

## END OF YEAR

Hopefully you are aware that today is the last day of the school year! It always brings mixed feelings for us. There's no doubt everyone is ready for a rest! But we also say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children, along with one or two other children and some loved and valued colleagues. We wish all of you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing most of you on Wednesday 3rd September when we start our new school year. Thank you for your support throughout the year. To our Year 6 families, if you do not have another child who will be joining us, we wish you all the very best for the future and we look forward to seeing what your children will achieve in the future. And to Mrs Bowen-Smith, Miss Burness and - after 21 years here - Mrs Goddard, we thank you so much for your contributions and wish you all the best in your next adventures.

## GOVERNORS' AWARDS

Congratulations to all the winners of our Governors' Awards this year. This is a bit of a sea of names but hopefully your child will enjoy showing their friends and family where their name is! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the awards.

**Reading:** Nishtha (3B), Ayaan (3BP), Maxwell (3L), Ripley (4C), Deshane (4F), Kaycee-Mai (4S), Ikram (5L), Riya (5P), Harrison (5W), Jasmin (6A), Bonnie (6M), Alis (6S) **Writing:** Alfie (3B), Donald (3BP), Saira (3L), Aariya (4C), Jaya (4F), Georgia (4S), Darcey (5L), Sukhraj (5P), Isaac (5W), Darla-Rae (6A), Rahima (6M), Umaiza (6S) **Mathematics:** Ahmed (3B), Evelyn (3BP), Ahyar (3L), Eesa (4C), Lewhat (4F), Arta (4S), Zaki (5L), Kaian (5P), Louie (5W), Mohammed (6A), Arjun (6M), Freya (6S) **Science:** Kalieghpha (3B), Felicity (3BP), Rosie (3L), Ethan (4C), Tarhe (4F), Zakariyah (4S), Zainuddin (5L), Muhammad (5P), Javeah (5W), Noah (6A), Kristian (6M), Maddison (6S) **Topic:** Alexander (3B), Huzaifa (3BP), Reuben (3L), Lily (4C), Lucian (4F), Alice (4S), Kamilo (5L), Shanae (5P), Thisev (5W), Fletcher (6A), Ellis (6M), Tegan (6S) **Physically Active:** Ava (3B), Isaac (3BP), Zaiden (3L), Franklin (4C), T'Jay (4F), Martha (4S), Syed (5L), Amy (5P), Elijah (5W), Ezekiel (6A), Siena-Rai (6M), Lori (6S) **Exemplary Manners:** Abigail (3B), Connie-Rai (3BP), Jahnella (3L), Ameena (4C), Amelia (4F), Anaiya (4S), Ava (5L), Mikey (5P), Ellie (5W), Ayaat (6A), Jasmine (6M), Ethan (6S) **Immaculate Books:** Maria-Bianca (3B), Aizah (3BP), Jessica (3L), Eisah (4C), Evie-May (4F), Jwairiyah (4S), Aishah (5L), Daya (5P), Ayesha (5W), Daneen (6A), Adam (6M), Jessica (6S) **Anti-Racism Ambassador:** Olivia-May (3B), Esmee (3BP), Awa (3L), Maya (4C), Yahya (4F), Amy (4S), Neha (5L), Willow (5P), Richelle (5W), Ziya (6A), Mustafa (6M), Issa (6S) **Maurice Coles Environmental Award:** Matilda (3B), Riley-Joshua (3BP), Abu-Ubaid (3L), Sarah (4C), Alythia (4F), Cali (4S), Poppy (5L), Mohammed (5P), Jordan (5W), Amaya (6A), Gracie-Leah (6M), Filip (6S) **Compassion:** Kyon (3B), Nea (3BP), Jennah (3L), Addison (4C), Logan (4F), Alannah (4S), Layla-Rose (5L), Mohammed (5P), Alicia (5W), Melayah (6A), Bintou (6M), Tanveer (6S) **Homework:** Maddison (3B), Jai (3BP), Priyansi (3L), Bobby (4C), Isaac (4F), Ikraam (4S), Aman (5L), Saidan (5P), Muhammed (5W), Manal (6A), Latifa (6M), Mysha (6S) **All Round Superstar:** Yusuf (3B), Ada-Lily (3BP), Rabiya (3L), Deedee (4C), Toby (4F), Limazah (4S), Michael (5L), Sienna (5P), Tommy (5W), Humaira (6A), Talvyn (6M), Safae (6S) **Teaching Assistants' Award:** Ezzah (3B), Sofia (4F), Kelsey (5W), Hussna (6M) **Pastoral Team Award:** David-Gabriel (3BP), Amilaah (4S), Charlie (5P), Aahil (6S) **Deputy Headteacher's Award:** Zackariah (3B), Lewis (4F), Zulqarnain (5W), Shyam (6A) **Headteacher's Award (Mrs Flint):** Chloe (3B), Ava (4S), Demari (5W), Rajaun (6A) **Headteacher's Award (Mr Smart):** Perrie (3BP), Stephanie (4C), Freddi (5P), Blake (6A)

