



BEECH HILL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July



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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families and express our sincere thanks for your ongoing support, understanding and flexibility throughout the year. Your continued cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Gledhill, Miss Clark and Mrs Craven who are all moving on to new roles elsewhere and also to Miss Lawless who is planning to access higher education. We would like to thank them all for their contributions to Beech Hill and wish them well for the future. We will be welcoming a new reception teacher, Mrs Rowan, and two new teaching assistants – Miss Leedham in year 5 and Miss Ali in year 3 – in September. Miss Appleyard has recently returned from maternity leave and Mrs Haigh will be returning at the start of September. We would like to offer our congratulations to Miss Appleyard, Miss Costello and Miss Rakha on their forthcoming weddings; Miss Appleyard will be known as Mrs Bishop and Miss Costello and Miss Rakha will change their titles to Mrs when we return after the summer. Please see below for the full staffing list.

School Improvement and Results

We are delighted to celebrate another fantastic year of achievement. Our children in EYFS, year 1, year 4 and year 6 have worked incredibly hard and should be immensely proud of the results they have achieved. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff whose dedication, commitment and hard work have made these successes possible.

Our Year 6 results continue to be a real strength, with attainment in the expected standard in reading and mathematics remaining above the national average and greater depth for these subjects broadly in line. We are especially pleased that the number of children achieving the expected standard in writing has risen this year.

As a school, we remain committed to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential by continually reviewing and refining the systems, processes and support we have in place. We are delighted to have been successful in becoming a reception lead school for the RISE (Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence) networks, working closely with other schools across Yorkshire and the Humber to share good practice and facilitate collaboration. We are excited to see how this will evolve over the next few years.

Behaviour

Our merit celebrations have taken place this week, recognising and rewarding the outstanding behaviour demonstrated by our children throughout the year. We are delighted that 94% of our pupils achieved all three merit badges—a fantastic accomplishment of which they should all be incredibly proud. They are excellent role models and consistently uphold the high standards we value at Beech Hill.

Our pupils' exemplary behaviour continues to be recognised by the many visitors who come to our school, as well as by the organisations and professionals who work alongside our children. Their positive attitudes, respect and excellent conduct are a real credit to themselves, their families and the whole school community.

Other Achievements

We are incredibly proud to have been reaccredited as a School of Sanctuary and were delighted to celebrate this achievement during a special assembly as part of Refugee Week. It is always heartening to see how warmly our children welcome others and the empathy, kindness and compassion they show every day. These qualities are at the heart of our school community and are something of which we are immensely proud.

We have been delighted to welcome so many families into school throughout the year. Our parents' lunches, family learning workshops and coffee mornings have all been extremely well attended, and we have been overwhelmed by the fantastic level of support for these events. We always enjoy welcoming you into school and working in partnership to support your children's learning. We were especially pleased with the success of our Parent and Carer Fortnight during the autumn term, which gave families the opportunity to experience lessons and gain a greater understanding of learning in school. Following such positive feedback, we are looking forward to repeating the sessions in September/October 2026.

It has been fantastic to continue our partnership with 'Music for the Many', and our orchestra has enjoyed taking part in a number of wonderful events throughout the year, culminating in a final performance for parents earlier this week. We will be sad to say goodbye to our long-standing year 6 orchestra members, but we hope to see many of them at future joint events with the youth orchestra. Our thanks go to Daniel Bath and to all the dedicated volunteers whose time, commitment and encouragement make these opportunities possible for our children. As a charity, 'Music for the Many' rely on donations in order to deliver this outstanding work. If you would like to contribute, please visit their website: <https://music4themanymany.com/make-a-donation/>

Sport has continued to play an important role in school life this year, with our children enthusiastically representing the school in a wide range of competitions and events. These have included tag rugby, pickle ball, gymnastics, multi-sports, dance and ten-pin bowling, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their skills, work as part of a team and enjoy new experiences. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, determination and excellent team spirit they have shown at every event, representing our school with pride. 'Our Chance to Dance' was a particular highlight as well as celebrating the cross-country successes earlier in the year. We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Silver School Games Award, building further on being awarded Bronze last year!



