

Beeches Infant and Junior Schools

Weekly Newsletter



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SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

We are excited to share that our school has recently established a brand-new allotment space next to the junior playground for students to enjoy and learn from. This wonderful addition will provide hands-on opportunities to explore nature, develop gardening skills, and understand the importance of sustainability. To help us bring this project to life, we are kindly asking for donations of plants, seeds and soil from our school community. Any contribution, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help our allotment flourish into a vibrant and productive learning environment for all. Please leave soil and plants in the marked area by the allotment space and bring any packets of seeds to the school office. Thank you.

PINOCCHIO

On Tuesday afternoon, the juniors were visited by M&M Productions for a performance of Pinocchio! Anaya, Noah and Sinia of 3L share their thoughts:

Noah: *On Tuesday, we watched Pinocchio in the hall. It was amazing! There were loads of funny parts that made me laugh, like when Simon made up a song and sang along with the mop! My favourite part was when Pinocchio had to go inside the whale to save his dad - it was shocking!*

Sinia: *I really liked seeing the actors in their colourful, bright costumes - my favourite was the blue fairy because she looked really pretty! The stage had boards and props set up to look like lots of different places and the crew transformed the stage which was cool.*

Anaya: *I was chosen to go on stage which was really exciting! I was asked to pick the name of the wooden puppet and I chose Pinocchio. It was fun to be included in the show because I have never been in a show before. I really liked being on stage!*

We are pleased to announce that our friends at M&M productions will visit us again in October - and this time they will perform the show twice so that the infants and juniors all get to see it!

JUNIOR SCHOOL ABSENCE REPORTING

If your **junior school** child is unexpectedly absent, please phone the office on 0121 272 5888 and **select Option 1** to leave a message on our absence line. Please do not select Option 2 or hold for the office - our office team will just ask you to redial and select Option 1.

ASTON VILLA SOCCER SCHOOLS

Our friends at Aston Villa have asked us to share the attached flier about their half term soccer schools.

CHILDREN WITH SEND

The journey of a parent/carer of a child with SEND can be extremely rewarding but also very challenging. You can be faced with all sorts of advice, some of it conflicting. We would always advise that, if you suspect your child has some form of special educational need or disability, or if you have any worries or concerns about your child with SEND, you come and speak to our SENCOs - Mr Ellis in the junior school and Ms Furnivall at the infants.

Unfortunately, nationally and locally, we are working with imperfect systems. We are given a limited number of hours of outside agencies' time and we have to prioritise very strategically to try to get the best outcomes for our children. Every time we get a child assessed, it uses some of these hours

Advice you may be given by some parties, particularly *some* of those who charge a fee, is not always grounded in the reality of school life. Mr Ellis and Ms Furnivall are well-versed in how things work, and if they agree, for example, that we need to work towards obtaining an EHCP for your child, they will be able to set out a likely timescale for you that is realistic and achievable. We receive a lot of requests for one-to-one support for specific children; this level of provision is extremely rare, and in most cases, children in special schools do not receive this level of support, so this is very rarely feasible for us.

We are saying this because we have an increasing number of parents/carers - all with the best intentions for their children - coming to us with unrealistic expectations. We understand - everyone wants the best for their child. But please bear in mind that the support we receive from outside agencies is not increasing in line with the number of requests we receive. We don't want to disappoint you, but it is important that we are honest and give you realistic expectations. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

Next week our Year 6 children take their SATs tests. We are very proud of the hard work they have done throughout their time here and we are confident they will do well. **Year 6 children only should be in at 8.30am Monday to Thursday next week.** We will provide toast and a drink (free of charge) before they take the tests. We hope the children will not be anxious over the weekend - these tests are important but they are not to be feared. All we ever ask of any child is that they do their best - that will be good enough for us! If your child is too unwell for school, please do not send them in - we may be able to make arrangements for them to take the test later on.

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FAMILY DAY - THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating everything it means to be a family - whatever your family may look like! We are looking forward to a lovely occasion.

