



Beech Green News

Thursday 16th January

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Message from Mrs Poulson



It is good to be back at Beech Green.

Over the next couple of weeks I will make a full return. The plan is for Mrs Pope and I to work together ensuring as smooth a handover as possible. Ms Collins will remain at school while Mrs Weeks and Mrs Earl are unwell.

Coming back I can see some really positive changes, which we will tell you more about over the next term. One of the most visual is the timeline display in the corridor, created by a local artist and some of our pupils. It is a beautiful piece of work which will be a daily reminder of our curriculum and key historical facts.

A couple of reminders: thank you for pushing your bike or scooter through the school. The school gates are open from 8:40am and from next week we aim to close them at 8:50am; our school day starts at 8:45am. We will work on being prompt with gates and doors, please always speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Poulson

Headteacher



Message from Mrs Gough

I have loved getting to know our Beech Green councilors and working with them to find ways to support and improve life at Beech Green for everyone. They have been brilliant at coming up with ideas and they are a passionate group to represent all of the classes. I am thrilled to announce that we raised £30.60 at the Christmas Fayre. This will be spent on soil to replant 8 containers with spring bulbs to brighten up the school grounds next year. We were very lucky to be donated 400 daffodil bulbs, thanks to Poppy in Year 5. We will be aiming to get them filled early next term.

I'm excited to see what else we can achieve in 2025!

Adult Education

Adult Education are offering a free course to parents on a Wednesday morning on the theme of Safeguarding. In the unit you will learn about safeguarding children both in schools and nurseries, and the legislation you need to know when working with children. The course will run from February 12th to March 19th. For more information please email the school office, admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk



FEBRUARY CAMP

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Welcome to the Book Corner





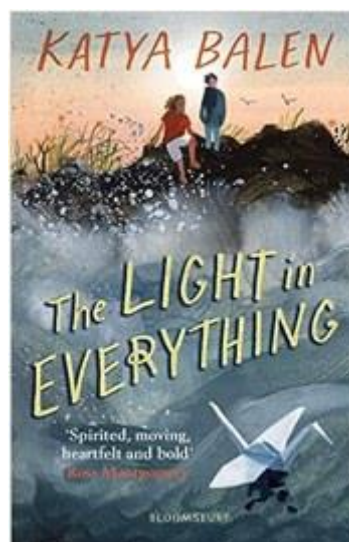
The Witchling's Wish

By Lu Fraser, illustrated by Sarah Massini

This rhyming picture book conjures a world of friendly magic, with blue owls, earwaxy lizards and a wobbly knobby broom.

A thoughtful witchling is lonely in her inky bat cave home. The story deals with fear and bravery, kindness and generosity in a charming and direct way. The illustrations by Sarah Massini have a balance of detail and movement that perfectly reflects the story of the little witch's journey to find a friend.

A great book for children learning about being brave and making new friends.



Light is Everything

The Katya Balen uses the natural world to frame this tale of blended families, grief and loss.

Zofia and Tom each have their own reasons why they don't want their parents to move in with each other but when they hear that Tom's mum is going to have a baby life goes from bad to worse. Fortunately, a shared building project and the kindness of new friends help

fearful Tom and angry Zofia start to trust each other as they come to terms with their new life.

As with other Balen novels, this is full of beautiful imagery and is rich in detail. It is written in a dual narrative form with very short chapters which should appeal to many readers. There are even illustrations at the end to make your own paper crane – we challenge you to give it a go!!

Reviews from readforgood.org/

Sports News



Hunts Grove football club is in need of more players, especially those in years 4 and 5. If your child is interested in joining, please contact the club directly.

www.huntsgroveyfc.co.uk

Community News



Help if we Can

Help if we can is a local charity and has arranged the following events.

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY at Severnvale School (by kind permission) **AN EVENING of MUSIC and SONG** (based on the BBC TV Last Night of the Proms). Starts at 7.00pm (seats for 6.45pm). Tickets are £7.50pp. One of the best bands in the country, plus 2 choirs, plus soloist, plus Bar, refreshments and raffle. Dress optional, bring bunting, etc.

VE DAY 2025 is on Thursday 8th May at the Quedgeley War Memorial. Assemble for 1045am. This will commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Everyone welcome.

WINTER QUIZ NIGHT. At The Thatch in Bristol Road, Quedgeley. Teams of 4 £6. Book in with your team name. Food, Raffle and of course excellent Bar. Tables limited.