Year 6

We would like to say a very fond farewell and wish the very best of luck to our year 6 children as they move on to their next exciting chapter. Many of you have been part of our school family since nursery and reception, and it has been wonderful to watch you grow, develop and flourish over the years. We have been particularly impressed by the maturity, confidence and resilience you have shown this year, as well as the fantastic effort you put into your end-of-year production, 'The Wizard of Oz'. The prom was an absolute delight; it was so lovely to see you all enjoying each other's company and having fun together. You should all be incredibly proud of your achievements. As you move on to your new secondary schools, we hope you take the Beech Hill values with you, continue to take pride in your learning and always strive to achieve your ambitions. We wish every one of you every happiness and success for the future.

Next Year

We have been working hard to develop our School Improvement Plan for the year ahead. Our key priorities will be to continue raising standards in reading, writing and mathematics, ensuring that outcomes remain above the national average. We will also be working closely with our school community to support attendance and achieve our target of at least 96%. Alongside this, we remain committed to strengthening parental engagement and building strong partnerships between home and school. We would encourage all families to regularly access their child's Seesaw account so that you can celebrate their achievements, stay informed about their learning and take an active role in the varying aspects of school life. For further information regarding this, please contact the school office or email admin@beechhillschool.co.uk so that we can support you with setting up your account which can be accessed on any mobile device.

PE Kits and Bags

From September 2026, we will be asking all children to come to school in their PE kit on the days when their class is doing PE. It is vital that all children have the correct kit which is as follows: **white t-shirt and black shorts/black joggers/black leggings with black trainers and their usual school jumper or cardigan**. Children must be dressed suitably for the weather. If children come to school wearing incorrect kit, parents will be expected to bring the correct kit to school straight away – this includes footwear.

These are the PE days for the first half of the autumn term. They are subject to change throughout the year but we will provide as much notice as possible for this.

Nursery - no PE kit needed

Reception - TBC in September

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 5 - Monday (one class will be swimming—TBC)

Year 6 - Wednesday

In addition to this, we ask that, wherever possible, children are using book bags to carry books, reading records and homework between home and school. If not, they must only bring a very small bag containing these items. This is due to books being damaged by being squashed into bigger bags. We are also finding that lockers are being damaged due to being over-full. Please note that the only other items that children should bring to school are a water bottle and their packed lunch if they do not have a school dinner.

New Sports Hall

The dream has finally become a reality! It has been wonderful to come together as a whole school community in our new, purpose-built space. The opening celebration was a truly special occasion, and we were delighted to welcome Olympic gymnast Luke Whitehouse and Councillor Danielle Durrans as our guests of honour. Alongside our spectacular opening event, the new space has already enhanced many aspects of school life, including our Sanctuary School assembly, Gold Book assemblies and PE lessons, where children have benefited from the additional room and facilities available. We are looking forward to the installation of the 'fancy sound system' (a quote from 'The Wizard of Oz'!) and permanent screen, which will allow us to host even more assemblies and events. The sports hall also provides exciting opportunities to expand our extracurricular offer, with children able to enjoy a wider range of clubs from September, including table tennis.



Thank you for all the support you have given us throughout this academic year. We have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to work alongside and support the Beech Hill children and families, and we look forward to doing so again in the year ahead.

The new term begins on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 8.35am. Below you will find a list of the term dates for the upcoming academic year. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer break with your families and look forward to welcoming you back at the start of the autumn term.

