

Update from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another rewarding half-term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful experiences our pupils have had. Seeing so many of our students participating in a wide range of sporting competitions and festivals has been fantastic. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportspersonship have made us incredibly proud. To find out more about all their impressive achievements, please take a moment to read our brand-new **Sporting Newsletter!**

We were also **thrilled to welcome MC Grammar** to our school—a visit that left a lasting impression on both pupils and staff.

You can read more about his visit here: [MC Grammar visits Beam County Primary](#). This event was made even more special as our very own music teacher, **Mr Logan**, has collaborated with MC Grammar on the inspiring track *Readers are Leaders*—listen here: [Shazam - Readers are Leaders \(feat. Mr Logan\)](#).

On a global note, I recently had the privilege of visiting our **sister school in Shanghai – Tianshan No 1 Primary School**, with the exciting aim of arranging

for our **More Able Mathematicians** to take part in lessons and cultural experiences there. This partnership promises to be a truly enriching opportunity for our pupils.

Closer to home, I hope many of you were able to take part in **Daring to be Different Day** on Friday—whether through **OPAL play** or tackling one of the **National Trust’s 50 things to do before you’re 11¾**, it was a brilliant opportunity to embrace creativity and adventure as a family.

Finally, to everyone in our community who celebrated **Eid**, we hope you had a blessed and joyful time. And to those who observe **Easter**, we wish you a holy and peaceful celebration.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 22nd April. Do not forget—there is a Progress Meeting on Friday, 25th April. Please ensure that you try to attend with your child so that they can participate in their learning journey.

Warm regards,
Miss Whittington

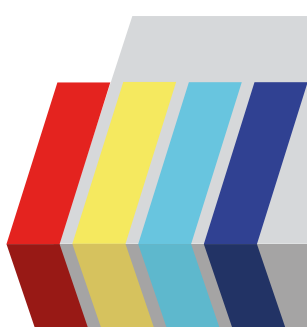
Headteacher’s Awards

1AH Denas Juodis
1BS Franek Bieszke
1HH Wiktor Olszewski
2DM David Tustanivskyy
2FT Aasiyah Chowdhury
2NH Mia-Rose James
3KY Ibrahim Bihari
3PJ Zofia Zak
3WA Srikshitha Kaparaboina
Music Sienna McKenzie

4JH Archie Stapleton
4NN Siana Karova
4SU Athjay Vijayaruban
5AW John Galanta
5CR Maleeha McLeod
5SS Zackary McCool
6DC Antonia Marin
6KW Aakhya Hegde
6OO Ayesha Asjad
Sport Akshita Rental

RKT Zakhar Tustanivskyy
RLS Mariam Khan
RON Izaan Khan
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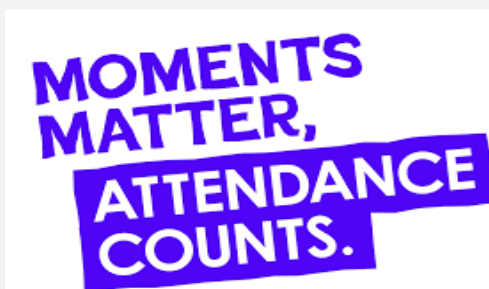
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Attendance

Why Good Attendance Matters:

- Builds a Strong Foundation for Learning:
- Prepares for Future Success:
- Increases Academic Achievement:
- Social Skills and Friendships:
- Helps Develop Good Habits Early:
- Supports Emotional and Mental Growth:



In summary, **attendance matters because it ensures children are consistently learning, socializing, and growing.** It helps them succeed academically and emotionally while establishing habits that will support them throughout their educational journey and beyond.

An attendance rate of **93% or below** typically means that a student is missing about **one day or more of school each month.**

The majority of students this term have had perfect attendance !!!!

