



Beech Green News

Thursday 1st May

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Message from Mrs Milford



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you had a restful Easter break. It's lovely to see the children return with such enthusiasm, and we're enjoying the warm weather together. Please remember to ensure your child comes to school with a sun hat and water bottle, and that sunscreen is applied before they arrive each morning. Even though the temperatures aren't exceptionally high at the moment, some of the classrooms are starting to get warm. We want to ensure the children stay hydrated, are able to focus on their learning and feel as comfortable as possible.

This is an important term for all pupils as they prepare to move up to their next year group in September. It is especially significant for our Year 6 pupils, who will be taking their SATs assessments and getting ready for the transition to secondary school.

Your continued support at home with reading and homework makes a real difference. By regularly practising their learning, it helps the children reinforce and strengthen their knowledge and skills. It also builds good habits that will serve them well in secondary education.

We're looking forward to another busy, fun-filled term full of learning and exciting opportunities.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Best wishes,

Mrs Milford



Values Award

Mylah and Phoebe were awarded a values certificate this week for demonstrating kindness towards others. Well done girls!

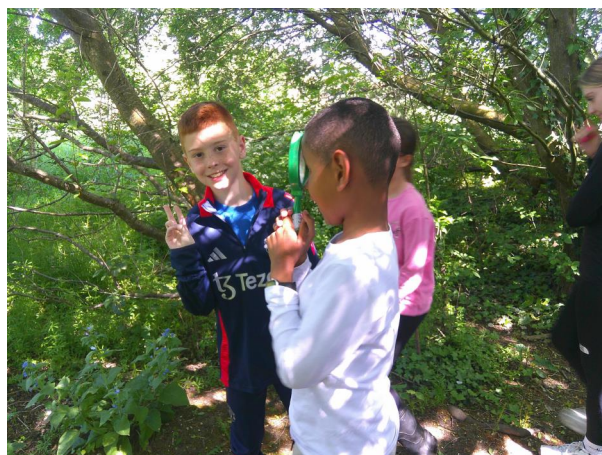


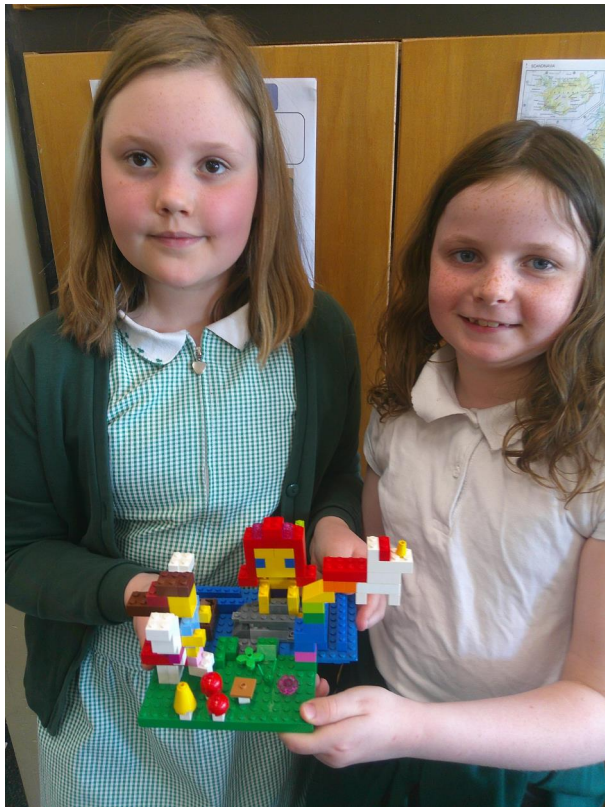
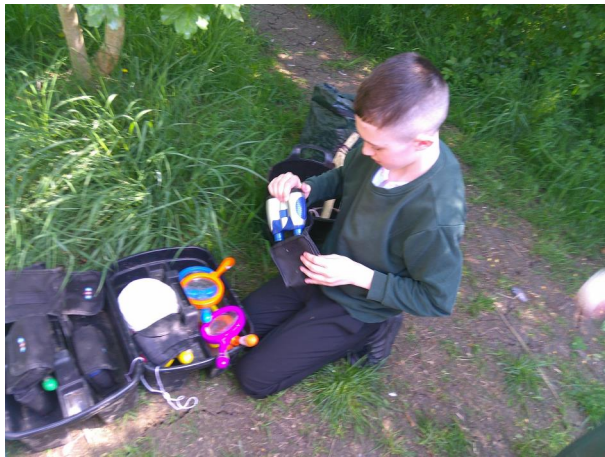
Year 3 & 4