Yours faithfully

S Bowling *S Cockcroft*

Mrs S Bowling and Mrs S Cockcroft
Co-Headteachers

Staffing List 2026/2027

	Class	Teacher	Additional Adults	
Nursery 2-year olds	Mount Pleasant	Mrs Dawson	Mrs S Begum	
Nursery	<u>Pellon Lane</u>	Mrs Costello	Mrs <u>Iqra</u> (W/Th/Fri) Mr Bowling Miss Wright Miss Hardaker	Mrs S Ahmed
Reception	Halifax 1	Mrs King	Mrs Mushtaq Mrs Jabin Miss <u>Quddus</u>	Mrs Sultana
	Halifax 2	Miss <u>Grba</u> (am) Mrs <u>Bano</u> (pm)		
	Halifax 3	Miss Holmes		
	Halifax 4 - EYFS	Mrs Rowan	Mrs Lord Mrs Varley Mrs <u>Akram</u> 1 x vacancy	
	England - KS1/KS2	Mrs Mackie		
Year 1	Northern Ireland	Miss Lunn	Mrs Zubair	Miss Lee (Fri) Mrs Sadiq (pm)
	Wales	Mrs Bishop	Miss S Afzal	
	Scotland	Miss Waddington	Mrs Bates	
Year 2	Switzerland	Mrs Freeman Mrs Connolly (Thurs)	Mrs Sadler	Miss Lee (Mon-Thurs am) Mrs <u>Shaheen</u>
	France	Mrs Rakha	Mrs Clark	
	Denmark	Mr Batley	Mrs Hashmi	
Year 3	Mexico	Mr Hoyle	Mrs Bi	
	Canada	Miss Hampshire Mrs Connolly (Tues)	Miss Ali	
Year 4	South Africa	Miss Walker Mrs Connolly (Mon)	Mrs Khan	
	Nigeria	Mrs Islam	Miss <u>Alyas</u>	
Year 5	Japan	Miss <u>Hoodlass</u>	Mrs M Ahmed	
	China	Miss Hussain	Miss Leedham	
	Singapore	Laura H Mr Hussain (Mon)	Mrs <u>Kauser</u>	
Year 6	New Zealand	Mrs Creighton	Mrs Croker	Mrs G Hussain Mr Hussain
	Australia	Miss Nadeem	Mrs Rathore	
	Fiji	Miss Whitton	Mrs Lee	

Mrs Sarwar – MAT LEAVE

Miss Hussain – MAT LEAVE

School Term Dates 2026/2027

			No of school days
2026 Autumn Term	Re-open	Tuesday 1 September	74
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 23 October Monday 2 November	
Christmas	Close	Friday 18 December	
2027 Spring Term	Re-open	Monday 4 January	54
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 12 February Monday 22 February	
Easter	Close	Thursday 25 March	
2027 Summer Term	Re-open	Monday 12 th April	62
May Day	Close	Monday 3 May	
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 28 May Monday 14 June	
Midsummer	Close	Wednesday 21 July	
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Dates to Remember

May Day – Monday 3 May

5 training days: Monday 7 June – Friday 11 June

****Friday Afternoon Clubs****

Please note that there will be no Friday afternoon clubs on 4th September and 11th September. They will begin again on Friday 18th September. If you are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements, please contact the school office.

Advance notice: there will also be no Friday afternoon clubs on 8th January and 16th April in 2026. Again, please contact the school office if you require assistance with childcare. Please also be aware that school will close at 1.15pm for all pupils on the following days at the end of each term: Friday 18th December, Thursday 25th March and Wednesday 21st July.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Year 6 Show

Last week, year 6 took pupils, staff and parents down the yellow brick road in their performances of 'The Wizard of Oz' and what a success it was!

The children worked incredibly hard learning lines, rehearsing songs and dances and put on a fantastic performance for all who came to watch.

Well done to all who took part and thank you to the staff who supported the children in the show.



Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast

We welcomed some of our year 6 parents in on Tuesday morning to share a final breakfast with their year 6 children before they leave for their next chapter in secondary school.

It was a lovely calm atmosphere, where children and parents reminisced about the journey that the children have been on at Beech Hill.

We loved sharing our memories of all of the experiences they have shared over the years.



Stay **SAFE** near water



Always remember to stay **SAFE** near water -
Stay Away From the Edge.

Water Safety Reminder

As we head into the summer holidays, we hope all our families enjoy plenty of fun days out.

If you're spending time at the beach, a swimming pool, a river or a lake, please remember that children should always be closely supervised by an adult around water and follow water safety rules.

A little care goes a long way in helping everyone have a fun and safe summer!

For more information about water safety, please follow the link below to the Yorkshire Water, Water Safety webpage.