Contact Information

IMPORTANT – If you or any of your emergency contacts have recently changed phone number, email or home address please make sure you contact the front office either by email or in person

School Uniform

Please follow the link below to see the School's uniform policy

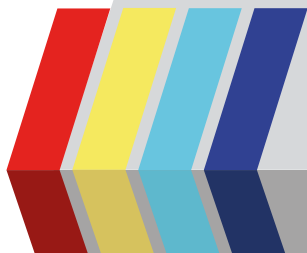
[Uniform - Beam County Primary School - Creating a Lifelong Love of Learning](#)

Pre-loved school uniform is available to purchase from the main reception. All uniform is 50p. Coats may be available (up to £3.00).

Term Dates

Next term dates: Tuesday 22th April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025





Pupil Events

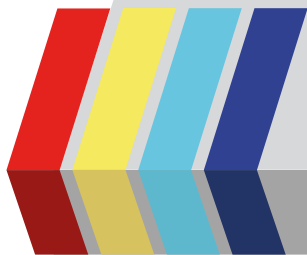
New Age Kurling and Dynamos Cricket – This half term AQ class have had the exciting privilege of participating in not one, but two Primary Panathlon Inclusion events! Children from AQ had great fun at 'trying their hand' at New Age Kurling and Dynamo Cricket, against other schools within the borough. Given that both sports were newly introduced, AQ team trumped to first place in kurling, which qualified them to representing Beam at the London Youth Games final event. Despite not securing a winning position here, our AQ children were left feeling inspired to delve further into practicing their cricket and kurling skills and they were the first Beam Team to reach such a stage at an inclusive sports event. We couldn't be prouder!



Student First Aid Workshop – our school recently conducted a basic first aid training program for all students. The hands-on training provided students with essential skills to respond confidently to minor injuries and emergencies, ensuring they are better prepared to handle such situations.

London Youth Games – We are incredibly proud of our Athletics team, who recently competed in the London Youth Games final! Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship truly shone as they finished in a respectable 8th place, representing our school with pride. Every team member gave their best, pushing themselves to the limit and showcasing their incredible effort. It was a fantastic achievement, and they did us all proud with their determination and spirit!





Pupil Events

MC Grammar school visit – We were thrilled to have MC Grammar visit our school, bringing energy and excitement to our assemblies! The pupils had a fantastic time as MC Grammar led them in interactive sessions, rapping and dancing to catchy songs all about grammar. It wasn't just the students who got involved—teachers also took part in a fun competition, rapping nursery rhymes to see who could be crowned the best rapper! The day was filled with laughter, learning, and an unforgettable blend of music and education. As MC Grammar himself said, *"What a vibe and energy! I love this school: the kids and the teaching crew. It's clear to see — everyone loves learning at Beam County! In fact, when I eventually 'drop the mic' as MC Grammar and pick up the register again; this is where I am coming to teach! Legends, all of you."*

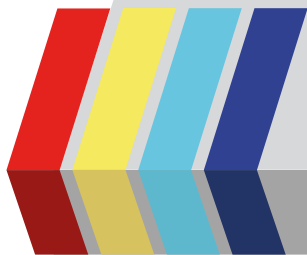


World Book Day – On World Book Day, our students had an absolute blast celebrating their love for reading! They dressed up as their favourite book characters, from magical wizards to adventurous heroes, bringing stories to life. Some even got creative and came as words or dictionaries themselves, showing off their imagination and passion for language. It was a wonderful day filled with fun, creativity, and the joy of books!

Going for Gold - We are delighted to announce that Beam has achieved **Gold** award status from OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning).

We began our OPAL journey early in 2022, and we are delighted with its positive impact on our pupils at lunchtime. The development of social skills is crucial in providing children with a positive school experience and we are confident that our children - who now have a more purposeful, enjoyable and rewarding lunchtime experience - are fulfilled throughout every part of the day, which enables them to be more receptive to learning inside and outside the classroom. This, ultimately, fits our long-held belief that happy children learn best. A special thank you to Ms Cariba, the Play Team, and Mr Purcell, as well as to all staff and pupils involved.





