



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

10 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school.

We had a rather snowy and exciting start to the first day of term. We let the children go out into the snow as we knew it wouldn't last long and they were so excited! We have included a few photos for your below so you can see them enjoying themselves.

Last term a parent spoke to me about school dinners. As always we are really keen to make any improvements where we can so school spoke with the catering company. They have changed the chicken supplier and this week the portion size and the quality of the meat was much improved. Quite a few of the staff also had dinner on this particular day and staff and children all agreed it was much nicer.

If you do have any suggestions regarding any areas of the school then please do email me head@beechfield.herts.sch.uk I can't promise we will do everything you want, but we are keen to listen to parent and child voice and make changes where we can.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Jackson



ATTENDANCE

We are aiming for your child to have 97% attendance. We know that good attendance impacts positively on progress and attainment. We monitor attendance daily. If you have anything you need support with please contact Mrs Carvalho, our Pastoral Team Leader.

100% ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to the 64 students who achieved 100% attendance last term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th January: Reading Cafe in the Hall

Wednesday 5th February: Online Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 6th February: Online Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

6th February: E-Safety Day

14th February: Non-uniform Day

17th-21st February: Half Term

6th March: World Book Day

14th March: 3pm - Book-Look for parents

14th March: Red Nose Day - Non-uniform Day

Full term dates for for 2024-25 and 2025-26 can be found on the school website.

<https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates>

UK HEALTH AGENCY

Cold health alert extended for the East of England
The amber cold health alert is in effect from 12PM on 09/01/2025 until 9AM on 14/01/2025 across the East of England. The amber alert has a matrix score of 12. This means:

Forecast weather is likely to cause significant impacts across health and social care services, including:

- a rise in deaths, particularly among those aged 65 and over or with health conditions. We may also see impacts on younger age groups
- a likely increase in demand for health services
- temperatures inside places like hospitals, care homes, and clinics dropping below the levels recommended for assessing health risks
- challenges keeping indoor temperatures at the recommended 18°C leading to more risk to vulnerable people
- staffing issues due to external factors (such as travel delays)
- other sectors starting to observe impacts (such as transport and energy)

You can see all the [weather health alerts currently in place across England](#) on the UKHSA data dashboard.



RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025 APPLICATIONS

For children who are born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

Reception admissions are managed by the [Herts Admissions Team](#).

Applications open: 1st November 2024

Applications close: 15th January 2025.

Applications must be made [here](#). Applications after this date may still be made, but they will be considered to be late.

Please note: having a Nursery place is no guarantee of a main school place. There is a separate application procedure for Reception class.

Y6 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Lisa Sillitoe will be in school on Wednesday 5th March from 9am until 11am to meet with any parents who may have questions about their child's transition to Secondary School. To book an appointment, please email: lisasillitoe@dsplarea9.org.uk

SPAGHETTI MATHS CLUB

Spaghetti Maths Club offers fun and engaging maths sessions through after-school clubs, workshops, holiday clubs, parties, and parent-and-toddler classes. Since 2013, we've been helping children build confidence in their maths skills by fostering a positive attitude towards numbers. Through creative and hands-on activities, we make maths exciting, inspiring children's natural curiosity to learn. Our sessions leave kids eager to share what they've learned and excited for the next adventure in maths! There will be 10 sessions for £60, held every Thursday in school from 3:15 to 4:15pm.

You can use this link to sign up: <https://www.spaghettimaths.co.uk/events/amazing-creative-spaghetti-maths-series-1-and-2-4/>

Y2's EXCITING MORNING!

Year 2 had an exciting start to the term this week! When the children arrived in the morning, they discovered glittering potions in the class, along side a mysterious note. Excitement buzzed as they wondered had a wizard, a fairy, or a mischievous witch left them? Mrs Mohran pretended to call the police to report this mysterious incident!



INVITATION TO OUR READING CAFE

A growing number of studies show that promoting reading can have a major impact on children and their future. Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure leads to increased achievement. Our children love sitting down and sharing a book and so we would like to invite you to come to our Reading Café.

The Reading Café will be open from 3.15pm until 3.45pm on Monday 20th January. It will take place in the school hall.

A small selection of books will be available but please bring your child's reading book. The all you need to do is find a comfortable space to share it.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs Ahmed

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents evenings will be taking place this half term. You will be emailed with the details for your child's class in the coming weeks.



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