<https://www.yorkshirewater.com/education/water-safety/>

Road Safety Reminder

Wherever you're travelling, remember to stay safe by following these rules

- **Always fasten your seatbelt**
- Use the **Stop, Look, Listen, THINK** rule before crossing the road and choose safer crossing places whenever possible.
- Stay alert by avoiding distractions.
- Watch out for parked cars.
- Wear bright clothing so you can be easily seen.
- Always remember to think about the risks around you.



Dinner Menus from September

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

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Hot Dogs Sausage 5 Bun 5, 14	Roast Chicken Dinner	Homemade Cottage Pie 10	Homemade Butter Chicken Curry 10	Homemade Tuna Sweetcorn Pasta Bake 2, 5, 10
	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10	Samosas 5	Pizza 5, 10
Vegetables	Chips Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Broccoli	New Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Savoury Rice Broccoli Peas	Wedges Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Tuna Mayo, Beans, Cheese) Selection of Wraps & Sandwiches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Fruit Cocktail				
Dessert	Strawberry Milkshake 10 & Homemade Cookie 5, 10, 12	Homemade Parkin 5, 10, 12	Homemade Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Fresh Fruit Selection	Assorted Homemade Baking 5, 10, 12
	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Orange Jelly	Choobs 10	

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Cod & Parsley Fishcake 2	Sausages 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10	Roast Chicken Dinner	Homemade Creamy Chicken Pasta 5, 10
	Quorn Hot Dogs Sausage 5 Bun 5, 14	Homemade Vegetable Quiche 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10	Homemade Vegetarian Cottage Pie 4, 10	Mac n Cheese Croquettes 5, 10
Vegetables	Chips Spaghetti Hoops Peas	Mashed Potato 10 Broccoli Carrots	Wedges Green Beans Sweetcorn	New Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Wedges Peas Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Tuna Mayo, Beans, Cheese) Selection of Wraps & Sandwiches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Fruit Cocktail				
Dessert	Arctic Roll 4, 5, 10, 12	Cheesecake 5, 10	Homemade Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Vanilla Milkshake 10 & Homemade Cookie 5, 10, 12	Fresh Fruit Selection
	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Strawberry Jelly	Mango & Orange Frozen Smoothie	Choobs 10

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Homemade Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie 5, 10, 12	Jumbo Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Mexican Chicken	Spicy Kebab in a Bun Bun 5, 14
	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 4	Quorn Sausages 5	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Homemade Mediterranean Halloumi Traybake 10	Tomato Pasta 5
Vegetables	Wedges Mixed Veg Cauliflower	Mashed Potato 10 Peas Carrots	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Wholemeal Pitta 5 Carrots Green Beans	Chips Peas Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Tuna Mayo, Beans, Cheese) Selection of Wraps & Sandwiches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Fruit Cocktail				
Dessert	Chocolate Arctic Roll 4, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Homemade Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Fresh Fruit Selection	Chocolate Milkshake 10 Homemade Cookie 5, 10, 12
	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Choobs 10	Raspberry Jelly	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10



End of Year Awards 2025/26



Achievement

Reception

Yousaf B
Angelo A
Zayden A

Year 1

Maaz K
Dawand S
Aizah J

Year 2

Noor F
Rohaam A
Asma K

Year 3

Evaa R
Shrayan K

Year 4

Hadi S
Adam S
Inas R

Year 5

Noor A
Nitika K
Umamah A



Effort

Reception

Muhammad Z
Shayaan S
Addas A

Year 1

Lmar A
Jannat M
Aqsa A

Year 2

Hawraa A E
Meghaswi C
Jawaad A

Year 3

Nour A A
Tam D T

Year 4

Ikram C
Arslaan B
Ismail M

Year 5

Aarav D
Ariana G R
Fajr-Noor W

Performing Arts

Zainab K
Vanisa H
Arwaa H
Charlie S

Year 6

Effort

Leonardo S
Rania A
Amina A
Harris Ur-R
Amelia A

Sport

Mareme A
Mouhamadou A
Fatima H
Musa I

Attainment

Justin O
Musa D-D
Ayesah Nazir

Art

Thiago Q G
Aish M