

Beaufront First School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderfully creative week we have had at school! The children have wholeheartedly embraced the enchanting world of Vincent van Gogh, focusing on his famous 'Starry Night' masterpiece.

Throughout the week the children have engaged in hands-on art projects. Each class has done different things, exploring various mediums—oils, watercolours, creating mosaics, papier mache, weaving stars and much more. Forest School used the natural world around them to understand how van Gogh found beauty in his surroundings and they incorporate some fireworks into their Forest School art too!

You are all invited to come along and to the Gallery next Monday, 11th November, from 3.30—5pm, where you will be able to see for yourself the incredible works the children have created all this week. There will be refreshments available to buy and we will be asking for a small donation on entry to cover the costs of the materials used during the week. If you can't make Monday the exhibition will still be up to view at drop off time on Tuesday morning—you are very welcome to come and have a look then also.

It has been a treat to watch the children working so hard and creatively together all week. We are back to normal school curriculum next week!

Best wishes

Mr Hanford



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Reception places for September 2025

The NCC portal to apply for reception places has opened. All children, including those already in our nursery, must apply – [NCC Reception September 2025 admissions](#). The portal closes on 15th January 2025. Places are not allocated on a first come first serve basis but late applicants risk missing out on their preferred school. Parents need to select your top 3 school choices. The national offer day is 16 April 2025.

If you know anyone with a 3 – 4 year old do tell them to get in touch and come and have a look round school.

Children in Need—Friday 15th November

Next Friday is the annual **Children in Need** appeal and this year we will be raising money and wearing yellow, spotty, bright or Pudsey clothing to school.

Every donation helps children locally and nationally, no matter how big and we are asking for any donation you can manage. Any amount can have a big impact when we work together as a school community. All donations can be made via this [link](#)—we are NOT taking cash donations on the day.

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children across the UK and we look forward to seeing everyone's outfits!

For more information please follow the link <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/make-life-lighter/>

Thank you once again for your amazing support.

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Beamish—Wednesday 27th November

As you already know we are taking the children on a school trip to Beamish. The bus will leave at 9am and to make the most of all there is at Beamish will not be getting back to school until 4.30pm. After school care will be on until 5pm for those that need it, and those booked into the Multiskills club will be credited for that week.

To help with the costs of entry to the museum and the activities that we have booked, we are asking for a £10 contribution per child. The PTA are kindly paying for the bus, part of this raised from the recent Halloween cake sale. Thank you to the families that donated a £1 for the fancy dress day. If you forgot and still want to donate your £1 you can still do this via School Gateway on the Halloween Day payment request. This collection is also going towards the cost of the bus.

Please can the children come to school in normal uniform with a warm coat and comfortable footwear. Alongside this, a rucksack containing a hat, gloves and a named water bottle will be needed. A packed lunch will be provided for all those who normally have a school dinner.

There is a form on School Gateway for you to give consent for the day and requesting for the voluntary contribution of £10 for the day. For those with Nursery children you should have had your additional letter and itinerary.

School Gateway—booking clubs

There are 2 ways of paying for clubs, but only one way of putting your child on the club list. Please find the School Gateway instructions of how to book a club [here](#). (The way you shouldn't do is [here](#) but it does tell you what to do if you do it this way). Thank you.



Invitation to PTA Meeting – Thursday, 14th November

Dear Beaufront Parents and Guardians,

We would like to invite you to join us for a PTA meeting on Thursday, 14th November, at 3:30pm at the school.

This meeting is a great opportunity to come together, discuss our plans for the year, and explore ways we can best support Beaufront First School and our pupils. Your ideas and involvement are invaluable, and we'd love for as many of you as possible to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Beaufront PTA

Timetable Information

PE and Forest School days – Autumn Term 1

Monday	Class 2 Forest School and Dance with Pip in pm
Tuesday	Class 2 swimming
Wednesday	PE EYFS PE Class 1
Thursday	EYFS Forest school in pm
Friday	Class 1 Forest school in pm

Beaufront After School Clubs from September 2024, 3.30 - 4.30pm

		After school care, 4.30- 5pm
Monday	Dance with Pip and Ms Couzens	Ms Cousens
Tuesday	Gardening Club with Juliet Choir Club with Mrs Boucetla and Mrs Cameron	Mrs Boucetla
Wednesday	Multisports Club	Mrs Paxton
Thursday	Art club with Zoe and Ms Couzens	Ms Couzens
Friday	No club – school closes at 3.15pm	

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italic

Monday 11th November	Art Week exhibition for parents, 3:30-5pm
Friday 15 November	Children in Need
Wednesday 27 November	Whole school trip to Beamish
Friday 6 December	Festive Friday—Wear your Christmas jumper
Wednesday 11 December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 12 December	EYFS and Year 1 Community Performance, 10am Year 2 and Class 2 community performance, 2pm
Friday 13 December	Festive Friday—Wear your Christmas jumper
Monday 16 December	Y2 and Class 2 Christmas performances—10.30am and 2pm
Tuesday 17 December	EYFS and Year 1 Christmas performance—2pm
Wednesday 18 December	Whole school trip to the pantomime at The Queen’s Hall
Friday 20 December	Festive Friday—Wear your Christmas jumper Break up for the Christmas holidays, 1.30pm
Monday 6 January 2025	School starts - Spring Term 1
Thursday 20 February	Break up for half term, 3.15pm
Friday 21 February	Teacher Training Day - school closed
Monday 3 March	School starts - Spring Term 2
Friday 11 April	Break up for the Easter holidays, 3.15pm
Monday 28 April	School starts - Summer Term 1
Monday 5 May	School closed - Bank Holiday
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term, 3.15pm
Monday 2 June	School starts - Summer Term 2
Friday 18 July	Break up for summer holidays

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