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES



**Beeches Junior School Newsletter**

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## BEECHES READS

On the next two pages you will see our summer edition of Beeches Reads. Please have a look with your child and please make sure that reading is a part of their summer.

## 'MEET THE TEACHER' MEETINGS

At the start of next term we would like to give you the opportunity to come into school to meet your child's new teachers and receive some key information for the year ahead. The meetings will last about 30 minutes and will take place on the following dates, all with a 9.00am start:

Tue 9th Sept: Year 5      Wed 10th Sept: Year 3

Thu 11th Sept: Year 6      Tue 16th Sept: Year 4

## STAY AND READ

We would like to involve you in your child's reading as much as possible so next term, we will be bringing back our successful "Stay and Read" sessions where you are invited to come in and read with your child for 20 minutes at the start of a day. Please look out for these in our diary dates.

## BEECHES BUSY KIDS CLUB

From September, Beeches Busy Kids Club fees will be £5.50 for before school and £11 for after school.

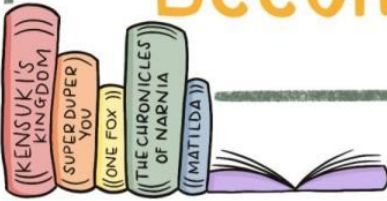
## LEAFLETS AND EVENTS

We are sending home some leaflets that have been left with us for different attractions and there are some fliers for events on the last few pages of this newsletter. Please note that these are not Beeches Junior School events and activities and we are not endorsing them but we are happy to let you know about them and some of the opportunities might be great for children with particular needs. Please do your own due diligence, particularly around safeguarding.

## DIARY DATES

Fri 18 Jul	Last day of term
Mon 1 & Tue 2 Sep	Teacher Days - school closed
Wed 3 Sep	Start of autumn term
Tue 9 Sep, 9am	Year 5 "Meet the Teacher"
Wed 10 Sep, 9am	Year 3 "Meet the Teacher"
Thu 11 Sep, 9am	Year 6 "Meet the Teacher"
Tue 16 Sep, 9am	Year 4 "Meet the Teacher"
Tue 30 Sep, 8.45am	4F Stay and Read
Wed 1 Oct, 8.45am	4S Stay and Read
Thu 2 Oct, 8.45am	4A Stay and Read

# Beeches Reads



Wow—what a brilliant reading term we've had! Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed their final sessions as reading buddies, and we were delighted to welcome the Book Bus **to our school**. Thanks to your incredible support and the number of books purchased, we received over £300 worth of free books to stock our shelves—what a result! Your child will be bringing home an optional summer reading challenge **to enjoy** during the break, should they wish to take part. Looking ahead to September, every year group will be diving into a rich variety of high-quality, diverse texts during their reading lessons. Plus, our commitment to the Little Wandle Fluency scheme will continue, supporting all children to grow into confident, fluent readers. Wishing you all a fantastic summer filled with fun, relaxation, and plenty of good books!



## Author Spotlight

### Who Is Malorie Blackman?

- Born in **London in 1962**, Blackman grew up in Lewisham and originally trained as a systems programmer before turning to writing.
- She's written **over 70 books** for children and young adults, spanning genres like science fiction, mystery, and contemporary drama.
- Her work often explores **social and ethical issues**, especially **racism, identity, and justice**, through imaginative and emotionally rich narratives.

### ✨ Major Achievements

- Served as **Children's Laureate (2013–2015)**, championing diversity in children's literature.
- First Black writer to contribute to *Doctor Who*, co-writing the episode "Rosa" in 2018.
- Winner of numerous awards, including the **PEN Pinter Prize (2022)** and the **Eleanor Farjeon Award (2005)**

Blackman's stories give voice to underrepresented perspectives and challenge readers to think critically about society.







