



## Newsletter 13 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you had a lovely half term.

### **Beaulieu's Best**

Last week we enjoyed celebrating with the following children who have embraced our school values, Have Courage, Be Kind, Shine!



Elliana

Brooke

Oscar

Harper

Henry K

Henry B

Well done everyone!

### **Fundraising for Marie Curie**

Report by Ewan



During this fun week, we were able to do a variety of

activities thanks to the planning of the School Councillors and Mrs Kerr to raise money for this important charity. Our aim at the beginning of the week was to run 26 miles.

On Tuesday, the whole school managed to run the equivalent of 3 marathons (78 miles) for the daffodil dash around the school field. Our goal was only one marathon a day! Further to this, as a school, we were able to run 5 marathons (130 miles) on Wednesday, 8 marathons (183 miles) on Thursday and we ran 5 marathons (130 miles) on Friday. In total, we ran 21 marathons - which is amazing! Friday also included a 'wear yellow' day and an afterschool cake sale for everyone to enjoy. **We raised £403.30.**

Throughout the week, there was an art competition to make the best daffodils.

The winner was Sophie in Year 6 and the runners up were Annabel in KS1 and Daisy in KS2.

Well done everyone.





## **Pancake Races**

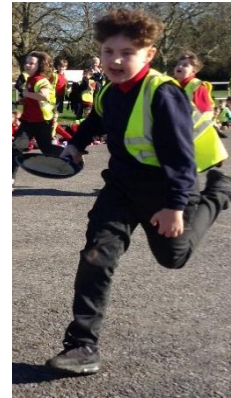
Thank you so much to the race organisers for rescheduling the event this year so that the children did not miss out on what has become a much-valued event in our school calendar. The children had a great time.

"I was nervous, but it was great fun and really exciting!" Daisy

"We all loved cheering everyone on. Everyone did so well!" Belle

"The races were great fun!" Harry B

"Everyone ran so well!" Zoja



## **Parent Workshop**

Our Educational Psychologist, Sophie-Jane Stanwyck led a second Emotional Literacy workshop for our parents on 25<sup>th</sup>. If you came along, we hope that you found the session useful. If you were unable to attend and would like further information, please contact Mrs Stroud.

## **Sensory Circuits**

As part of our INSET day the staff received training on 'Sensory Circuits'. Sensory circuits in schools are a structured series of sensory-based activities designed to help children regulate their sensory systems and prepare for learning. They typically include:



**Alerting Activities:** These activities wake up the body and brain, often involving fast-paced movements like jumping or spinning.

**Organising Activities:** These help improve focus and coordination, requiring children to think and plan their movements.

**Calming Activities:** These activities promote relaxation and self-regulation, helping children feel settled and ready to learn.

Sensory circuits are beneficial for pupils with sensory processing differences, as they provide a structured way to manage sensory needs and improve focus and emotional regulation. They can be incorporated into the school day, often scheduled for the start of the day or before lessons to enhance learning readiness. Your child's class teacher



may well approach you about your child taking part in these activities if they feel they would be beneficial.

### **NSPCC Workshops**



Thank you to Mrs Burt, our PSHE Leader, for organising our NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops this term. On 26<sup>th</sup> Paula and Sally-Anne from the NSPCC delivered workshops to the children in Year 2 and Years 5/6 about the importance of speaking out so that they stay safe. The children were reminded that if they have any worries, concerns or feel uncomfortable they should speak to a trusted, safe adult or call ChildLine on 0800 1111. Paula and Sally-Anne brought Buddy, the ChildLine mascot with them and introduced the children to the ChildLine website.

### **Is My Child Ready for a Phone?**

Along with many other schools in the country, we have signed up to 'Smartphone Free Childhood'. We recognise the negative impact that smartphones are having on children.

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for Parents and Carers. Please follow the link to access the information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.



### **Online Safety**

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off



conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

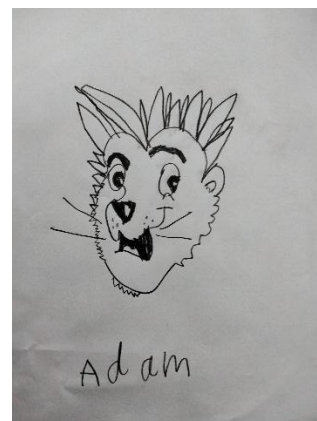
You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

## **Book Week**

Thank you to Mrs Burt for organising a fantastic Book Week this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed Tuesday with local author/illustrator Simon Chadwick and created some wonderful artwork.

On Wednesday Mrs Jones popped over to share some stories with the children and many of the children took part in a book swap. On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a favourite book character and today we shared bedtime stories whilst drinking hot chocolate.



