



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 18th September



Important Dates

Tue 22nd Sep - Family Learning Coffee Afternoon

Thu 24th Sep - Nursery Parent Meeting
8:45am and 2:30pm

Thu 24th Sep - Y6 Healthy Eating Workshops

w/c Mon 5th Oct - Harvest Festival

Tue 6th & Thu 8th Oct - Y1 Parent Lunches

Fri 9th Oct - Hello Yellow Day

Wed 21st & Thu 22nd Oct - Y5/Y6 Fire Safety Talk

Fri 23rd Oct - School closes for half term



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

Attendance Update

(07.09.2026 to 11.09.2026)

Class	%
Halifax 1	96
Halifax 2	92.98
Halifax 3	99.23
Halifax 4	98.55
Northern Ireland	91.67
Scotland	98.1
Wales	95.5
England	95.06
Denmark	100
France	95.2
Switzerland	91.3
Canada	98
Mexico	92.26
Nigeria	96.67
South Africa	97.59
China	99.31
Japan	100
Singapore	90.38
Australia	93.45
Fiji	96.21
New Zealand	95.86
Total	95.9%

Congratulations to class Denmark and class Japan for achieving 100% attendance last week!

ParentPay



Please may we remind all parents that it is important to keep your ParentPay account

up-to-date. Not clearing your balance on a regular basis can lead to large debts which may become increasingly more difficult to clear. It is also a very time consuming job for our office staff to have to chase parents regarding outstanding debt.

If you have any questions about your ParentPay account and balance, please email admin@beechhillschool.co.uk or speak to Miss Hafiza at the school office.

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SCREEN TIME GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

A PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE | JUNE 2026



Little brains grow best through play, talk, movement and relationships.

The UK Government's latest guidance for children under 5 recommends helping young children develop healthy screen habits from an early age.

UNDER 2 YEARS



✓ Video calls with family and looking at photos together are fine.

✗ Avoid other screen time where possible.

Children learn best from face-to-face interaction, play and conversation.

AGES 2 TO 5 YEARS



Aim for no more than
1 HOUR
of screen time a day.

Less is even better when possible.

Keep plenty of time available for:



Outdoor play



Shared reading



Building & creating



Singing & storytelling



Talking together



Physical activity



CHOOSE BETTER CONTENT



LOOK FOR:

- Slow-paced programmes
- Age-appropriate content
- Simple stories
- Educational programmes designed for young children



AVOID:

- Social media
- Fast-paced, short-form videos
- AI chatbots and AI toys for young children



WATCH TOGETHER



Watch with them



Talk about what they see



Ask questions



Share and enjoy the experience together

Watching together is better for learning than using screens alone.

CREATE SCREEN-FREE TIMES

Try to keep screens away:



At mealtimes



In bedrooms



During family play time



For at least one hour before bedtime

Healthy routines help children sleep, learn and develop well.

REMEMBER



Conversation



Reading together



Active play



Creativity



Family time

THE BEST SCREEN FOR YOUR CHILD IS YOUR FACE!



UK Government

Source: UK Government Best Start for Life
Screen Time Guidance (updated June 2026).



Best Start
for Life

For further information visit:
[beststartinlife.gov.uk/
screen-time-under-5s](https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s)

OPAL Golden Welly Awards

Golden Welly winners from w/c 01.09.26
were:

Lower School

Belasan A for helping other children fasten the back of their dressing up outfit. She stopped playing to help.

Upper School

Benyamin, Vivaan, Joseph & Ismail for tidying away all of the Lego (including the tiniest bits) and playing nicely with younger children.

Aaryan H for getting the Snakes and Ladders game out and including two other children in his game.



OPAL Golden Welly Awards

Last week's Golden Welly winners were:

Lower School

Roland S for playing sensibly in Forest School.

Upper School

Elias V for showing kindness and being helpful to his peers and adults in the playground.



Dinner Menu from Monday 21st 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 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	



Gold Book Nominations



Pellon Lane - Ainda A for her amazing confidence since returning to nursery. She has a big smile on her face everyday and is so kind to others. She has done amazing singing and making friends.

Halifax 1 - Hasnain R for saying 1 more than a number to find the date and for writing the Read Write Inc letters we have learnt so far!

Halifax 2 - Anas S for a brilliant start in phonics. He has remembered all of the sounds confidently.

Northern Ireland - Emma J for producing an accurate self portrait in our art lesson. It was amazing!

Scotland - Umme A for being fantastic since starting in year 1. She always makes the right choices, works really hard in every lesson and this week has created an amazing self-portrait!

Wales - Qasim M has worked really hard in maths this week when counting backwards from 10.

England - Hurayrah A for settling back into school so well and accepting a lot of changes to his previous routine.

Denmark - Muhammad Ali A for showing excellent work in all areas of his learning since the start of year 2!

France - Hanis R for being a superb role model for her peers and showcasing all our school values.

Switzerland - Laraib G for being a fantastic learning partner and so caring.

Canada - Mujtaba S for his brilliant work ethic and his fantastic attitude to learning!

Mexico - Ameera M for a brilliant character description of Peter Rabbit.

Nigeria - Ismaiel A for always doing his best to stay focused and for being such a cheerful and friendly presence every morning.

South Africa - Ahmed I for being a super helper when he arrives in the classroom each morning.

China - Diana H for her determination in all lessons across the curriculum.

Japan - Aizah J for always doing the right thing, working hard and being an excellent role model to all.

Singapore - Ravin H for excellent contributions in lessons and kindly volunteering to support a new child at Beech Hill. Well done Ravin!

Australia - Nitika K for making a fantastic start to year 6 and excelling in all areas already!

Fiji - Mridini G for her enthusiasm and hard work in all lessons. Mridini has made an excellent start to year 6.

New Zealand - Mehak A for putting 100% effort into everything that she does.