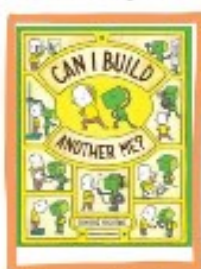
# Recommended Reads

Pre-Key Stage Reads

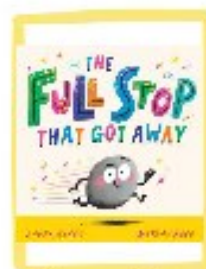
Year Three



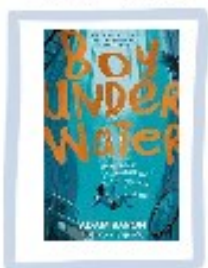
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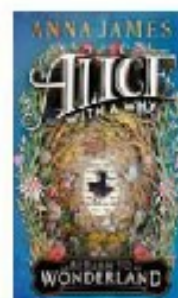
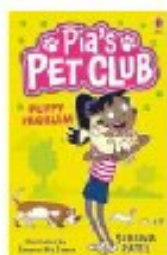
Year Five



Year Six



## Summer Reads





# BEECHES EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Beeches Road/Thornbridge Avenue Great Barr  
Birmingham West Midlands B42 2HL



**Holiday club**  
for ages 4-11

# All SORTS

**Monday 21st**  
**July - Thursday**  
**24th July**  
**10am-12pm**

**£2**

**per day**

*to book online  
scan the QR code*



[beecheschurch.org.uk](http://beecheschurch.org.uk)





**Free**

**Compass**  
**Birmingham**  
Mental Health Support Teams

# Children and Family **WELLBEING DAY**

Arts and craft activities

**Thursday**

**14th August 2025**

**10am - 2pm**

Lakeside Children's Centre,  
Lakes Road, B23 7UH

**SCAN THE  
QR CODE  
TO  
SIGN UP**





# Great Barr Parent Carer Support Group



**autism**  
west midlands

Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.



July 10<sup>th</sup> 2025  
September 11<sup>th</sup> 2025  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

**2 Sundial Lane, Birmingham B43 6PD**





## Communication and Autism Team (CAT) – Parent carer Signposting

Some useful information on services & events that parent carers may want to check out.

All schools will have a SEND Information Report that details SEND provision within their school

### Communication Autism Team

Parent support: Please check with your school for flyers and information for these events.

- CAT host parent carer drop-in advice/workshop sessions across the city - *half termly*
- CAT PAC awareness course 6 sessions termly for parent carers of children in Early years, Primary, Secondary- *termly*
- Online advice service sessions - *half termly*



### Birmingham City council – Local Offer SEND services

Here you will find help, advice and information about the services available for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with a special educational need or disability (SEND).

[www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)

All age autism support Service: [www.aadirectory.co.uk](http://www.aadirectory.co.uk)

Autism west Midlands: [www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk](http://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

Ambitious About Autism: <https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/>

### **Birmingham Events and Activities for young people with SEND Summer Holiday Events 2025**

#### **Bring it on Brum! is back for the summer holidays**

Resources for autism offer playschemes [Holiday Play Schemes - Resources for Autism](https://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk)  
<https://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk>

#### **Events | Autism Support Service, Birmingham and Solihull**

Autism West Midlands have a picnic at cannon hill [Cannon Hill Park Summer meet up | Autism West Midlands](#)

Lots of activities and events on the birmingham local offer page [Days out and leisure activities - Local Offer Birmingham](#)

SEND socials will have lots going on [About us - Send Socials](#)

Birmingham Mac have relaxed performances [Accessible events | Midlands Arts Centre](#)  
<https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/listings/mac-makes-music.html>

Birmingham Thinktank Museum morning explorers – autism friendly [Autism friendly visiting times and activities. | Thinktank | Birmingham Museums](#)

The Ackers Activity Centre – Sessions for young people with SEND  
<https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/events/ackers-adventures-send-sessions-2025.html>



Entertainment venues that offer relaxed/autism friendly sessions/performances:

***Please note: this information is subject to change.***

***Please check with the venues for booking when planning a visit.***

Cineworld

[www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/accessibility/autism-friendly](http://www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/accessibility/autism-friendly)

Odeon Cinemas

<https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/listings/odeon-cinemas.html>

Birmingham Hippodrome

[www.birminghamhippodrome.com/plan-your-visit/access/](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/plan-your-visit/access/)

Sea Life centre, Birmingham

[www.visitsealife.com/birmingham/explore/events/quiet-at-the-aquarium/](http://www.visitsealife.com/birmingham/explore/events/quiet-at-the-aquarium/)

Think Tank, Birmingham: - **Also provide a quiet area, social stories and communication symbols to download prior to visits**

[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank)

Parks 4 Play: [Parks for Play – Creating Welcoming Spaces](#)

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