

Beechwood Bulletin

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What is Advent?

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Advent is a special time in the Christian calendar that begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a season of waiting and preparation as Christians get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The word "Advent" means "coming," and it reminds us that Christmas is about Jesus coming into the world. During Advent, many churches and families use an Advent wreath with four candles, lighting one each week to mark the countdown to Christmas.

Advent is also a time to think about kindness, hope, and sharing with others. People often do good deeds, give to charity, and spend time reflecting on what Christmas really means. It's not just about presents—it's about love, peace, and joy. Advent helps us slow down and remember the true meaning of the festive season.

Whilst we remain very busy at this time of year, I would encourage you to take any opportunities to slow down and focus on the true meaning of this season - love, hope and peace. Do keep an eye out for our Beechwood Advent Calendar on our Facebook page.

This is also a time of celebration! We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Dinner next Wednesday 10th December and the various Christmas events we have coming up.

Wishing you a joyful week,

L. Quinnell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Robins 98.8%



Well done Robins!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOK-

WORMS:

Well done to Robins who were top bookworms again last week.



PARKING

Just a reminder that only Parents authorised by the School Office are able to park in the Staff Car park. Thank you.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Please note, any pupil who arrives late will not be able to leave their scooters or bikes with the school office.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 5th December there will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to the PTA's Christmas Tombola.

The PTA would be grateful for the following donations:

FS—Year 3: Chocolate items (no nuts please)

Year 4—Year 6: Bottle items (such as bubble bath, toiletries, drinks etc)

The PTA will collect donations on Friday on the school gate. Thank you for support

CHRISTINGLE DONATIONS— Year 3 & 4 only:

We are asking for donations of oranges so we can make Christingles to take to the KS2 Christmas service on Tuesday 16th December. Please bring any donations to the office by Friday 12th December. Many thanks.



ATTENDANCE

Our minimum attendance target is 96.5%. Please help us to ensure your child receives the best education by attending school regularly and being on time.

Our whole school attendance for the last week of term was 94.1% which is below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 24/11/25

Butterflies - Henrique

Robins — Muhammad

Foxes — Deniz

Badgers — Chloe

Woodpeckers— Arjun

Owls— 2 stars next week

Kites— Sam

Falcons— Ivy-Rose

Eagles— 2 stars next week

Hawks— 2 stars next week

Well done to all of
our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood, and looking forward.....

Foundation Stage— Butterflies have been learning all about owls and nocturnal animals this week. In drawing club we drew an owl and wrote the magic code of 'sit'. In maths we have been looking at the number 5 and the numbers that make up 5. We have also been learning about circles and triangles.

Year 1— In English we have been writing about the vintage children's cartoon 'Mr Benn'. In Maths we have been learning to recognise and sort 3D shapes. In Computing the children have made fantastic progress over this half term with developing their digital painting skills. This week they have created pictures in a style of Kandinsky by drawing/designing circle shapes and filling them in with different colours. Next week in Maths we will finish with 2D shapes and do revision of addition and subtraction within 10. In English we will work on a story of 'A Little Bit Brave'.

Year 2— In Year 2 we have begun reading a new book which we will be using in our English lessons, Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present! In Maths we are learning to subtract 2 digit numbers crossing 10. We have been solving problems using practical resources and are now writing subtraction problems using the column method. In Geography we have looked at how people travel about in London and in Science we have been comparing features of different seasons. The children have begun eagerly practicing their Nativity which they will be performing to parents during the last week of term. Your child will have brought their lines home, so please help them to learn these.

Year 3— Year 3's week has been a whirlwind of Christmas cheer—advent calendars, cheeky elf tales and classroom giggles. We're exploring a UK topographical map in Geography, counting to 20 and practising greetings in French, and polishing expanded noun phrases in English. In Maths we've moved on to multiplication, using arrays to visualise the facts.

Year 4— Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming session this week. They learned some vital life saving skills and are showing huge improvements in their swimming ability. In Science we continue learning about sound and how sound waves can move. We will be planning our very own Pod Cast this week in computing, the children will need to think carefully about a topic for their podcast and 5 key points they would like to discuss.

Year 5— Year 5 enjoyed a fun science lesson, exploring the effects of water resistance. In maths, the children have finished their unit on fractions (finally!) and will now be going back to multiplication and division to consolidate their learning.

Year 6— In Year 6, we have been writing a flashback narrative based on WW2 and the battle for Europe. We are continuing to read 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman - learning that Cam, the main character, will need a heart transplant. This links to our current Science topic where we have been learning the parts and functions of the circulatory system including the heart.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
125



**Amazing
Apples**
117



**Super
Strawberries**
141



**Brilliant
Bananas**
91



Congratulations to the Super Strawberries who are this weeks leaders!

Welcome to our Online Safety Information Zone. What is online identity? Online identity is how you present yourself online through things like username, avatar, posts, photos and comments. It can be different from your real-world identity and is built from your online activity. You can create a positive online identity by being safe and thoughtful about what you share, understanding that what you post can stay online forever.

When you create your gaming profile, make sure you never use your full name. And if someone you don't know asks for it in the chat make sure you tell a trusted adult.

Watch the video below. TOP TIP ... Each Friday, Miss Hughes will be asking a question relating to the video link. You can earn house points or prizes by answering correctly!



Dates for your diary:

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| Friday 5th December | — Non-uniform day (NEW) |
| Monday 8th December | — Open Morning for prospective parents—9.30-11.00am (Booking required) |
| Wednesday 10th December | — Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 11th December | — Foundation Stage Nativity - 9.30am (NEW) |
| Friday 12th December | — SEND Coffee Morning—9.45—10.30am |
| Tuesday 16th December | — KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Church Service |
| Wednesday 17th December | — KS1 Nativity—2pm and 6.30pm (NEW) |
| Friday 19th December | — END OF TERM - 1.15pm |