

# Beechwood Newsletter



As we reach the end of the school year, we want to say a big thank you to all our children, parents, carers and staff for your amazing support and teamwork throughout the year. Together we've made it another brilliant year at Beechwood!

## **Attendance & Punctuality Wrap-Up for the Academic Year 2024-2025**

We are thrilled to reflect on the many successes of our pupils and the community. The dedication, enthusiasm and resilience shown across the school have been nothing short of inspiring.

### Final Assembly

Our end-of-year assembly was held on Friday 18th July. We celebrated one of our most outstanding achievements: 100% attendance. An incredible number of our golden medallists' children attended school every single day and arrived on time throughout the entire 2024-2025 academic year. This is a phenomenal accomplishment, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to those pupils and families who made this possible.

### Celebrating Class Successes

In addition to our 100% attendance stars, we also celebrated the classes who met or exceeded our school target of 95% attendance. Special recognition went to Class 7, who demonstrated excellent consistency and commitment.

We were also proud to announce the winners of our weekly attendance competitions, including the class with the most consistently awarded attendance and punctuality frames. Congratulations to Class 10 and Class 3—your teamwork and punctuality have truly shone this year.

### Individual Awards & Prizes

We are proud to announce that certificates were awarded to over 222 pupils who achieved 95% or above attendance throughout this academic year. In addition, children who had shown the most improved attendance were also be celebrated.

These awards were presented in a special assembly, where we recognised individual achievement and acknowledged pupils who had made significant progress in their attendance habits. Their commitment to attending school regularly is a testament to their resilience and growing sense of responsibility, and we applaud each one of them.

Finally, the moment we had all been waiting for—our exciting prize draw! Pupils with attendance above 95% were entered into the draw to win a bike or scooter. The lucky winners were announced during the assembly.

### Thank You to Our Community

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the parents, carers, teaching staff, and support teams who have contributed to this year's success. Your continued encouragement and commitment to regular school attendance play a vital role in every child's education and wellbeing.

### Looking Ahead

As we wrap up a truly amazing academic year, we remind our families that regular school attendance is not a personal choice—it's part of the law, a shared responsibility, and a core part of our school values. Attending school consistently sets the foundation for lifelong learning and opportunity.

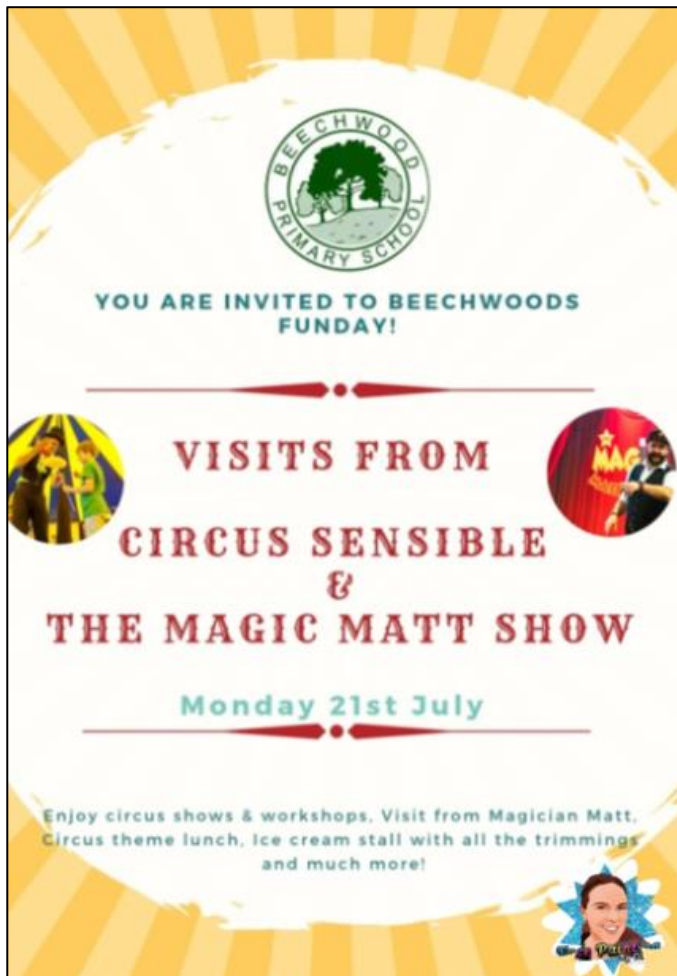
We wish all our pupils and families a safe, happy, and restful summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you again in September, refreshed and ready to learn.