For more information, please contact Steve Smith bulldog.smith@btinternet.com or 01452 725343



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition

Earache

Impetigo

Infected insect bites and stings

Sore throats

Sinusitis

Uncomplicated urinary tract

Shingles

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst) as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

Registered Charity Number: 1035546

SPRING CENTRE ACTIVITIES



SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE (0- 35 YRS)

YOUNG ADULTS - AGE 16-35
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 09:15 - 15:45
 We timetable a range of activities in the centre and in the community, including swimming, bowling, shopping, baking or socialising with other groups and communities or day trips out.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - OVER 8'S
MONDAY - THURSDAY 15:15 - 17:45
 Children enjoy a range of fun activities with your peers, in a friendly environment. Meal included.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - OVER 8'S
MONDAY - THURSDAY 10 AM - 3 PM
 Fun and inclusive activities at the centre, including booked entertainment or trips out. We offer a range of sensory activities.

COMMUNITY SESSIONS
MONDAY TO THURSDAY AM & PM - TERM-TIME ONLY
 An opportunity for community groups/ schools wishing to use our facilities with their own support workers.

AUTISM/OUT OF SCHOOL SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10:00-12:00 - TERM-TIME ONLY
 Aimed at supporting families with children who have autism and currently out of education or on a reduced timetable.

FAMILY STAY & PLAY SESSIONS - UNDER 5'S
THURSDAY 10:00 - 12:00 - TERM-TIME ONLY
 An opportunity for parents to access support services, to meet others and to provide play and social opportunities.

Donate Here!

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 www.springcentre.org

Gardner House, Olympus Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 4NF

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HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Our charity has been established for more than 30 years and we have built a caring and nurturing environment where the children and young adults can enjoy their time with us. Our services provide opportunities for children and young people and their families to access a tailored programme of activities aimed at improving and enriching quality of life.

FUNDRAISING

Host your own fundraising initiatives and activities. You could arrange a cake sale, coffee morning or a sponsored walk or run. Make a one off donation or sponsorship, regular donations, support events, choose us as your Charity of the Year or nominate us for grant opportunities.

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for After School Club and holiday session support workers, minibuss drivers, cooks, support with admin and marketing, and help with DIY/maintenance.

DONATE

Donate products or services, payroll giving, display tin in your office or shop.

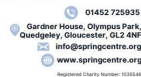


Donate Here!



Children with SEN DAY CARE SERVICES

0-16 YEARS



OUR SERVICES

WE OFFER A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR 0-16 YEAR OLDS

At the Spring Centre we help children with a wide range of additional needs and disabilities, from mild to severe learning disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Autism, and children who have not been formally diagnosed.

SEN FAMILY SESSIONS - under 5's

THURSDAY 10:00-12:00 - TERM TIME ONLY
An opportunity for parents to access support services, to meet other and provide play and social opportunities for preschool children and their siblings.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - OVER 8'S

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 15:15 PM-17:45 PM
Children enjoy a range of fun activities with their peers, in a friendly environment. Meal included. Transport from Milestones school provided.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - OVER 8'S

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10 AM -3 PM
Fun and inclusive activities at the centre, including booked entertainment or trips out. We offer a range of sensory activities, themed to the relevant holiday and promote physical activities.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10:00 - 12:00
TERM-TIME ONLY
Come and use our facilities with your own support workers



Registered Charity Number: 1020648

OUR VALUES

We understand that children and young adults who have additional needs and disabilities face an incredible number of challenges during their lives - their families may face many challenges as well, whether that be coming to terms with their child's problems, needing specialist help, or having someone who understands.

Our services are designed to give help and support when and where it is needed most and are delivered by people who are trained and qualified and some who are living through the challenge of supporting an additional need child themselves.



OUR FACILITIES

We have some wonderful onsite facilities including:

- Bright colourful playroom
- Sensory room with engaging lights, music and textiles and games
- A large playroom
- Kitchen and dining room
- Two minibuses

- Our outside facilities include:
- A sensory garden
 - A fully enclosed play area
 - Swings
 - A trampoline
 - A roundabout
 - Variety of bikes, trikes and go-carts

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21st GLOUCESTERSHIRE Young Photographer of the Year 2025



We invite all Gloucestershire pupils to enter **ONE Image - any subject**

PRIMARY & SECONDARY AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE £70
& RUNNER UP CASH PRIZES

Best Secondary & Primary School Entry
GYP TROPHY

ENTRIES CLOSE
**FRIDAY
MARCH
7th**

Please submit your entry to your school representative before the closing date

SELECTED IMAGES will be **CINEMA PROJECTED** at the Awards evening, **CHELTENHAM PLAYHOUSE** on Tuesday April 29th

For further information ask your teacher or visit:
www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk
email: GYP@cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk

Organised by Cheltenham Camera Club
Supported by Cheltenham Arts Council
& Cheltenham Round Table

Dates for this term

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

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