



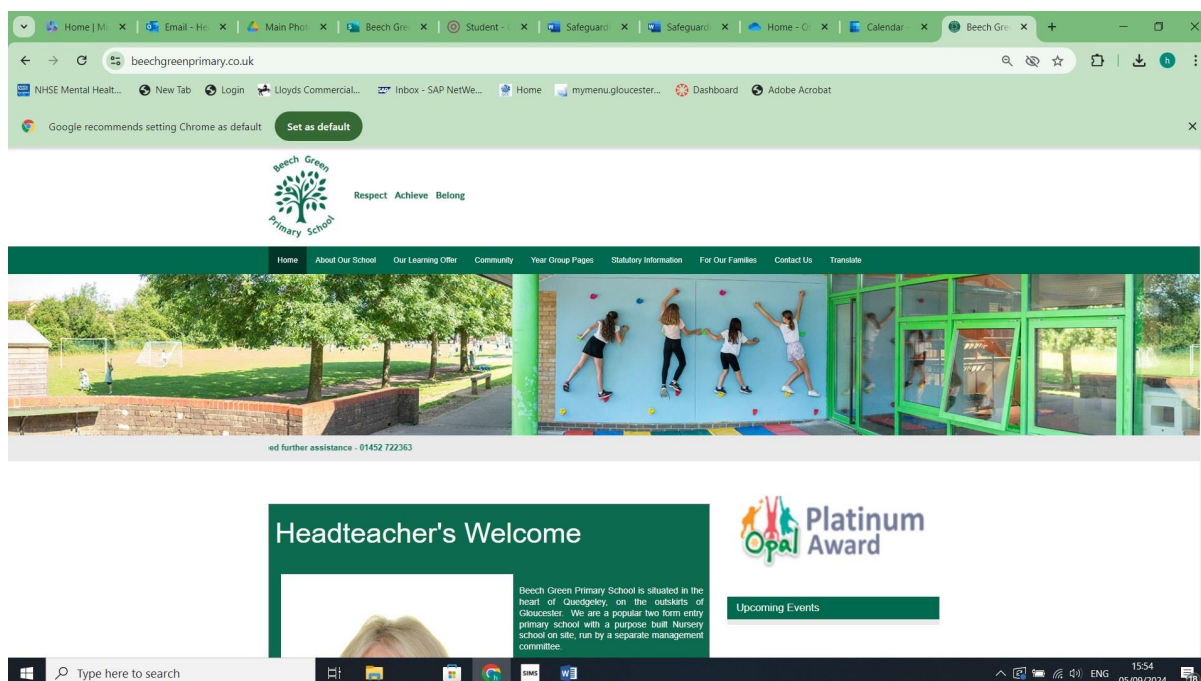
Beech Green News

Thursday 5th September

School News



Welcome Back



Welcome to the New School Term!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children back for the start of a brand-new term! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for an exciting and successful school year ahead.

Almost everything you need to know about our school including calendar dates can be found on our school website <https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/> You might not be able to view all the Term Dates and so we have attached them to this ParentMail.

Curriculum

I have listed titles to show what children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be learning this term in the table below. Each class will send out a more detailed overview of the topics being taught, which will also provide information on how to support your child. We have continued to review the curriculum, it has been adapted to support mixed year groups. We intend the changes to also enable your child to learn and understand more across all subjects.

Curriculum Headings

	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
Science	Living Things and Habitats	States of Matter	Electricity
RE	Sacred Places	Hinduism Communities in Britain	Hinduism and Hinduism Beliefs
DT or Art	Kites	Food and Nutrition Roman Bread	Drawing Henry Moore
History	The First Aeroplane Flight	The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain	World War II
Computing	Grouping Data	Branching Diagrams	Systems and Searching
Music	Menu Song	Singing	Singing
French		Greetings and Numbers	Greetings and Numbers

Extra-Curricular Activities

A reminder that extra-curricular activities will be starting up again from 16th September. With the exception of Handball, which starts on Thursday 12th September. We encourage students to explore new interests and hobbies, with a range of clubs available including mindfulness, yoga, cooking and art. Details on how to sign up will be sent out shortly. We will also send individual emails and provide a new paper copy for families that have not returned the Unique Pupil Sheet.

Parent Engagement

We highly value the partnership between school and home. To keep you informed, we will continue to send out regular updates via ParentMail; if you have a child in Reception (Cherry or Apple) you will also receive information via Tapestry.