## **Beechwood's Fun Day 2025**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July is Beechwood's Fun Day 2025 (this is a normal school day for the children but with extra fun). Visits from:

-  — Circus Sensible
-  — The Magic Matt Show
-  — Face Painting By Gina - Please complete the [Google form](#) to give consent
-  — Ice Cream Station with all the trimmings
-  — Circus Theme Lunch- (please order your child's meal via the school grid)

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## **Trips, Visits and Experiences**

### Pop-up Bookshop

On July 9th we held our first pop-up bookshop, with books that were donated to our school by the Children's Book Project. Each child used their special bookmark token and exchanged it for two books to keep and read at home. The event was a huge success, and we were so pleased to see so many children and parents there! We look forward to holding more events like this next year. A huge thank you to the Children's Book Project for their dedication to ensuring all children develop a love of reading.

### Year 6 Football

Class 13 represented Beechwood in the Leeds East Primary Partnership Football Tournament at Fives. We split into 3 teams and played 4 matches each against the other Y6 teams in the Trust. We placed 5th, 3rd and a very close to winning 2nd place. Plenty of goals were scored and the children had lots of fun in the glorious weather. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces from our transition days at our secondary schools.

### Nursery Graduation

On Wednesday we held a Graduation Ceremony for our children leaving nursery ready to start Reception in September. All the nursery staff are so proud of how far the children have come and loved celebrating this occasion with the children and their grownups. The children sang their Graduation songs beautifully and were presented with their Graduation certificates, cards and gifts.

We wish the children every success in Reception.

### Spirit Alive

Spirit Alive 2025 has been incredibly successful. Everyone has taken part in different music and sport-based activities and we have had visitors in school all week working with different classes. On Monday, the children took part in skipping and street dance workshops and on Tuesday a band called 'The Vinyl Steppers' performed to the whole school. Year 3, 4 and 5 children were lucky enough to visit the Seacroft Forest Garden at the back of South Parkway with Matthew Bellwood for storytelling and insect activities. Our sports day activities were brilliantly organised and run by Year 6 children and every class enjoyed the activities Year 6 had prepared for them. Thank you to everyone who came to the closing ceremony. We hope you enjoyed taking part and seeing what the children had achieved.



### Year 6 SATS Results

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year towards their SATS and were overjoyed when they found out their results! Every child should be proud of how hard they have worked this year - well done!



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## Leavers Assembly

Year 6 put on their final performance with a fantastic leavers' assembly. They showcased the songs they had learnt this year and told us about their favourite memories, reflecting on their past years at Beechwood. It was a lovely end to their primary school years!

## Leavers Party

Year 6 had a blast at the leavers' disco, enjoying dancing and taking photos with their friends before having a delicious takeaway together. Everyone had a fantastic time!

## Wellbeing and Safety

This week's safety focus is water safety. 47% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August. We also see a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher. When UK average maximum air temperatures reach or exceed 25°C...

- There is a fivefold increase in accidental drowning risk, when compared to days with an average temperature of 10°C
- Over half (57%) of those who drowned were swimming, reflecting more people actively entering the water
- Teenagers (aged 13-17 years) and young adults are proportionately more likely to lose their lives
- Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment Please follow [this link](#) for tips for staying safe in the water during the summer.