The DT topic for year 3 and 4 last term, was textiles. The children learned about Mola patterns from Panama. The word "mola" means shirt or blouse and they are worn by the indigenous people. Children designed their pattern and learned sewing skills so that they could add contrasting running stitches for effect!

Year 5 Forest School

Year 5 have been lucky enough to have some stunning weather for their forest school session this week. The classes have enjoyed whittling wood, making dens, climbing trees, using water in the mud kitchen and using binoculars to look at the birds and leaves.





KS2 Lego Club

In Lego club, children were challenged each week to make a creating based on a theme (food, transport, space, etc). The children would end each session by showing and explaining their creations to the rest of the group. In the final week, children could let their imaginations run wild and could make whatever they wanted.



Dogwood class rewards day

Dogwood children worked hard to fill their jar with 50 marbles and were rewarded with a fun day on the final Friday of term. Children voted to do no work, bring in games from home, play Lego, do colouring and, as a special treat, they enjoyed fruit and marshmallow kebabs covered in chocolate from a chocolate fountain!

VE Day Celebrations

Beech Green children and staff will be joining the rest of the country in celebrating VE day on Thursday 8th May. Children can come to school in non-uniform, with the emphasis being on wearing red, white and blue if possible. During the day, the children will be doing VE day related activities and learning war-time songs.

The whole school will be going out on to the field at 12pm for a picnic lunch. The school kitchen will only be providing pack lunches that day, which need to be pre-ordered via the link you will receive by parentmail shortly. If you don't wish to order a school lunch, please provide your child with a packed lunch from home.

Naggy Reminders!

Please ensure that only stud earrings are worn to school.

Please label all belongings including sunglasses and hats.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school everyday.

Please ensure long hair is tied back.

Thank you!

Uniform Bank Holiday Offer

Brigade Clothing are pleased to advise that they have a May Bank Holiday offer for your parents ordering online.

Offer: 10% Discount on all orders

Date: Saturday 3rd May – Monday 5th May

Promo Code: BANKHOL10

Website: <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

Last order date for free delivery into school is 13th June, then service switches to home delivery until 14th September.

(Place your home delivery order by 18th July for delivery before the start of term.)

Safeguarding

At Beech Green we take safeguarding very seriously, and have to act on disclosures or concerns brought to our attention. We take advice from the Gloucestershire MASH team, (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). They advise the school on procedures they need follow, and any actions we need to take.

It is not personal if we have to contact the hub. This could be by phone or a Multi-Agency Referral Form, (MARF,) being submitted. It is standard school policy and the procedures

need to be followed as we have a duty of care towards the children we support. The children and families team are there to support families at all levels. Their role has changed significantly over the years and they do as much as they can to enable families to overcome any parenting barriers they encounter. Obviously if there are serious safeguarding concerns then their intervention would be more significant but it is not uncommon for families to receive support from community social workers, family support workers and charities, whose primary goal is to offer advice and support.

For more information, please see our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy available on our website.

Attendance Matters

As school we are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97%. In the last week of the spring term, our whole school attendance was 93.4%, we did have several cases of chicken pox, which explains such a significant dip, but we also had a number of pupils who decided not to attend for the half day on Friday.

Mrs Collins is working hard to help overcome and remove barriers for families, particularly the children who are classed as persistently absent, to ensure that their child/ren can attend school as often as possible. As mentioned before half term, the impact on children can be significant - academically and socially. Please see examples below from research.

Academic:

- **Loss of learning:** Missing school means missing out on instruction, discussions, and collaborative activities, leading to knowledge gaps and difficulty keeping up with the curriculum.
- **Academic underachievement:** Research consistently shows a correlation between poor attendance and lower test scores, impacting future educational and career opportunities.
- **Difficulty catching up:** Falling behind on learning can be challenging for students, especially those who are already anxious, as they need to simultaneously catch up and engage with current coursework.

