



Beeches

Green Pages

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End of Term

Today is the end of the autumn term and we are so proud of our children and all they have achieved, from Year 6 being such good role models and studying hard to ready themselves for the challenges ahead, through to Year 3 settling into junior school life so well. It's time for everyone to take a break ahead of what we hope will be a happy, healthy, successful 2026. To everyone celebrating, we wish you a joyful Christmas with lots of happy family time and some exciting presents under the tree!

Please remember - **we do not have a Teacher Day** at the start of term. **Children are due back on Monday 5th January 2026** and we look forward to seeing them all then. It's going to be an exciting time as we work towards amalgamation with the infant school and we will keep you informed as we go along that journey.

Reading Newsletter

This half term's reading newsletter is on the next pages. We can't emphasise it enough - regular reading is proven to increase your child's life chances. We want our children to rest and relax over the break but please keep reading with them.

Condover

A reminder about September's residential visit to Condover for our current Year 5 children - deposits are due by 12th January (£75, or £50 for Pupil Premium-eligible children). Please contact the office if you would like a copy of the letter giving all the details.

Teacher Days

A reminder that the remaining Teacher Days for this school year are on Thursday 21st May, Friday 22nd May and Monday 20th July.

Star Award Winners

Thank you to everyone who came to our award assemblies this week, and congratulations to all our Star award winners. They are:

3KP: Arian, Effie, Jewel, Leo, Lewis, Lola
 3L: Asees, Joseph, Umair, Oyemurewa, Parisa, Yussra
 3SP: Amara, Azlan, Hayley, Ivy, Kyrie, Melique
 4A: Maahirah, Nea, Payson, Perrie, Reuben, Umar
 4F: Abigail, Eden, Huzaifa, Jessica, Rabiya, Yusuf
 4S: Ayaan, Ezzah, Isaac, Maria, Rosie, Zakariyah
 5C: Alannah, Ethan, Mahdiya, Martha, Tammy, Zakariyah
 5L: Amelia, Deshane, Isaac, Jaya, Malik, Toby
 5W: Aariya, Ameena, Areesha, Freddie, Gurpal, Huraira
 6M: Anaya, Ayesha, Harrison, Javeah, Jordan, Ibrahim
 6P: Amy, Kaian, Rayyan, Muhammad, Riya, Sukhraj
 6S: Aishah, Alexis, Ikram, Scarlett, Sienna, Zaki

CHILD Award Winners

Equally, congratulations to our CHILD award winners. This is still relatively new and not many people have these yet so treasure your certificates and badges - you are making Beeches Junior School history! Our winners are:

Community

Husnain (3SP), Olivia-May (4A), Jahnella (4S), Maddison (4S), Maria (4S), Bobby (5W)

Health

Martha (5C), Franklin (5W), Louie (6M)

Individuality

Ahyan (4S), Amy (5C), Maya (5W), Thierry (5W)

Learning

Evangeline (3L), Wamika (3SP), Orsino (4S), Anaiya (5C), Ikraam (5C), Isaac (5L), Aariya (5W), Inaaya (5W), Kamilo (6S)

Diversity

Jacob (3KP), Jai (4S), Elijah (4S), Ameena (5W)

Loitering On Site

We know that the school run is a social opportunity for many, and we understand that people want to chat, but for safeguarding reasons, it is important that only authorised people are on site. Therefore, when you drop off your child in the morning, please leave the site immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will begin swimming lessons in the first week back after the break. Lessons take place every Wednesday throughout the spring term. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit and towel. Just to manage expectations, please be aware that the first session is usually an explanation of safety rules and a quick assessment of current abilities.

Arena Students

We have had a few concerns recently about the conduct of students from Arena Academy coming onto our part of the site at the end of the day. The majority are well-behaved but some have not been observing rules and there have been injuries to younger children. If your secondary school child comes to collect a child from our school, please ensure they understand the expectations of their conduct.

Diary Dates

Mon 5 Jan 2026	<i>Start of spring term</i>
Wed 14 Jan, 9.05am	<i>Year 5 parent workshop</i>
Thu 22 Jan, 9.05am	<i>Year 3 parent workshop</i>
Mon 19 - Fri 23 Jan	<i>Year 5 Bike Ride</i>
Tue 27 Jan	<i>Year 6 visiting Fortis Academy</i>
Thu 29 Jan	<i>Year 4 Buddhism visitor</i>
Fri 30 Jan	<i>Year 5 visiting Fortis Academy</i>
Fri 6 Feb	<i>Number Day</i>
Tue 10 &	<i>Parents' evenings</i>
Wed 11 Feb	
Fri 13 Feb	<i>Break up for half term</i>
Mon 23 Feb	<i>School reopens</i>
Thu 5 Mar	<i>Year 4 parent workshop</i>

Team Points

Congratulations to Team Zephaniah who were our winning team this term! They enjoyed a fun swimming session on Wednesday. We start again in the new term and each team has the opportunity to win the spring term treat!

Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week will return in the spring term.

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Beeches Reads



Welcome to our festive edition of *Beeches Reads*. Every great adventure begins with a story, and the most powerful journeys start right at home. By opening a book together, you're not just helping your child learn to read—you're giving them the gift of imagination, curiosity, and confidence that will last a lifetime. Christmas really is the time to spread the joy and magic of reading and books always make a perfect present. Hopefully this reading newsletter will provide you with ideas for stocking fillers to keep your child reading during the festive period. Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January 2026.

Author Spotlight



Cressida Cowell

Cressida Cowell is a British children's author and illustrator. She is best known for her *How to Train Your Dragon* series, which has been adapted into hugely popular films and TV shows. She also served as the UK Children's Laureate (2019–2022), championing creativity, reading for pleasure, and access to books for all children.

Famous Works

- *How to Train Your Dragon* series - Following Hiccup and his dragon Toothless in a world of Vikings.
- *The Wizards of Once* - A magical adventure series about warriors, wizards, and enchanted forests.
- Picture books such as *That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown*, which are perfect for younger readers.

Activity Ideas

Encourage children to design their own dragon or magical creature, complete with a name and special powers.

Hold a "Dragon Training Challenge" where children write short stories about how they would train their creature.



Recommended Reads

Pre-Key Stage Reads

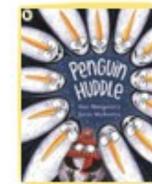
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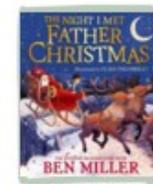
Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



Book Match



Christmas Classics

