

Beeches Infant and Junior Schools

Weekly Newsletter



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SCHOOL NAME AND UNIFORM

Ahead of the amalgamation of our two schools in September 2026, the governors have considered different options for the name of the school and have decided to keep it simple! From 1st September 2026, our school will be known as **Beeches Primary School**.

The school jumpers and cardigans from September, from Reception all the way to Year 6, will be the darker "bottle" green colour that the juniors currently wear. This decision was made because it is easier to obtain from a range of suppliers so hopefully, you will have lots of options to purchase uniform at a price that suits your budget. **Please do not worry if your child still fits into their current uniform in September - they can continue to wear the old uniform until it no longer fits.** The finer points of the uniform policy will be looked at in the coming months but it will be largely unchanged. There is one other thing that will need to change, and for that, we need your help...

SCHOOL BADGE COMPETITION

As our schools combine to become Beeches Primary School, we will need a school badge. Both our schools currently feature a tree on the badge, and we would like the new badge to have at least one tree on it. Here is an example of what a Beech tree looks like - this may help you with your design. You can make your design with coloured pencils, felt pens, paint or any other physical art tools, or alternatively you can use an online programme such as Paint to create your design. Please don't use AI though - we want to see your creativity flourish!



Don't worry if your design doesn't quite seem perfect - we can take your image and work with a design team (and possibly AI) to perfect it to make the finished product. It could even be that the final badge is a combination of two or three children's ideas. One tip: remember that your badge needs to look good on a bottle green jumper!

If your design is used to make our new school badge, you will receive a prize which includes a free school jumper or cardigan, ready for September. The closing date for entries is **Monday 9th February at 8.55am**. Please hand your design to your teacher or one of the school offices, and make sure your name and class are on the back. You can enter as many times as you want.

UPSET TUMMIES

A reminder that, if your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they must be absent from school for at least 48 hours from their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This will help us to limit the spread of bugs. Thank you.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

We have been notified of lots of examples of dangerous and inconsiderate driving and parking around our school. This is really disappointing and also frustrating because, while we understand that people want to raise it and are looking for solutions, there is very little we can do about it. We regularly contact the police and the council to raise our concerns. It is particularly upsetting, because **the people who are doing this know that they are putting our children at risk** and they prioritise their own convenience over our children's safety. If you are concerned about dangerous driving or parking, we would encourage you to contact the police and our local councillors. Our councillors' details are here: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/site/scripts/whos_my_councillor.php?postcode=B42+2PY&find=

You can contact the police on 101 or you can report your concerns here: <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/driving-vehicles-traffic/report-illegal-parking/>

Experience tells us that you will need to be persistent but perhaps if lots of you are relentless, along with the school renewing our plea for help, we might get some support with this. In the meantime, if this is you, just stop it! You are risking our children's safety.

YEAR 6 VISIT TO FORTIS ACADEMY

On a happier note, here is a report by Alexis and Kamilo (6S) about Year 6's visit to Fortis this week:

Upon our arrival at Fortis Academy, the gracious staff warmly welcomed us. Mr Smith's group went to a science class, where we had massive fun and did mind-blowing experiments. Experiments included a floating paper clip, a mini version of elephant toothpaste and even a stick that, when put in a Bunsen burner, makes sparks! Meanwhile, Miss Silvera's group did cooking. They baked flapjacks and watched an important video of how ovens work and listened to the teacher for the important steps to bake delicious flapjacks. In another class, Mr Milner's group learned some German and had to solve the mystery of the missing lederhosen. Miss Patel's group attended Maths and went in mini-groups to solve different questions around the room. They swapped through the multiple stations on tables and had different sheets of paper of many maths questions like; area, perimeter, multiplication, ratio and more! Overall, we really enjoyed our visit to Fortis Academy!

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INFANT SCHOOL

STARS OF THE WEEK

For 'Great effort'

Crocodiles: Maryam Dolphins: Dharan
Monkeys: Aadhya Seals: Mu'aawiyah
Tigers: Kion Whales: Emillee
Owls: Charlie
Parrots: Yahya
Penguins: K'meiya

GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

For Good Behaviour

Crocodiles: Alisha Dolphins: Ryan
Monkeys: Arshdeep Seals: Jaya
Tigers: Henry Whales: Finley
Owls: Esther-Rose
Parrots: Isla
Penguins: Elizabeth

BOOK OF THE WEEK

"The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson,
chosen by Tigers



DIARY DATES

Tue 3 Feb, 2.00pm	Snow White Pantomime in school
Fri 6 Feb	Number Day
Fri 13 Feb	Wear red for Valentine's Day
Fri 13 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 Feb	School reopens
Tue 24 & Thu 26 Feb	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day
Tue 17 Mar, 9.00am	Whales maths parent workshop
Wed 18 Mar, 9.00am	Seals maths parent workshop
Thu 19 Mar, 9.00am	Dolphins maths parent workshop
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
Wed 25 Mar, 2.00pm	Year 1 Easter production
Fri 27 Mar	Last day of term
Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Thu 21 & Fri 22 May	Teacher Days - school closed

JUNIOR SCHOOL

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

3KP: Skyla Year 5 are not able to attend
3L: Anaya assembly this week. They will
3SP: Aryan have two winners next week.
4A: Savannah 6M: Anaya
4F: Abigail 6P: Charlie
4S: Maria-Bianca 6S: Alexis

TEAM POINTS

1. Team Lewis	794
2. Team Malala	790
3. Team Zephaniah	697
4. Team Cadbury	517

DIARY DATES

Fri 6 Feb	Number Day
Mon 9 - Thu 12 Feb	Book Fair in school
Mon 9 Feb, 3.30pm	Woodlands presentation for parents
Tue 10 & Wed 11 Feb	Parents' evenings
Fri 13 Feb	Wear red for Valentine's Day
Fri 13 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 23 Feb	School reopens
Thu 26 Feb	Year 3 parent workshop
Thu 5 Mar	Year 4 parent workshop
Thu 12 & Fri 13 Mar	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
Fri 27 Mar	Last day of term
Mon 13 Apr	Start of summer term
Tue 14 Apr	Year 5 visit to Space Centre
Thu 16 Apr	Year 3 visit to synagogue and library
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Tue 5 May pm	Pinocchio pantomime in school
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thu 21 May	Teacher Day - school closed
Fri 22 May	Teacher Day - school closed

Parent/Carer Workshops

Join our free Parent/Carer Workshops for practical tips, simple strategies and up-to-date guidance to help your child thrive.

These friendly, expert-led sessions cover key topics such as online safety and emotional regulation, giving you the tools to feel informed, confident and supported.



Online Safety

Learn about digital safety for kids including impact of screen time, apps, gaming, AI risks, cyberbullying and gain practical tips to create a safer digital environment at home

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Emotional Regulation

This workshop covers emotional regulation in children, causes and signs of dysregulation, the nervous system's role, and practical strategies to support healthy skills.

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Managing Worries/Anxiety

This workshop covers understanding anxiety in children, its causes and signs, and offers practical tips and strategies to help manage worries effectively.

Date: Wednesday 11th March 2026

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Register for the workshops here:

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