Social and Emotional:

- **Difficulty making friends:** Frequent absences can hinder social interactions and make it harder for students to build and maintain friendships.
- **Isolation and detachment:** Absence can lead to feelings of loneliness and a lack of belonging within the school community, impacting their overall well-being.
- **Reduced confidence and self-esteem:** Academic struggles and social isolation can negatively affect a student's confidence and self-perception.

Long-Term Impacts:

- **Limited opportunities:** Poor attendance can limit opportunities for higher education and future employment, as employers often consider attendance as a reflection of commitment and reliability.
- **Worse mental health outcomes:** Studies suggest a link between school absences and increased rates of anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges.
- **Increased risk of substance abuse:** Some research also indicates a correlation between school absences and higher rates of drug and alcohol use.

If you are struggling with any aspect of your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Collins, via the school office, and she will be happy to help.

Play Team Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Play Team Member to be part of our lunchtime team. The successful candidate will be able to create a safe and stimulating outdoor environment that provides social, active and creative play experiences for all but may also be expected to work inside supporting lunchtimes in the hall and classrooms. Experience of working in a primary school setting is preferable although not essential. Applicants should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which children play successfully.

The position will be for 6.66 hours per week worked Monday to Friday, term time only.

For more details, please contact Amy Bancroft 01452 722363 - option 5 or email sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

HAF Voucher Scheme for May Half Term

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 29 April until midday on 13 May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19 May.

Please check your junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If you have not received their vouchers by 26 May, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This May Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **They are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week.**

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the May Half Term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). 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.

Welcome to the Book Corner



Meesha Makes Friends

Tom Percival

Meesha finds it hard to fit in, and especially hard to make friends. One day she takes matters into her own hands and uses her craft materials to make a friend, and in doing so creates a “real” friend in Josh. Tom Percival’s newest story, short-listed for Oscar’s Book Prize 2021, is a part of the Big Bright Feelings series. It is a warm and heartfelt look at how hard it is for some children to understand social situations and how to accept differences. The interaction

between the language and the illustrations provides many discussion points to talk about with young children. It's a lovely story that will provide comfort to a lot of children.



Montgomery Bonbon: Murder at the Museum

Alasdair Beckett-King

Bonnie Montgomery is a perfectly ordinary girl – until she becomes Montgomery Bonbon, the famous gentleman detective. Together with her Grampa Banks she finds herself at the scene of a mysterious death in a natural history museum and sets out to solve the case ahead of the irritating Inspector Sands. This debut novel is full of warmth and humour. Readers will enjoy the witty word-play, the cast of strange characters and the lively illustrations which feature throughout. It's great fun and a great way to introduce young readers to the popular mystery/crime genre.

Sports News





Cheerdance News

At the beginning of the Easter holidays both Millie (Yr4) and Ella (Yr2) competed together as part of the Cheerdance Elite team, at a competition at Hartpury College.

This was Ella's first competition.

There were lots of amazing teams taking part but through hard work and dedication the team took a magnificent 2nd place in their category.

Cheerdance Elite also won the "Cheer Spirit" award (the team that shows the most cheer team spirit throughout the day.) Well done girls!

Community News





Denmark Road High School
Discover Realise Honour Shape



OPEN MORNING

Thursday 1st May 2025 and
Thursday 12th June 2025
8.45-10.30am
Headteacher Welcome Talk at 9am

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.

Denmark Road High School, Gloucester, GL1 3JN

Archway School

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We have two Open Mornings in June for you to come and see for yourselves what a wonderful, friendly, forward thinking and high achieving school we are.

Ofsted have rated us 'Good' in all areas.

Open Mornings

Monday 23rd June & Tuesday 24th June

Tours at 9.15am - No need to book, just turn up!



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For further information please contact our Year 7 Transition Team

Year7transitionteam@archwayschool.net

Key Stage 2 girls...

Join us for Stroud High School
Open Morning

9.15-11.30am Friday 2 May
or Friday 27 June 2025

Register online at
stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk



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Everything Is Possible.

Dates for this term

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

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