Beaufront First School Update

Friday 6th November 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break and have adjusted to the clock change!
After a sunny start to the week it feels very much now that we are hurtling towards winter and the excitement of festivities in December! The children are already working hard behind the scenes to prepare for our Christmas production alongside engaging in their usual learning activities in lessons. Information about parts and costumes will be along shortly!

Everyone has returned to school in an upbeat and positive mood, which is lovely to be part of. We all know that this is usually a long and tiring half term but we are all excited about the plans that we have for the next 7 (now 6) weeks!

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries, and otherwise we will look forward to seeing you at the various celebrations and events coming up.

Mrs Gemma Boucetla
Acting Headteacher

Whole School News

Attendance

Our attendance this week is 95.7%.
Nationally, the week before half term was 94.3% (awaiting this weeks). Big thank you for keeping our attendance levels high - let's keep this going for the rest of the term. Regular attendance gives your children the best chance to learn, build strong friendships, and thrive.

We have a duty of care to ensure that children are in education and that absences are kept to a minimum. We understand that illness is unavoidable and that there may be other

exceptional circumstances that mean that your child is unable to attend school. However, we do need to make sure that children are attending school regularly and on time. If for some reason your child is unable to attend, please inform school via email or telephone before 9:30 am on every day of their absence (unless an agreed absence time is communicated on day 1 of the absence, e.g. in the case of chicken pox or stomach bugs, which have strict lengths of absence). We appreciate your cooperation.

Reception 2027 Applications
The portal for Northumberland Reception places opened on 1st November 2026. Please apply for your Reception place even if your child is already in Nursery with us, as we do not control Reception places. If you need any support with this, please get in touch with Mrs Bolam or Mrs Boucetla. https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/schools/school-admissions-places-appeals/reception-entry-applications

PTA
Some members of the PTA and staff met on Wednesday this week to continue planning for the upcoming Christmas Fair. There is a lot to do for the event so if anyone who is not already involved would like to volunteer, there are plenty of jobs! If you are unable to support by volunteering, please do come along to the event and support in that way - it's going to be a lovely evening!

Christmas Fair, Friday 27th November, 5 - 8 pm
We have around 3 spaces left for stallholders at the event, so if you or someone you know would like to get involved, tables are £25 each with a further suggested donation of 5% profits (optional, of course). We are also looking for prizes for our Big Christmas Raffle. We already have some amazing vouchers and would love to make this the biggest raffle yet, so if you know of anyone who would be willing to donate a prize, again, please do encourage them to do so via yourself or by getting in touch with us.

Please email or contact Mrs Boucetla if you can help in any way, or see any of our current PTA organisers on the yard!

Please do share our flyer (attached) too!

Homework
Please continue to read at least 5x per week with your child (or if they are reading independently, please talk about what they are reading with them). For Years 1-4, please also practice spellings and encourage the children to do their best handwriting.
Year 3 and 4, keep going with the times tables practice - we can already see lots of progress!

As promised, we have our first homework project! It is going to be…
"Someone I look up to"

- **Big Question:** What makes someone a "Skill Hero," and how can we use our own skills to be like them?
- **Core Objective:** Students identify a real-life or fictional role model, evaluate them against specific **Skills Builder Essential Skills**, and apply those insights to a creative final outcome.

To enable all children to access and attempt this project, the project can look different for each key stage. Some suggestions are:

EYFS

- **Focus Concept:** Real-life helpers we know (e.g., parents, teachers, firefighters).
- **Project could be:**
    - A labelled photograph of the person
    - A job title or brief description (in the child's words)
    - What they are good at
    - Why they are important to the child
    - Why they are important to the world

Year 1–2

- **Focus Concept:** Character traits and actions (e.g., authors, athletes, or community figures).
- **Project could be:**
    - Completing a basic role model fact file or biography
    - Matching specific actions to a skill (e.g., "They didn't give up when they lost the race" = **Staying Positive**).
    - A rationale for why the child has chosen this person
    - An artistic piece of work, e.g. a portrait, a painting of the person and what they are renowned for.