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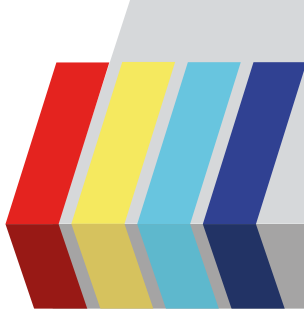
Autism Acceptance Week

As part of our staff training for Autism Acceptance Week, our team had the opportunity to take part in the Autism Reality Experience provided by Training2Care. This immersive experience simulates sensory overload, helping staff gain a deeper understanding of the challenges that some of our pupils face daily.

Our Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher led by example, gearing up and stepping into the shoes of our learners. Staff took part two at a time, allowing for reflection and discussion on how we can improve our practice.



At our school, we firmly believe in the power of experiential learning—not just for our pupils, but for our staff too. This experience reinforced the importance of reasonable adjustments, fostering empathy, understanding, and meaningful inclusion.



Places to eat this half term



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

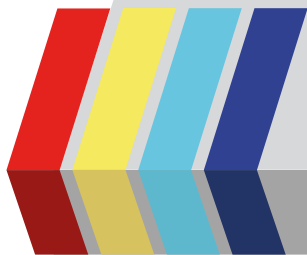
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Updates from class -

Year 6 – In Year 6, we have immersed ourselves in a range of exciting and thought-provoking topics this term. In English, we have been exploring the horror genre and are currently writing alternative suspense stories inspired by the short film *Alma*.

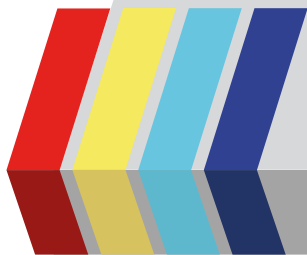
The children have enjoyed experimenting with atmosphere, tension, and plot twists to keep their readers on edge! In geography, we have been asking big questions about global equality. Through investigating the sustainability of the cocoa farming industry, pupils have developed their enquiry skills and deepened their understanding of how fair trade and ethical consumer choices can help make the world a more equal place.

Meanwhile, in history, we've travelled back in time to Ancient Athens. By analysing both primary and secondary sources, we have been using our enquiry and inference skills to uncover fascinating insights into Athenian culture, democracy, and daily life.

Year 5 – Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a pleasant Spring Term 2, marked by predominantly sunny conditions. Within the mathematics curriculum, they addressed a variety of topics, encompassing decimals, percentages, and fractions. Subsequently, the pupils engaged with the study of statistics, during which they plotted data on graphical representations. This undertaking proved beneficial in establishing cross-curricular connections with geography, where the children interpreted climate graphs, and in science, where their skills were further developed through the creation of line graphs based on their investigative findings.

The Year 5 teachers were particularly impressed by the children's dedication to their 'World Book Day' costumes and the considerate assistance many pupils offered to their peers in preparing their costumes! This occasion was a source of considerable pleasure and fostered a greater enthusiasm for reading. Aligning with the Year 5 curriculum and building upon the children's acquired knowledge of Islam, a visit to a mosque is scheduled for the upcoming week to enhance their comprehension of religions and places of worship.

The term concluded with considerable enthusiasm following a special visit from MC Grammar. The children participated in an energetic morning of dancing and confidently performed their 'antonym' song; moreover, MC Grammar himself acknowledged their commendable choreography.



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Year 4 – Our Year 4 pupils engaged in a practical geographical study, undertaking a site investigation of the areas where there are floods and collaboratively devising strategies to enhance the school's flood resilience. Within religious education, the curriculum focused on the significance of Easter, exploring various traditions such as the consumption of hot cross buns and the symbolic representation of new life through eggs.