Please note: The deadline for ticket sales has now passed and we are **unable to sell any more tickets** for this event. For organisational reasons, it is important for us to know in advance of any event how many people are coming and that is why we have firm deadlines in place.

Please also note: Rain is forecast for the day, so we will see how this progresses. As the event is outside, we may need to postpone on the day. A **contingency of Wednesday 20th May** has been planned in, just in case.

Please read the following information carefully so that everyone knows what to expect:

For those not attending:

Children who are not taking part in the Beeches Family Day event will remain with their year groups and enjoy a range of fun activities organised by their teachers throughout the afternoon. They will also have the opportunity to purchase an ice lolly for 20p. If your child would like one, please ensure the money is given to their class teacher on the morning of 14th May. At the end of the day, children should be collected from their classrooms as usual.

For those attending:

We're really looking forward to seeing you at our Beeches Family Day event! For those who have purchased tickets, the usual Beeches Road gate will open at 2:00pm. Please do not come in through the vehicle entrance gates. Most parents can collect their child from their usual classroom. If your child is in Years 5 or 6, please head to the Priestley Smith playground and queue by the Hall doors where we will get your child to you.

Once you've collected your child, please make your way over to the Beeches Junior School field to enjoy the event. There will be designated areas on the playground where you can pick up ice lollies and origami paper if you'd like to join in with the activity. You'll also spot QR codes around the playground and field - just scan these for easy instructions on how to create some lovely origami art. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket, and a picnic if you fancy! It's also a good idea to bring some spare change, as drinks, sweets, and samosas will be available to buy - cash only.

Please note that **adult toilet facilities won't be available**. This helps us ensure the safety of all children, both at the event and in school.

There will be plenty of staff around if you need any help. If you see someone wearing a green bum bag, they're one of our first aiders and will be happy to assist.

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INFANT SCHOOL

STARS OF THE WEEK

will return next week

GOLDEN CHILD OF THE WEEK

will return next week

BOOK OF THE WEEK

will return next week

DIARY DATES

Thu 14 May pm *Family afternoon celebration*

Tue 19 May *Year 2: Warwick Castle*

Wed 20 May *Break up for half term*

Thu 21 & Fri 22 May *Teacher Days - school closed*

Mon 1 Jun *School reopens*

Wed 10 Jun *Year 1: Black Country Living Museum*

Tue 23 Jun *Monkeys: Castle Brom Hall Gardens*

Wed 24 Jun *Tigers: Castle Brom Hall Gardens*

Thu 25 Jun *Crocodiles: Castle Brom Hall Gardens*

Fri 17 Jul *Last day of term*

Mon 20 Jul *Teacher Day - school closed*

JUNIOR SCHOOL

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3KP: Effie

5C: Arta

3L: George

5L: Deshane

3SP: Amira

5W: Avneet

4A: Nishtha

6M: Nicolas

4F: Isaac

6P: Ibrahim

4S: Viktor

6S: Sienna

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Malala	793
2.	Team Lewis	742
3.	Team Zephaniah	740
4.	Team Cadbury	682

DIARY DATES

Mon 11 - Thu 14 May *Year 6 SATs week*

Thu 14 May pm *Family afternoon celebration*

Wed 20 May *Break up for half term*

Thu 21 & Fri 22 May *Teacher Days - school closed*

Mon 1 Jun *School reopens*

Mon 1 - Fri 12 Jun *Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check*

Fri 5 Jun *Eid celebrations*

Wed 1 Jul *Transition Day*

Thu 2 Jul *Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens*

Wed 8 Jul *Summer Fayre*

Fri 17 Jul *Last day of term*

Mon 20 Jul *Teacher Day - school closed*



FOUNDATION

WHITSUN WEEK 2026 SOCCER SCHOOLS



Aston

Bromsgrove

Harborne

Bodymoor
Heath

Dates: Tues 26th - Fri 29th May

Time: 9:30 - 15:30

Ages: 5 - 14