Year 3-4

- **Focus Concept:** Heroes - past and present
- **Project could be:**
    - A biography of the person
    - A piece of art to represent the person or the work that they did
    - A model of what the person achieved

Projects will be shared and presented in the penultimate week and displayed for our Book Look, so please bring them into school by Friday, 4th December!

Children in Need

Children in Need is Friday, 13th November. We appreciate that there has been a lot of charity fundraising lately as well as our PTA events, so please do not feel pressured to give to Children in Need unless you are able. Either way, we invite the children to wear something bright and we will engage in some fun and active activities throughout the day (so please ensure that the children wear sensible shoes)!

All donations can be made via the Children in Need link—we are NOT taking cash donations on the day.

MCAS

Please find the link here for the Parent's User Guide to MCAS. It's not the most straightforward system to use so hopefully this might be useful.

Clubs

To contact school during club hours, please use Class Dojo messaging, choosing the staff member(s) running the clubs. We will have our after-hours mobile phone number ready for use soon and our Mobile Device Policy will apply.

Autumn Term clubs' timetable:

Beaufront After School Clubs—Autumn Term 2, 3.15—4.30 pm		**After school care, 4.30- 5.30pm**
Monday	**Art with Zoe, Ms Couzens and Miss Westgarth**	**Ms Couzens & Miss Westgarth with Mrs Bolam onsite**
Tuesday	**Cookery Club with Nicky, Mrs Cameron and Miss Snowball**	**Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla/ Mrs Cameron**
Wednesday	**Zumba with Shelly** **EYFS club with Miss Snowball**	**Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla**
Thursday	**Nature and Craft club with Ms Westgarth, Ms Couzens and Miss Snowball**	**Ms Couzens & Miss Westgarth with Mr Fox onsite**
Friday	**No club – school closes at 3.15 pm**	

Autumn Term 2 - PE and Forest School

	PE	**Forest School**
Monday		
Tuesday	Class 2 Class 1	Class 2 - am Class 1 - pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	Class 2 Class 1	EYFS - pm
Friday	EYFS	

Other Announcements, News & Useful Information

Getting in touch

If you want to get in touch with a member of staff during the day or to let us know if your child is going to be absent, please call the school office, 01434 602903, or email the admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk. Please DO NOT contact your child's teacher via Dojo, as they might not see the message due to not using their phones in the classroom. Please see the information about contacting school during club hours in the Wraparound Care information above.

With the weather cooling down it's the time of year when seasonal illnesses are likely to increase this autumn. Please follow this guidance from the NHS Is my child too ill for school? to support your decisions about school attendance when children are unwell.

The NHS have also shared the following link outlining A-Z infectious diseases across children and young people's settings.

Upcoming Dates
New dates in italics
School Year September 2026 - July 2027
Autumn Term

Friday 13 November	*Children in Need Day*
Tuesday 17 November	Skipping festival, Class 1 and 2
Tuesday 17 November	*Vision screening for Reception*
Wednesday 25 November	West End Panto in School for whole school
Friday 27 November	Beaufront Christmas Fair & Shopping Night, 5 - 8 pm (PTA)
Friday 4 December	Festive Film Night (PTA)
Tuesday 8 December	*Book Look for Parents, 3:30 - 5:30 pm*
Thursday 10 December	*Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch*
Friday 11 December	Community Christmas Performance with refreshments, 2 pm
Tuesday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Performance, 10 am
Wednesday 16 December	Whole School Christmas Performance, 2 pm
Thursday 17 December	Whole School Festive Fun Day
Friday 18 December	Break up for the Christmas holiday (1:30 pm)

Spring Term

Monday 4 January	Spring Term 1 starts
Thursday 7 January	Swimming starts - Class 2
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 February	Spring Term 2 starts
Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 February	KS2 Robinwood residential
Thursday 25 March	Break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term

Monday 12 April	Summer Term 1 starts
Monday 3 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 June	Summer Term 2 starts
Friday 16 July	Break up for summer holidays
Monday 19 - Wednesday 21	INSET days - for staff



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