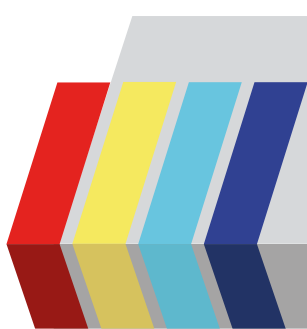
In history, the children have been studying the process by which various countries gained independence and the relevance of timelines. Furthermore, within the historical context of nations gaining independence, pupils have also begun to explore the significant historical event of the Windrush migration and its enduring relevance to the United Kingdom.

To conclude the term, all pupils were treated to a special performance by MC Grammar, an event that was met with considerable enthusiasm and appreciation across the whole school.

Year 3 –the Year 3 children again continued to develop their multiplication and related division skills using partitioning, while in literacy, they have been exploring biographies and have been developing their own biographies focusing on the life of Rosa Parks. In reading lessons, we have been reading and discussing *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*.

In RE, they have learned about Hinduism by discussing the similarities and differences to other faiths, while in science, they have explored forces and magnetism, including contact and non-contact forces. In PSHE, they have continued to learn about health and well-being, as well as some basic First Aid.

In geography, they have begun to explore the similarities and differences between England and Greece, and begun to explore the human and natural features of each country. In history, they have continued to learn about the Stone Age and the social and technological transition into the Bronze Age and Iron Age.



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Updates from class-

Year 2 – As we wrap up the Spring 2 term, we're excited to share the fantastic learning Year 2 has experienced. The children have been busy and creative this term, especially with the sunny weather! In English, they've innovated their own versions of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, enhancing their storytelling and writing skills. In maths, we've focused on multiplication, with the children mastering the 2, 5, and 10 times tables.

Geography has taken them to central London, where they've explored the importance of green spaces. In history, the children learned about the *Great Fire of London*, discovering its impact on fire safety and city planning.

In computing, Year 2 had fun creating stop-motion animations on iPads, and they're excited to share their projects soon.

It's been a busy, fun-filled term, and we're looking forward to continuing their progress in the final term of the year!

Year 1 – Year 1 has kicked off Spring Term 2 with enthusiasm and creativity! In literacy, the children had the exciting opportunity to write their own innovative stories based on Handa's Surprise, crafting their own unique narratives.

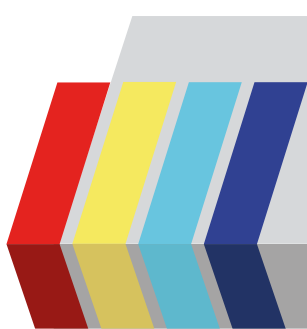
In maths, we've expanded our learning to focus on place value up to 50, and students are now exploring the practical aspects of capacity and mass through hands-on activities. The children have also been introduced to the five vertebrate groups in science, deepening their understanding of the animal kingdom.

A highlight of the term was Alien Day, a fun and memorable experience for both our pupils and parents. The day was filled with energy as students and parents came together to explore phonics. This was a fantastic opportunity for parents to see how we conduct phonics lessons and prepare for the phonics screening checks.

We also had the pleasure of meeting MC Grammar, who inspired our students to further ignite their passion in literacy!

We can't wait to welcome our pupils back for the summer term, filled with more learning adventures.





Updates from class-

Reception – We have had a busy half term learning about animals. We have looked at different texts and how to differentiate between fiction and non-fiction. We also embedded this learning into our trip to Dagenham Heathway Library. We travelled on the public bus to our local town and enjoyed reading a selection of books.

In literacy we have been developing our vocabulary by using and understanding new words such as, vast, fact, fiction, non-fiction, thick, wading and flappy. We are also developing our ability to write simple sentences using our phonic knowledge to spell words to develop our transcription skills. In maths we have continued to develop our number knowledge of the composition of numbers to 7. We can talk about the two amounts that make a given total to all numbers to 7, for example 5 and 2 make 7 and 4 and 3 make 7.