"My favourite part of the week has been dressing up as characters from your favourite book and bringing in props. The teachers even dressed up!" Annabel

"I loved the book swap. I picked out a Bluey book." Isla



## **Arbor**

The Parent Portal and Arbor App allows parents and carers to receive communications and update their child's records (for example, a change of address, new medical condition or changes to parents' contact details). We are keen to use Arbor to share more information with you.

If you do not already have a login for Arbor please follow these instructions.

- Download the Arbor app from Playstore for android devices or the Apple Store for iPhones.
- Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click Forgotten your password? using the email address that you usually receive school communications from, follow the instructions to set your password.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents Evenings will be taking place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** this term. You can now make a booking online using the Arbor app. It's very simple and should only take a couple of minutes.

## **Politics Workshop in Oak Class**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February Ben and Saba from Southampton University came in to work with Oak Class and introduce their new history topic about the changing power of the monarchy. They taught about monarchs from King John to our current King and looked at the changing balance of power between parliament and The Crown. They also then



looked at how our own government works and how people are elected. The children were really engaged and both visitors praised them for their behaviour and knowledge in the session. Following the visit, we received an email from Ben who said how impressed he was with the class.

*'We had 2 fantastic lessons where this class paid attention the whole way through, not once did I have to ask them to pay attention, to not talk over me and to focus. They worked hard and tried all the activities they were set, working to the best of their ability as well as helping the people around them when they were stuck.'*



*Everyone was so polite and welcoming to two visitors and so many of them came up to say thank you after the class.*

*I have worked in a couple schools and with youth groups - this by far have been the most well behaved and pleasant to teach in and I have spent the weekend reflecting on how incredible these kids were and how proud you should be of them.'*

Well done Oak Class.

### **Royal Mint Short Story Competition**

For the sixth year running, Royal Mint are holding their popular annual Short Story Competition.

The competition is open to children **aged 7 to 11** and runs from **16<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

Pupils are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words based on Gold. From buried treasure to secret vaults filled with gold bars and coin hoards, Royal Mint are asking pupils to engage their imagination and write about glistening gold.

If you'd like to find out more and watch a short video, please follow the link below:

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

### **INSET Days for 2026-27**

The following dates have been approved an INSET days for the next academic year.

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

One more date to follow.

### **Governor Update**

Sadly, we say farewell to Joy Forrest at the end of this term as she steps down from the governing body after giving so much of her time, energy and care to the school.



As our Lead Governor for Special Education Needs, Joy has always championed the needs of every child and offered thoughtful support and challenge to help us keep improving.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Joy has contributed to Beaulieu Village Primary School, especially her support in the recent Headteacher recruitment process and Ofsted inspection.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Michelle Hale**

Headteacher



## **Sport Update**

### **Dodgeball Competition**



We were lucky enough to take part in the Year 5/6 dodgeball competition at Priestlands on Wednesday 25th. We did not play for the first two matches. We played a few different schools. Everyone did so well as we had some very tough competition. Many people had some great strengths, especially Stephanie who did some great jumps and Barney who did some great dodges. Everyone shone in every aspect of the game and took time to say well done to everyone on their team. Everyone who took part was so enthusiastic while clapping the other teams as the Year 10 sports leaders were giving awards. Everyone was quite nervous to begin with, but soon they began to understand and use strategies in game. I was so proud of their teamwork and courage. Well done everyone!

Report written by Phoebe



We were so proud of how respectful everyone was on the day and how we were always the first to go over to the other team to shake hands and say well done. Everyone was so kind and considerate of everyone around them and made sure to help other people out if they had fallen over. Luca showed great courage as he had been the last one on the team left a couple of times. The wristbands for teamwork went to Phoebe and Ewan. Everyone was so kind and we couldn't have asked more of them.

Well done everyone.

Report written by Barney

### **Netball Competition**



On Wednesday I had the pleasure of joining the Year 3s and 4s at their netball competition at Priestlands. When watching them, I couldn't help but notice the resilience and team work within both of the teams when playing their matches. Although the team weren't the most experienced at the sport, I could tell they were all very motivated, passionate and made sure not to give up.

When it came to the awards, 2 players stood out to the Priestlands sports captains, Emma in Year 4 and Zoja in Year 3. The two girls were rewarded for their excellent teamwork in each of their teams, motivating one another. Well done, everyone!

Report by Sofia Hudakova (Work Experience student)



## **Diary Dates 2025- 2026**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Beaulieu's Best and Year R home achievements	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Praizin' Hands Easter performance - KS1	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Chestnut Class meeting for parents regarding the residential to Tile Barn	3.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief	Non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to the charity
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Beaulieu Past, Present and Future event in the Village Hall	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening	After school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket Engagement Day	Years 1-6
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening	After school
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	
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 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 and 2 Trip to CET Centre – pond dipping and bug hunting	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Year 4 swimming afternoon at Applemore – new date</b>	
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	



## FOBS Events:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Bonnet competition – more details to follow

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt after school

## **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:** Up to 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.