We aim to provide an open two-way communication: you can contact the office admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk, phone 01452722363 or speak to someone at the gate or a teacher before/after school. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, please tell someone. Like you we want the best for your child and would like a chance to listen and understand. We may not be able to help straight away, but we'll always do our best to find additional support or advice.

All of the teachers included their email address in the presentation; you will also find them on the website <https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/staff>

Reminders:

- **Uniform:** Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform each day. You can find uniform guidelines on the website.
- **Punctuality:** The doors open at 8:45am. Please ensure your child arrives on time so they can start their day settled and ready to learn.
- **Healthy Lunches:** We encourage healthy eating habits. Please provide your child with a nutritious lunch and snacks.
- **Parking:** Parents and carers must not park in the school staff carpark unless they have been given permission from the school office e.g. for a limited time due to medical reasons. To keep children as safe as possible, please make sure you use the path; you can still enter through the carpark gate, which will be pulled half way to prevent cars swinging in.

- **Bikes and Scooters:** children must wear a helmet and step off their bike before entering the school gate. Staff will be reminding pupils before and after school.
- **Home Reading:** In the next few days your child will bring home their new reading record and a reading book. We can not stress enough the importance of reading. Please ensure you hear your child read a minimum of three times a week and it would be beneficial if you could discuss together what you've read. Please record all reads in the reading record. If you'd like anymore guidance with this, feel free to contact your child's class teacher

We are looking forward to a productive, creative, and joyful term. Thank you for your continued support in making our school community a great place to learn and grow.

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the new term!

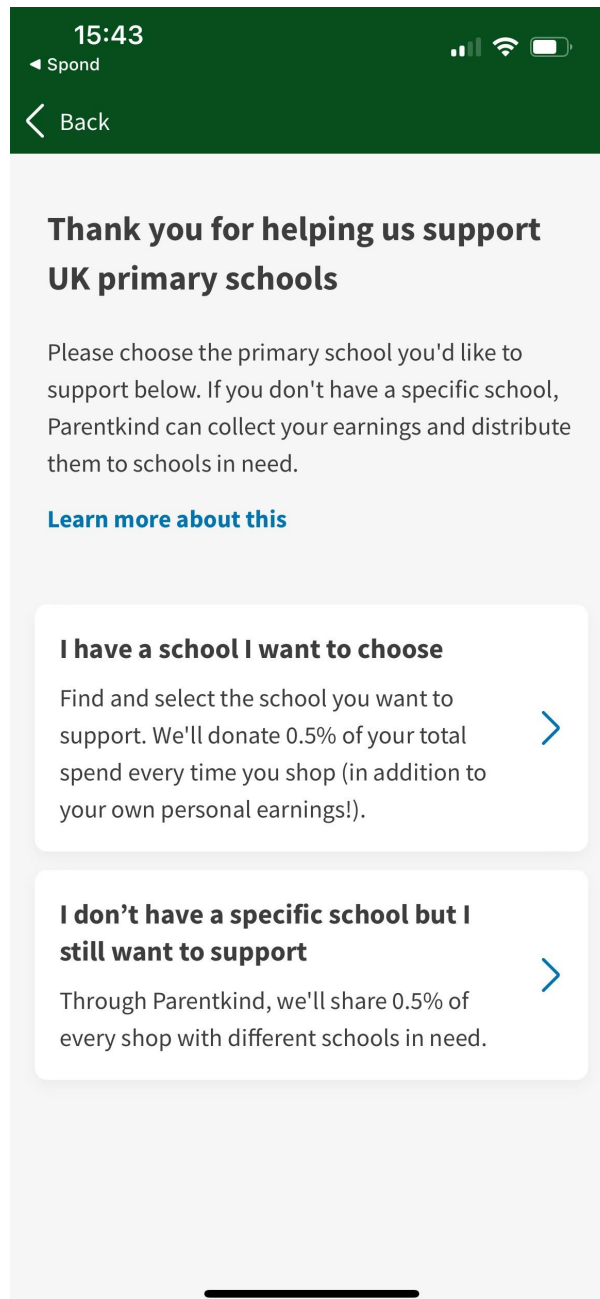


Congratulations

A huge Beech Green congratulations to our year 6 teacher Miss McEvoy, who recently got married and now returns as Mrs Smith! We would like to wish both Aimee and Gavin all the best for their future together.

Asda Rewards

Beech Green have signed up to be part of the Asda Reward Scheme. When you shop with Asda rewards, 0.5% of your total shop will be donated to school and will not have any impact on your own reward collection. This is a fantastic way for us to generate vital and necessary funding to enable us to enhance your children's education.



