with the sounds of children practicing their Christmas songs for the Christmas play, and I've been planning with Owls how they can support next week's Christmas fair by running stalls.

Christmas Fair

On Friday 5th December it is the Friends of Beaford Christmas fair. We want all our children to attend this year so have given some school time to ensure they all can. We would love to see you all there too.

The fair opens for children and parents at 2:30pm

Owls and Otters will be at the fair from 2:30pm

Hedgehogs and Reception will join at 3:00pm

The fair will run until 5pm

Children from Reception - Year 6 must be collected from the Village Hall. When you arrive, class teachers will tick your child off their going home register.

Bus and taxi children will return to school for 3:30pm to travel home as usual.

Nursery children must be collected from school as usual.

The fair will be full of reasonably priced games, arts and crafts activities, and refreshments for the children and parents to enjoy, but it is cash only. If you'd like your child to have some spending money please send them in with some on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help run a stall or tidy. If you'll be able to help out in any way please let the office or our PTA lead Sam know.

Safeguarding

Obviously at Beaford, safeguarding of children is our first priority and we have many systems and procedures in place to ensure that all staff and adults associated with the school understand that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All staff, volunteers and LGB members undergo Level 2 Child Protection training annually. Myself and Mr Thomas, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, also complete Level 3 refresher training every other year and Safer Recruitment

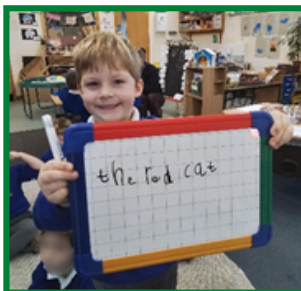
training every five years. There is an ethos of openness and vigilance: as a staff we all know 'it could happen here'.

In addition to staff awareness, we also teach the children to be safe – both online and in the real world. As part of that, we will deliver a programme from the NSPCC: "Speak Out. Stay Safe." in the week beginning December 8th. Further information on this programme is contained in a letter attached and you have the option to withdraw your child from these lessons if you wish to, so please read the letter carefully and follow the link to view the resources.

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Enjoy your weekend

Mr Myers





Owls

This week the Owls have been looking at the Homefront propaganda posters and thinking about what the messages were behind them. After this, they designed their own posters with their own messages. In computing, the children have been exploring website designs and were excited to make their own website design pages based on their own interests. In English, we have started our new topic still based on Rose Blanche but looking at Bravery Award Speeches. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing our own versions of these. In maths, we looked at the standard written method for multiplication and worked on our accuracy in this. In science, the Owls have looked at how the size of the planets compare and later created a model of our solar system on Google slides. They had to think carefully about the planet sizes, colours and orbits and had to research how long they take to orbit the sun. We have started practising for our Christmas play this week - we have been really impressed with their ideas. Well done Owls!



Otters

Otters have shown great resilience during assessment week. Each morning, we have worked on at least one assessment, including arithmetic, maths reasoning (2 papers), reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Every Otter respectfully followed test expectations and persevered even when there were some tricky questions. We also found time to continue working on our times tables, to finish our "mischief narrative" writing and to research and write about at least one Roman emperor. Preparations have also started for the Christmas play. In PSHE we thought about resilience and why building resilience is such an important skill to learn. Well done Otters for managing assessment week so well and we look forward to a more normal week next week!

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have coped tremendously with the change of routine that comes with test week. Year One have continued with their morning routine of Read, Write, Inc and English whilst Year Two have been tested in reading, maths, spelling and grammar. Both Year groups have made us very proud of their maturity and how they have continued to showcase their learning and new independent skills. The children have researched what a day in the life of an astronaut would look like and asked interesting questions about their role. The children were surprised by how much training an astronaut would need. We looked at neurodiversity as a class, what it means, and the children each made a logo to highlight that everyone is heard and welcome within our schools.



Ladybirds

This week in Reception, our learning was inspired by the book Let's Make Faces as we explored the wonderful Wow Word 'expression', helping children understand how our faces show different feelings. In phonics we've looked at forming their letters i, n, p, g and o perfectly with the correct letter formation. In literacy, they have looked closely at facial features, making expressive faces, creating paper-plate characters, and beginning to write simple emotion words such as happy and sad. In Maths, we focused on number composition to 5 and got to watch the Number Blocks which they loved. Our afternoons were filled with Nativity practice, gymnastics, and a range of Understanding the World tasks—from recognising emotions through The Colour Monster to investigating where minibeasts go in autumn. We created our own Christmas wrapping paper in Art, discussed what makes everyone unique in PSHE, and explored the nativity theme in RE. It has been a joyful and expressive week of learning!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Rosie for trying so hard with her presentation and really thinking about her work before putting it onto paper. Well done Rosie!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Savannah for taking her learning seriously and taking pride in all she does here at Beaford.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Erika for her amazing independent learning. Erika works hard to present all her ideas clearly and carefully. She thinks hard about her presentation and always challenges herself to do her best work. Well done Erika!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Izzy has been so driven in maths this week and focusing so hard to move her learning on in fractions as well as being so accurate in long multiplication. Well done Izzy - we're really proud of you!</i>