## Staff News

At the end of this year, Miss Mitchell will be leaving our school. We wish to thank her for her hard work and wish her good luck as she moves on.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr G. Walton, who has been teaching Class 7 this term. We thank him for all his hard work and hope to see him at Beechwood again in the future.

Mrs Dunderdale will also be leaving us as a member of staff but will continue to volunteer with Mr and Mrs Clarke, which we are very pleased about. We want to thank her for all she has done over the years.

We would also again like to wish Mrs Keirl, Mr Powell, Miss Moss, Miss Das and Miss Yasir all the best in the future as they leave at the end of this year. You will all be missed!

In September, we are welcoming back Mrs Isenring and Miss Hudson from maternity leave. We also have Miss

Fletcher, Miss Scrivens, Miss Burns, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Chandler joining us as new teachers.

## Summer Reading Challenge

To celebrate this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, we will be making our own Story Gardens in lots of exciting ways. Join us at Seacroft Library on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July between 1-3pm. Booking recommended or drop in.

A free family-friendly event recommended for children aged 7+. All children must be accompanied by adult. To book your child's place [click here](#).

**Summer Reading Challenge**

### Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

#### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



**Visit your local library or go online at**  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
**to get started from 5 July 2025.**

**Help your child start their reading adventure today!**

## Safeguarding

If you are worried about any safeguarding situation or about your child being harmed, then you should contact Miss Roberts (Designated safeguarding lead), Mrs Giles (Deputy designated safeguarding lead) or Miss Ileana (Deputy designated safeguarding lead) to share your concerns.

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## Key Dates

|                              |                                                                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 21st July             | School closes at normal pick-up time for the summer holidays.      |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept  | School closed for teacher training day.                            |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept | School opens to all children (including current nursery children). |

## Year Group Parent Assemblies

| Year group | Date                        | Time   |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Year 1     | Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | 2:30pm |
| Year 2     | Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept | 2:45pm |
| Year 3     | Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | 9:00am |
| Year 4     | Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept | 9:00am |
| Year 5     | Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept | 9:00am |
| Year 6     | Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | 9:00am |

## Term Dates

[Term Dates | Beechwood Primary School](#)

## The School Grid

Reminder if your child normally has, or would like to have a school meal, please pre order their meals for the week via the School Grid.



## School App

Please remember to download the school App so that you don't miss any communication.

<https://www.theschool.app/>



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26 July

## We ART Seacroft Festival

*Come along to We ART Seacroft Festival  
for Live Music, Food and Snacks,  
Facepainting, a Dog Show and Spots,  
Games and Creative Activities!*

Seacroft Village Green, LS14, 12:00 to  
15:00, free, drop-in



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### Early Help Lets Talk event Leeds



**We need your help!**

We will be holding 3 Early Help lets talk events across each area of the city.

This is great opportunity for the service to listen to families experiences and work together to keep on improving the service we offer.

Please could you share the attached flyer with families and if they would like to attend they can contact myself (details on parent flyer or you can on their behalf with their consent.)

It does not matter whether their experience was positive or negative or the outcome of their involvement.

**How can you help?**

We would ask that you act as a key point of contact for the family as you have a pre-established relationship which will just require you too:

- Touch base before the event to confirm attendance
- Check travel requirements i.e Bus pass, Taxi, parking
- Check if children would be coming along.
- Touch base after the event

If you are unsure of anything please contact Kelly Boyle on [Ourvoices@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Ourvoices@leeds.gov.uk).







## COME AND JOIN US



# Pop-Up Store

**FREE SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR FAMILIES  
ACROSS LEEDS IN TIME FOR THE NEW  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**UPPER BALCONY, MERRION CENTRE, LEEDS**

**OPEN 10AM-2PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES  
IN AUGUST:**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> | THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> |  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> | FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> | FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> |  
SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> | WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> |  
THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> | FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**



**VARIOUS  
DATES  
IN AUG**

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