



## Newsletter 10 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **National Year of Reading...**

If you're into it, read into it!



National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026

Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it.

This year at Beaulieu, we will be putting even more of an emphasis on the joy of reading with additional events.

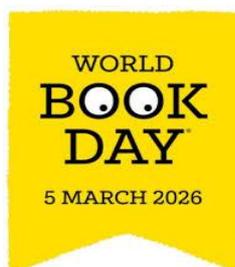
### **Library Visit**

Yesterday, Mrs Mepham and I took 8 children to the School Library Service base in Totton to select some new books for our school library. The children have chosen some new releases as well as some old favourites. We've also chosen some books that link to our values Have courage, Be kind, Shine! Thank you to FOBS for all of their fundraising which has enabled us to buy our new books.



"It was really good because there were a lot of children from across the school who were able to choose books that we hadn't seen before, especially the graphic novels that we have not seen before." Jude

"I loved it because I found lots of books about horses and books by my favourite author. There were so many great books to choose from." Alice



Mrs Burt and I are excited to be planning a fun filled Book Week. This year, our Book Week will take place from 2nd - 6th March. There will be a bedtime story day, a dress as a favourite book character day as well as a guest author visit from Simon Chadwick, a New Forest-based children's author and illustrator of picture books, short story collections, and novels. More details will follow closer to the time.



## **Kindness**

In our assemblies this term we have been thinking about our value - Be kind. We are celebrating all of the kindness in our school community by creating a kindness tree in the hall. Whether it's the small acts of kindness that brighten our daily lives or the bigger questions of how we help those in real need, we know that a kinder world is a better place.



## **Hot Chocolate Friday**



Today I met with Jack O, Leah M, Ned and Brin to celebrate their achievements at school. The children were very chatty and told me lots about learning in their classes, particularly lessons that they enjoy.

"I love Celebration assemblies." Jack O

"I love English lessons because I love writing. I'm really enjoying reading 'Little Red Reading Hood' at the moment." Leah M

"I love how hard the Maths is because I LOVE a challenge. I'm really looking forward to Forest School today." Ned

"I love Maths so much. I love it at school and I love it at home too!" Brin

## **Forest School Pheasant**

Year 3 were very excited to see a pheasant in our grounds last Friday when they were taking part in a Forest School session. 'Forest School Pheasant' as he is now known, was having a lovely time exploring the area, no doubt looking for some dinner!

**Reminder:** If your child is taking part in a Forest School session, they should wear their school jumper and T-shirt with appropriate trousers / joggers. In colder months, layering clothes and socks is beneficial along with boots, a warm coat, a hat and gloves. Waterproof coats and trousers are needed in wet weather. Thank you.





## **Online Safety - Roblox**

How can I keep my child safe when they are 'gaming' online?

Roblox is used by children from a very young age, with a large number of players aged around 8 - 12. There is no fixed minimum age to play and children often share games and social spaces with much older users. This mix of ages, combined with user-generated content and social features



such as chat and voice chat, means children's experiences can vary widely. In light of this, one way that you can monitor what your child is doing is to gain an insight into what your child is actually seeing, doing, or who they are interacting with.

Helpful lines of curiosity include:

- What games are my children accessing and are they age-appropriate?
- Is chat enabled and who can message them?
- Have they come across anything violent, hateful or worrying?
- Are they using private servers or public spaces?
- Are parental controls or age settings in place and actively used?
- Do you feel confident to manage the platform?
- Disclosures of concerning content on Roblox should be treated as safeguarding issues, not just IT problems and may relate to online safety, digital resilience or Prevent duties. The goal is curiosity, not panic.

We want to help children talk openly about what they encounter and support you.

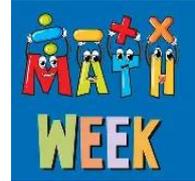
What helps most in practice includes:

- Regular, interested conversations about what children enjoy playing, who they play with and what they notice online.
- Adults showing curiosity, including watching or playing alongside children, so games are not treated as a secret or separate world.
- A clear understanding of personal information, including why chats should stay about the game and when to tell an adult.
- Agreed rules around spending, with children knowing when real money is involved and when permission is needed.
- Reassurance that worries should be shared, including exposure to upsetting content, mean behaviour or hate-based language.
- Confidence using block and report tools, so concerns can be addressed calmly and practically.
- Active use of safety settings, including age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and parent account oversight.

More information can be found here: <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>



## **Maths Week - 26th-30th January**

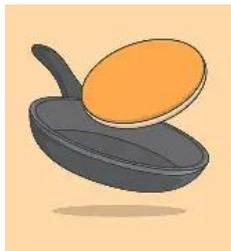


Mrs Cunningham has been very busy organising lot of exciting events and competitions for our Maths Week which is taking place next week. Here are just a few of the events:

- Daily Time Challenges with the Sports Captains.
- Online maths escape room in Oak Class.
- An 'All About Me' Competition.
- A special set of shows and workshops with Barney from House of Maths, kindly funded by FOBS on Thursday 29th.
- 'Guess the Teacher' with clues displayed around school.