Contribution Certificates

Awarded to

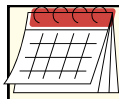
<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Eliza for being really involved in her learning and asking some great questions. Keep it up Eliza!</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Walter J for putting his hand up more in lessons and talking more about his learning.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Izzy for working so hard and being so resilient during our assessment week. Izzy has concentrated hard and stayed focused and calm all week. Assessment week can be hard and Izzy has worked with determination and positivity. Well done Izzy!</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Joe has been so resilient during assessment week and shown such a positive attitude focusing really hard on his tests and showing us everything he can do! You're amazing Joe!</i>



Opal Award

Ethan M in Otters for playing so nicely alongside other children and going out of his way to look after the other children in the school





DATES

for your diary

27th October

First Day of Half Term

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

5th December

Hedgehogs Space Workshop

5th December

Friends of Beaford Xmas Fair

10th December

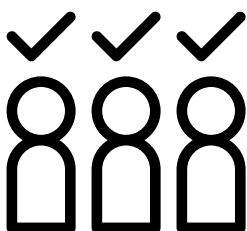
Nursery & Reception Christmas Nativity

11th December

Christmas Play

Attendance

This Week



Reception - 98%
Hedgehogs - 96%
Otters - 94%
Owls - 96%



This Week's Spellings

A B C D

Hedgehogs

Otters

Owls

Year 1 - Compound words and words with unstressed vowels - Balloon, football, playground, farmyard

Year 2 - Words ending in el - Camel, tunnel, travel, angel, towel

Words where '-ing', '-er' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words

developing, developed, covering, gardening, gardener, covered, listening, listened

Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly'

comfortably, dependably, horribly, incredibly, legibly, possibly, reliably, sensibly, terribly, visibly

Spring Term Clubs

Football & Lego Club Year 3-6

An expression of interest email has been sent out regarding football club for our **KS2 children** and Lego Club for **Reception to Year 6 children**. If you would be interested in your child attending, please let the school office know so that we can book the coach accordingly.



No Lego or Art Club

Next Week

A quick reminder that there will be no Lego or Art Club next week. The clubs will resume the following week as normal.

PE Days

Monday - Ladybirds

Tuesday - Owls

Wednesday - Otters

Thursday - Hedgehogs



Nativity Play

We are thrilled to invite all Nursery and Reception families to this year's Nativity Play.

The children have been working incredibly hard learning their songs, practicing their lines, and getting their costumes ready. It promises to be a magical afternoon filled with festive cheer (and perhaps a wandering sheep or two!).

Event Details

- Who: Nursery (School Starters) & Reception Class
- When: Wednesday, 10th December
- Time: 2:00pm
- Where: St George & All Saints Church, Beaford

Parents, grandparents, and siblings are all welcome to attend. Please come along to support the children as they tell the Christmas story in their own wonderful way. We look forward to seeing you there!



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)

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!**

Friends of Beaford Annual Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December from 2.30pm



Friends of Beaford Annual Christmas Fair



We are getting ready for a festive afternoon at the Friends of Beaford Christmas Fair! The fair is taking place on Friday, 5th December at the Beaford Village Hall starting from 2.30pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Friends of Beaford are in desperate need of volunteers to help run the fair. If you can lend a hand—even for just a short time—it would make a huge difference. Please contact Sam Harding on 07891 183650 if you can help us out.

Arrangements for the Day We have some important arrangements regarding drop-off and collection to ensure everyone can join in the fun:

- Key Stage 2 (Otters & Owls Classes): Children will walk up to the Village Hall with their teachers at 2.30pm to help run the stalls and take part in the festivities. Please send your child in with some pocket money so they can enjoy the games and stalls before you arrive!
- Reception to Year 2: Will walk up to the hall at 3pm with their teachers.

Please can all children be collected from the village hall, making sure that you sign them out with their teacher before you leave.

Bus and Taxi children will be walked back to school in time for school transport.

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EDV/2025/TMT/20736

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📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
£ Voluntary

40 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

Cook
EDV/2025/WCEPA/75406

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy
Witheridge C of E Academy are looking for someone special to lead our school kitchen and provide nutritious, delicious meals for our pupils and staff.

📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Full-Time
£ £13.26 Hourly
GRADE: C | 32.5 HPW (MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 38 Weeks

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD
EDV/2025/U/PA/05738

Umberleigh Primary Academy
Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
£ £13.26 Hourly
Grade C | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM – 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

Administrative Assistant
EDV/2025/HBCEPA/44963

High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy
We are seeking to appoint a flexible and committed administrative assistant to support the Head of School and Trust Business Manager in the daily operation of our school front office and reception...

📍 High Bickington, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
£ £13.26 Hourly
Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM -12:30PM)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER
EDV/2025/U/PA/66770

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Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
£ £12.84 Hourly
Grade B | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM – 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

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.

FREE DROP-IN
TORRINGTON LIBRARY
Suitable for 6 to 11 year olds

CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM

29th November to 23rd December



It's all aboard the postal train as we deliver letters to Father Christmas!

Can you find all the letters hidden around the museum, so that we can send them on their way?

*See the museum transformed for the festive period and post your own letter to Father Christmas in our Christmas post box.**



**Father Christmas
c/o Tiverton Museum
of Mid Devon Life**

*Part of normal admission.

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS!

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 4 - 6pm

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.30am - 1.30pm

Explore the museum and make a festive decoration as part of your ticket.

Children £8.50 Normal adult admission applies.

Booking essential.



**TIVERTON
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of Mid Devon Life

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Registered charity 1181976



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TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER | 10AM - 2PM



CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY



The Ashleigh school
Bevan Road
Barnstaple
EX32 8LJ



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