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Beech Green Primary School



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You'll be able to track your school's Cashpot in the next 24 hours. Keep an eye on your selected Cashpot to track their progress and see how much they've earned!

Done



Rainy days ahead

In anticipation of the winter months, please make sure your child has a pair of wellies and a pair of old trainers in school for wet playtimes. Children also need a waterproof coat. Please remember to clearly label all items coming into school.



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Every child works towards an official, exam-free, Ofqual-regulated music qualification!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The start of a new academic year is a great time to begin Rocksteady lessons. Your child can enjoy the magic of music by learning to play in their very own band through weekly in-school rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect chance to learn **new musical skills while having fun**. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost **children's self-belief, wellbeing, life skills and even academic achievement**.

Your child will progress through the Rocksteady curriculum and collect up to 300 different musicianship, performance and instrument skills along the way.

Here's what you need to know:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's **inclusive** and **accessible**.
- Your child can choose from **vocals, keyboard, drums, bass, or electric guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their bandmates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where they'll learn some of their favourite songs.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing you and their friends just how far they have come. You can also **follow their musical journey** in your **Backstage Account** for regular updates on their progress and occasional photos or videos of them in lessons.
- Loved and trusted by thousands of schools, lessons are taught by experienced professional musicians who make music education fun. Your child's band leader will **support and inspire** your child while making sure they progress at their own pace.
- Your child will work towards an official, exam-free, Ofqual-regulated music qualification, at no extra cost. The longer your child stays with Rocksteady, the further they will progress!
- It's **hassle-free** with a **money back guarantee** for the first month. You can **cancel at any time**.

Booking for September is now open. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will give you the best chance of joining a band as soon as possible.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicalschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call **0330 113 0330**.

Best wishes,
Rachel Hewker | Director of Education

P.S Did you know, in the last year more children have achieved Rocksteady's unique exam-free music qualification than the total number of students who took A-level Music?



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HERE'S WHAT SOME PARENTS AND HEADTEACHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ROCKSTEADY LESSONS



90% OF PARENTS TOLD US ROCKSTEADY LESSONS IMPROVE THEIR CHILD'S WELLBEING*

96% OF HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS BOOST THEIR PUPILS CONFIDENCE*

100% OF HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR PUPILS*



“ We have pupils who are extremely shy and softly spoken in the classroom, yet Rocksteady has helped them to grow in self-belief! ”
Sarah Slinden, Assistant Headteacher

“ Could not be happier with our son's progress. He's been doing Rocksteady for over 5yrs now. I highly recommend it to everyone! ”
Raluca, Parent

“ It is great value and being part of a band gives him so much. It's now part of his identity. ”
Theresa, Parent

“ My daughter is autistic, and Rocksteady helps her work with others and gives her opportunities to be successful. It's been great to see how much she has progressed! ”
Zoe, Parent

“ My son has loved Rocksteady over his primary school years. His confidence has grown and so has his interest in music and learning music. ”
Simon, Parent

“ Our children really feed off the teamwork and the kind and supportive tuition. We have found that confidence built as musicians translates to confidence throughout the curriculum. ”
Adam Khan, Headteacher



Enrol today at www.rocksteadymusicalschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-8pm, Mon-Thurs, 8am-6pm Fri

*From a survey of 105 primary schools and over 1,100 parents

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Holiday Vouchers

Gloucestershire County Council is committed to supporting families with 1 week of vouchers at £15 per child, per week for the October 2024 half-term.

This is funded through grant funding we have received, and is separate to that of term time free school meals and the HAF programme. The offer complements the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place through the longer holidays which can provide a meal for children attending events. Vouchers are not available as an alternative to HAF.

The Holiday Free School Meals Voucher scheme is for eligible children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium free school meals. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, or children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2) as they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for October 2024 half-term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can. Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the October 2024 half-term holiday are open from midday on 2 September 2024 until midday on 20 September 2024. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 30 September 2024. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. For more information, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Community News





Rednock School

These are the dates and times for Rednock school's Open Evening and Open Morning Events for Year 6 students and parents.

Thursday 19th September 2024: 5pm - 8pm, this is an open event where we do not need to know if the children are or aren't attending

Wednesday 25th September 2024: 9.15am - 10.45am, this will be a ticketed event, tickets will be available 10 days prior through our website

Friday 18th October 2024: 9.15am - 10.45am: this will be a ticketed event, tickets will be available 10 days prior through our website

Dates for this Term

<https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/calendar-dates>

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Email addresses for Wildwood After School Club and extra-curricular clubs

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