



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 3rd October

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far for the Harvest Festival!

We are still accepting donations until Wednesday 15th October so please continue to donate as much as you can.

Your child will receive 1 house point for every item they donate.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Once again it was lovely to see so many of our families come to school to support our MacMillan Coffee Morning. Our wonderful kitchen team went above and beyond to make a wide selection of buns, biscuits, flapjack and more for people to enjoy.

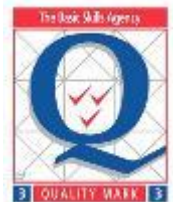
Thank you to everybody who donated and helped us to raise a fantastic £161.

If you would like further information about MacMillan please use this link <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>



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Diwali Celebration Morning!

On Friday 17th October from 8:50 until 10am, we will be hosting a coffee morning in celebration of Diwali.

If you would like to come and have a drink as well as enjoy biscuit decorating with your children and some crafts, please book a place via Parent Pay for £1.



Thank you for your continued support!

GB Athlete Day

On Friday 24th October, we have the privilege of welcoming the GB athlete Sean Gaffney to Beech Hill School. Sean will be leading a fun fitness circuit for the pupils, inspiring the next generation of athletes. Your child will be receiving a sponsorship form this week and any money will go towards Great Athletes. If your sponsorship reaches certain milestones, you will be rewarded with prizes.

There will be an online sponsorship form too if you would like to donate online.

<https://portal.greatathletes.org/events/102592/promo>



Phonics Corner

Read Write Inc.
Phonics



Can you read the sounds and words at home?
Scan the QR codes to watch the interactive videos. Your teacher will tell you the correct sound to focus on, if you are unsure.

Fred Games

Give children extra practice to learn to blend orally.



Word Time 1.1

mad	at
dad	sad
mat	sat



Set 1
Reading



m



Set 2
Reading



ay



Set 3
Reading



ea



Stay and Learn Sessions

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who came into school to take part in our first Stay and Learn Sessions for phonics, English and maths. It was lovely for the teachers to share our teaching practice and for families to take part in tasks with their children.

It was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming families back into school during the spring term to learn more about the foundation subjects.

What our parents thought:

"It was really interesting to see what the phonics check looks like."

"We enjoyed spending the time together and looking at different ways to help our children learn their spellings."

"I enjoyed recapping my own times tables knowledge and getting ideas on how to make it fun when learning at home."

"Seeing the practical resources that children use to help them in maths was good."

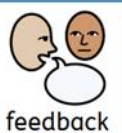


What our children thought:

"It was good to do my times tables with my dad."

"I liked the phonics games."

"This will help my parents understand my learning better."



feedback

Your feedback is important to us! Parents and children had the opportunity to tell us 'It would be even better if...'

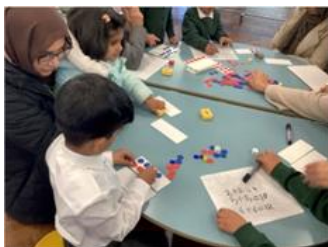


better if

"Please could you share strategies about listening to children read at home via Seesaw."

"We would like to do this again with different subjects."

"Sharing videos of any written methods on Seesaw would help me to understand how to support my children with homework."



Attendance Update

(Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September)

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	94.5
Halifax 2	97.2
Halifax 3	95.7
Northern Ireland	94.6
Wales	97.6
Scotland	93.0
Switzerland	95.5
France	97.0
Denmark	100.0
Mexico	94.8
Canada	97.0
South Africa	90.7
Nigeria	97.2
Egypt	89.7
Japan	94.8
Singapore	94.5
China	90.0
New Zealand	97.7
Australia	93.3
Totals	94.8

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Farhat Hussain, Attendance Officer on 01422 345004



no dangly earrings or hoops

Children should only be wearing one pair of stud earrings in school.

No other jewellery is permitted.

School can not be held responsible for loss or damaged jewellery.

Secondary School Admissions - September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, then they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026.

You can apply online from 23rd June 2025 to 31st October 2025.

To apply and for more information about the admissions process, please follow the link below:

[Apply Online](#)

Online Admissions

Secondary School 2026

TTRS Winners

Year 2 - Imaan N (Switzerland)
Year 3 - Airah-Noor A (Mexico)
Year 4 - Vivaan M (South Africa)
Year 6 - Fatima H (Australia)

Class with the highest % of active players:

South Africa (96%)

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Quote of the week



"Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure."

Weekly Online Safety Update

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Hello Yellow Day



#HelloYellow

M&S | YOUNGMINDS



Date: Friday 10th October

On Friday 10th October, we are celebrating Hello Yellow Day at Beech Hill School to raise money for the charity YoungMinds. Your child can wear yellow on this day and they will take part in some activities to support a positive mindset. If you would like to make a donation, please bring in some money on this day. We thank you in advance for supporting this event and we look forward to a bright, fun day.

Dinner Menu from Monday 6th October

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Beef Burger 1, 5, 8 in a Bun 5	Cod Stars 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Quiche 5, 10	Quorn Sausage 5	Homemade Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Rice
Vegetables	Chips Beans Sweetcorn	g/f Waffle Fries Mixed Veg Broccoli	g/f Wedges Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Peas
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Ice Cream Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Ice Cream Cake 4, 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Ice Cream 10