And lots more! We're going to have so much fun 😊

And finally...



### **Pancake Races**

We are really looking forward to the pancake races along Beaulieu High Street from 2-3pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please be aware that this is a public event. As this event is not organised by the school we have no control over photography on the day. Members of the press and the general public may be taking photographs or

filming during the event.

If any parents have concerns about their child taking part due to the presence of photographers, we kindly ask that you contact the school office in advance of the event so that this can be discussed.

We also ask that all children come into school wearing trainers on the day of the races so that they have appropriate and safe footwear for taking part.

If any parents are keen to put together a team of 4 for the adult races, please let us know so that we can pass on your details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Michelle Hale**

Headteacher



## **Sport Update**

### **Girls Football - 14<sup>th</sup> January**

We were lucky enough to go to the girls football event at Priestlands. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all went and played amazingly. Izzy and Maddie had some AMAZING goals along with Daisy who had the goal of the tournament and she had great passing. Zoya had some great tackling and Emily played well in defence. Mia showed great teamwork. Izzy got the wristband for respect. The Year 3/4 team won 3 matches and drew 2.

In Year 5/6 Evie got the wristband for respect. Lucy kindly volunteered to go in goal. Sophie scored some fantastic goals and passes as well as Millie and she also scored an incredible goal. As well as excellent passing, Alexa didn't let anyone past her when she was in defence and she said that she loved tackling. Charlotte also went in goal and was great out field. Furthermore, Bella did some great defending and Rogue loved playing up front.

Well done girls.

Report written by Alexa and Millie





## **Diary Dates 2025- 2026**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Friday 23rd January	Annual Big Garden Bird Watch	
Monday 26th - Friday 30th January	Maths Week	Thursday 29th - Barney from House of Maths visiting - funded by FOBs
Thursday 29th January	Beaulieu's Best and Year 4 home achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Thursday 5th February	Beaulieu's Best and Year 3 home achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Monday 9th – Sunday 15th February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 10th February	Pancake Races along the High Street	2pm races After school FOBS will be serving pancakes, teas and coffees in the Village Hall
Thursday 12th February	Beaulieu's Best and Year 2 home achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Spring HALF TERM Holiday 2026	
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day	
Tuesday 24th February	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Thursday 26th February	NSPCC workshops with Years 2, 5 and 6	
Thursday 26th February	Beaulieu's Best and Year 1 home achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March	Book Week	Tuesday 3rd March – author visit - Simon Chadwick Thursday 5th March - World Book Day – dress as a favourite book character
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Wednesday 4th March	Work sharing – new date	3pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Thursday 12th March	Beaulieu's Best and Year R home achievements	
Tuesday 17th March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Tuesday 17th March	Chestnut Class meeting for parents regarding the residential to Tile Barn	3.30pm
Monday 23rd March	Beaulieu Past, Present and Future event in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Wednesday 25th March	Parent Consultation Evening	After school
Thursday 26th March	Cricket Engagement Day	Years 1-6
Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultation Evening	After school
Friday 27th March	INSET Day	



Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER Holiday 2026	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos - Make Photography	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Chestnut Class Residential to Tile Barn	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 x table check	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	Parents are invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the field
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – reserve date	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Cyber Protection training for children in the juniors	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Beaulieu Village Fete	12 noon onwards
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer HALF TERM Holiday 2026	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July – Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	SUMMER Holiday 2026	



## **Vacancy: School Minibus Driver**

### **Would you like to join our friendly and supportive team in beautiful Beaulieu?**

The governors at Beaulieu Village Primary School wish to appoint a Minibus Driver to join our happy, dedicated and supportive team. The successful applicant will be responsible for working in partnership with the Headteacher and School Business Manager to transport some of our pupils to and from school every day to drive the school minibus to transport staff and/or pupils as and when required to do so.

The person we are looking for will:

- be a team player and a member of our community;
- ensure high standards of cleanliness and operational effectiveness
- have basic IT skills and to be confident using email
- undertake routine minibus driving and additional driving during the school day if required
- ensure vehicle maintenance and safety checks are undertaken for the minibus and properly documented and recorded
- ideally hold a category D1 Driving Licence
- work in a flexible manner to meet the needs of the school
- have a sense of humour

We offer:

- a welcoming, friendly and highly supportive staff;
- training, including MIDAS;

In addition to the before and after school run, there is also the opportunity for the successful candidate to work additional hours as a driver for regular class trips and fixtures.

The application form and job description information is available to download from the vacancies section on our school website [www.beaulieu.hants.sch.uk](http://www.beaulieu.hants.sch.uk)

- **Contract:** Permanent, part time
- **Contracted hours:** 10 hours per week 7.45am – 8.45am and 3.15am - 4.15pm Monday – Friday Term time only
- **Salary:** HCC Support Staff - Grade B1 – 3 (£24796 - £25128 pro rata- actual salary £5733 - £5887) depending on experience and qualifications
- **Starting Date:** As soon as possible

Please feel free to contact Michelle or Susannah for more information. Tel: 01590 612255

Beaulieu Village Primary School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure checks along with other relevant employment checks.