

Beechwood Bulletin

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Attendance & Punctuality

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first week of term has flown by, and we are all very much immersed into the New Year. With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone how important good attendance and punctuality are for your child's learning and wellbeing. Arriving at school on time and attending every day helps children get the very best from their education.

Children who attend school regularly are more confident in their learning, can fully take part in lessons, and enjoy building friendships with their classmates and teachers. When children are absent or arrive late, they can miss important learning and may find it harder to catch up with their peers.

Regular attendance is strongly linked to better academic progress, positive social skills, and overall wellbeing. It also helps children develop important life skills such as responsibility, time management, and independence.

To highlight the impact of lateness and absence:

- ◇ Being just **12 minutes late each day** adds up to **missing a whole lesson every week**.
- ◇ Missing **one day of school each week** means missing **over a week of learning every half term**.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and attends every day. If you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please let us know so we can work together to support you.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Kind regards,

L. Quinnell

CENSUS DAY

Census Day is on Thursday 15th January. The data collected impacts the amount of funding the school receives, so it is greatly appreciated if you are able to support the school by ensuring your child has a hot dinner on this day. This is particularly important for EYFS-Year2 & free school meals children where the school receives funding for Universal Free school meals based on the number of children who take a hot dinner option on this day. The cost to children in Years 3 - 6 is £2.65.

The Meal options on the day will be: Fish Fingers & Chips, Falafel & Chips, Tomato Pasta, Jacket Potato with beans or Ham, Cheese or Tuna sandwich.



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for last week was Butterflies with 98.7%



Well done Butterflies!

LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Foxes who were top bookworms last week.



LYTHAM ROAD & HEADLEY ROAD CAR PARK

PERMIT:

A reminder that a car park permit form is available from our website and reception area. Please park responsibly and respectfully in the local area if you are not using the local car parks.



Ambleside Close is a **NO PARKING** road and children should not be dropped off here.

Please note the school car park is for **STAFF ONLY**, Parents/Guardians are not permitted to park here without prior permission from the school.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

When reporting a pupil's absence, please ensure the reason is as specific as possible.

Rather than stating "sickness," we ask that you let us know the nature of the illness, for example whether your child has a cold, is vomiting, or has another symptom. This helps us monitor illness throughout the school, keeping everyone safe.

Absence Line—: 0118 9695976 Option 1

IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER

To help keep everyone healthy at school, please remember that **children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea**.

This helps prevent illness from spreading to other children and staff. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and well.

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 91.3% which is below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 5/1/2026

Butterflies— Marshall &

Izaiah

Robins — Daisy

Foxes — Ahmed

Badgers — Not Present

Woodpeckers— Lottie

Owls— Eddie

Kites— Boston

Falcons— Shebaaz

Eagles— Emily

Hawks— Tillie

*Well done to all of
our Stars!*

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

Foundation Stage — Butterflies had a very exciting day yesterday with our 'Airport Day', we made passports, got them stamped, went through security and boarded the plane. Whilst on the plane we had an inflight show whilst having snacks and drinks, then we finally landed in Italy! We can't wait to explore more about Italy over the next couple of weeks. In PE this half term we are learning dance, we had a great lesson this week where we moved like different modes of transport, over the coming weeks we will be learning different styles of dance traditional to the different countries we will be exploring.

Year 1— In Science we went on a 'material hunt' around the school, to see what materials are objects around us made from. In Maths we learnt how to represent numbers 11-13 using dienes and tens frames. The children enjoyed our first 'Superheroes' music lesson where they composed and performed a sequence of sounds to create descriptive music.

Year 2— In English this week we have looked at the features of a fact file and over the next few weeks we will be developing our skills to independently write our own animal fact file. In Maths we have learned about symmetry and investigated which 2D shapes have horizontal or vertical lines of symmetry. In Science we compared lifecycles of frogs, butterflies and humans and in History we learned why people choose to become explorers and created maps of an island we might explore! Next week we will be learning about the properties of 3D shapes, the basic needs of animals for survival and how explorations have changed over time.

Year 3— Year 3 have been busy learning across the curriculum. In Geography, we have been exploring the importance of bees and learning about the different species found in the UK. In English, we are studying information texts and their key features as we prepare to write our own texts about rainforests. In PSHE, we are discussing dreams and goals, and learning how challenges can be overcome by different people. In Science, we will be dissecting and exploring the different parts of a plant. In PE, we are developing our skills in netball and gymnastics.

Year 4— Year 4 have been doing some tricky work this week in Maths, looking at related multiplication and division facts. In English, we have started to write the beginning of an adventure story set in Anglo-Saxon times and thinking about how we can make our stories tense and suspenseful. In History, we are looking at how the Anglo-Saxons came to settle in England.

Year 5— Year 5 have been enjoying multiplication in maths and will be moving onto fractions next week. They have worked incredibly hard! We have started our new topic of Rivers in Geography. This will be intertwined with many of our other subjects so our knowledge will be rich!

Year 6— Year 6 have been working hard in English on writing instructions about how to look after a lost thing. In maths, Mr Hamilton's group have been looking at ratio and scale drawing while Miss Hill's group have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions. In science, we have been looking at Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution through natural selection.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
91



**Amazing
Apples**
107



**Super
Strawberries**
99



**Brilliant
Bananas**
113



Congratulations to the Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

Welcome to our Online Safety Information Zone.

TikTok can be fun, but it isn't designed for primary-aged children. The legal minimum age is 13.

Please check age settings, keep accounts private, enable parental controls, and talk about online safety. Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if anything makes them uncomfortable. Working together helps keep children safe online.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st January — Eagles Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Wednesday 4th February — Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th February — Bikeability for Year 6

16th February—20th February — Half Term

Wednesday 11th March — Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th March — Easter Service. Year 3 — Year 6. 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th March — Falcons Class Assembly — 2.30pm

Thursday 26th March — Rocksteady Concert — 9.30am

Friday 27th March — End of Term — 1.15pm