



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

04 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the Spring Term. It has been a very hard working and rewarding term shown by the progress that has been made by the children in our recent assessments. We have also had an assembly today for Headteacher awards reflecting this hard work.

We are particularly thrilled by the Year 1 progress in phonics with many of the children already reaching the end of the phonics programme. We will be encouraging a love of reading with these children when we return through our guided reading sessions.

We also want to say thank you to the parents in Year 4 who have been supporting their children to learn their times tables. 70% of the cohort are scoring 24 or 25 out of 25 already on their multiplication check. We know that knowing their times tables fluently really benefits their maths knowledge overall. Keep practising!

This week, some of our children went to Watford Town Hall to meet the Jamaican High Commissioner please see the 'latest news' section on our website for more information. The children were very well behaved and polite and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents who came along with us. The children were very excited to also meet the Mayor of Watford, the Chairperson of Watford Council, Luther Blissett and Anthony Joshua's mum!

Well done to Y4 who performed their play to parents yesterday. A lot of practice and teamwork made this a great success.

Vicki the Vicar from Christ Church led an Easter Assembly on Tuesday. She told the children that there are some chicks at Christ Church over the holidays – an email has been sent out from the school office about this if you wish to visit.

Have a restful holiday and wishing you a happy Easter if you are celebrating.

Mrs Jackson

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 22nd April: INSET day - school closed
- Wednesday 23rd April: Summer Term starts for all students.
- 28th April: Y4 Trip to Hampton Court
- 29th April: New Nursery Parent Meeting 9.30am
- 2nd May: Non-Uniform Day
- 5th May: Bank Holiday - school closed
- 6th May: Y1 Visit from the Synagogue
- 8th May: New Reception Parent Meeting 9.30am
- 12th-16th May: Y6 SATS
- 12th May: Reading Cafe
- 15th May: Ark Farm visiting Nursery
- 19th May: Reception Trip to Odds Farm
- 22nd May: Parent Book-Look 3.15pm
- 23rd May: Summer Party
- 26th- 30th May: Half Term

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

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

## ATTENDANCE

We return to school on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. We do want every child in school every day. All the research shows that children with good attendance achieve and progress better.

Congratulations and well done to the 43 students who achieved 100% attendance this term and to the 159 students who achieved 97% or more.

## ATTENDANCE Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons





## SWIFT KITCHEN

We are changing the way that dinners are ordered. Please see previous emails sent via Arbor. Parents are requested to choose meal choices for their children in advance of the day.

## WELL DONE TO TATIANA!

Tatiana took part in a relay race and a 2.5km run in Cassiobury Park last weekend. It was hard work, but she persevered and felt a great sense of achievement when she finished and was given a medal.

## SW HERTS CONSORTIUM TESTS - Y5 PARENTS

The SW Herts Schools Consortium comprises the seven secondary schools in the area which operate admission tests for a proportion of their intake

If you are considering applying for a secondary school place under the academic or music criteria for your child at any of these schools, you will need to register with the Consortium before Friday 6th June 2025.

The academic testing for the above schools for September 2026 admissions will take place in September 2025.

You can register your child with the Consortium between Tuesday 1st April and Friday 6th June 2024. No late registrations will be accepted.

To register, visit the SW Herts Schools Consortium website: <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk>

Full information from SWHC is attached to this newsletter.

## HOUSE POINTS

The House Points so far this term:

Halliwell: 2453  
Smith: 2300  
Joshua: 2297  
Elton: 2061

Overall:

Smith: 5257  
Halliwell: 5214  
Joshua: 5013  
Elton: 4370

## SEND NEWS

### Hertfordshire Local Offer Webinars

Add-Vance have created free webinars for parents and carers e.g. Managing transitions, Support for dads, Understanding ADHD, Supporting siblings. Click on the link above to find out more.

## E-SAFETY

Just a reminder to check what your children are writing online on their phones and tablets. Some of the upper KS2 children reported that some unkind messages had been written calling children in the class names. Our top rules are: be safe and be kind and we expect this to be the case on and off line. If you are concerned please screenshot the messages and bring them to school so we can support you in dealing with this.

## TOWN HALL VISIT

A great experience for some of our children today who got to meet the Jamaican High Commissioner and his wife at the Town Hall. Thank you to Watford Councillor Dawn Allen-Williamson for inviting us.



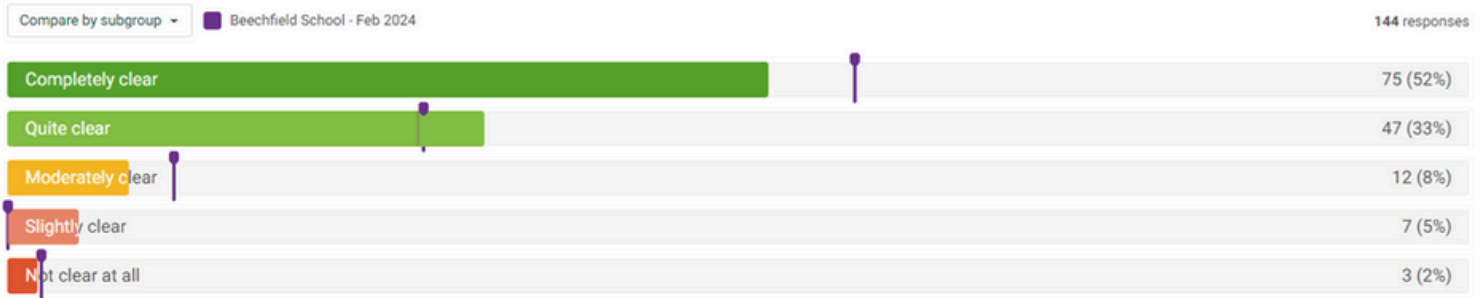
## Y1 VISIT THE PARK

Year 1 had a fantastic geography trip to the park! We had so much fun exploring and identifying the different features we needed to include on our maps. After our hard work, we enjoyed some playtime and made the most of the beautiful weather. A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who joined us - your support made the day even more special.



# PARENT SURVEY

33) In general, how clear is it what the school expects from you as a parent?



Please have a look on our school website in: Our School: Curriculum

Listed on here are the subjects that we teach along with a progression of knowledge and skills grid for each subject so you can see what is taught in each year group.

On our school website is the Home School Agreement so you can see what the school will do, what parents and children will do. It can be found in the Parent-Carers/Parent Information section.

Please feel free to talk to the class teacher if you need any support or clarification.