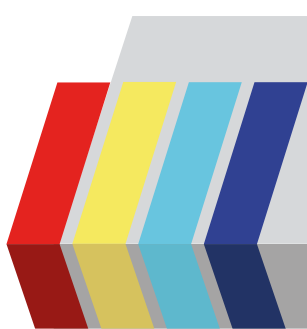
In science we have been learning about the season of spring and how some animals lay eggs to produce their young. We looked at different animal eggs and their features and are able to name the young animals that hatch.

In geography we have been learning about how rivers join seas and oceans and we took a lovely walk to our local Beam River. We know how the river has banks to protect the area from flooding.

In PE we have been learning dance using the story, Going On A Bear Hunt. We can travel by going over, under, around and through using different movements.

In RE we have been learning about the customs of Ramadan and Easter and how different communities celebrate these events.





Updates from class-

Nursery – This term has been filled with creativity, exploration, and fun learning. Here's a glimpse into what the children have been up to:

Transport Topic

The children had a blast exploring transport, making a train out of boxes, and enjoying stories like *The Journey Home From Grandpa's* and *We're Going On A Bear Hunt*. They also created vehicles from recycled materials and learned about the evolution of transport.

Maths Fun

In maths, we've been learning to subitise to 3 and exploring patterns with shapes and colours. The children have made great progress and loved these activities!

Nature Explorers

Our garden adventures have been a highlight, from watching caterpillars grow to exploring minibeasts and noticing the changes in nature as we welcome Spring.

Developing Skills

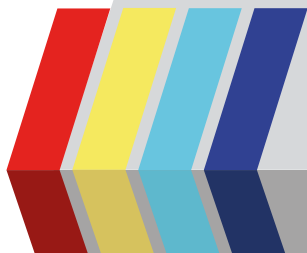
The children have been working on their fine motor skills and independence, like zipping coats and practising writing their names – they're ready for Reception!

Exploring Emotions Through Art

We've been using art to express emotions, and it's been wonderful to see the children's creativity grow.

Technology Time

The children enjoyed using digital cameras and iPads, developing their curiosity and digital skills.



Safeguarding

For more thoughts, ideas and help with keeping our children safe please see this term's safeguarding special newsletter:

[Safeguarding Newsletter](#)



Little Recyclers

IMPORTANT NOTICE!! – Collection suspended due to a Robin taking nest in the unit (how exciting to see nature at work). We will keep you posted, Tweet Tweet!!

HELP us raise funds for our school and at the same time protect the environment by donating unwanted clothes and other items such as paired shoes/jewellery/bags/belts etc.

Little Recyclers Clothing Bank is on site here at Beam County Primary School, situated to **the left of the school office, opposite our breakfast club\after school entrance.**

*Should you have any pre-loved **school uniform** that you wish to donate, please continue to send in to our school office. Where are pre-loved items are available for 50p*



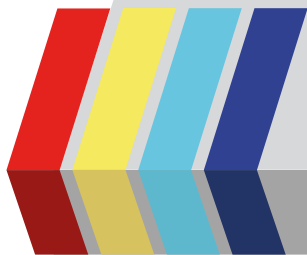
BEAM WEBSITE



BEAM TWITTER



BEAM YOUTUBE



Morning Club and Afterschool Provision

For more details on the after-school clubs available, please check our website. It provides full information on the clubs currently running, including times, locations, and how to sign up.

[Clubs and Activities - Beam County Primary School - Creating a Lifelong Love of Learning](#)

Beam Website

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to regularly visit our school website for the latest updates and important information.

[Beam County Primary School - Creating a Lifelong Love of Learning](#)

The website is a great resource for:

- School events and important dates
- Copies of letters/newsletters
- Details about after-school clubs and extracurricular activities

Upcoming Dates

Pupil Progress Meeting – 25th April 2025

Mini Marathon – 26th April 2025

Film Club Competition – 29th April 2025

May Day Bank Holiday – 5th May 2025

Y1 Upminster Windmill Trip – 7th to 9th May 2025

Year 6 SATS exam – 12th to 15th May 2025

Last day of term – 23rd May 2025

Free NHS Eye Test

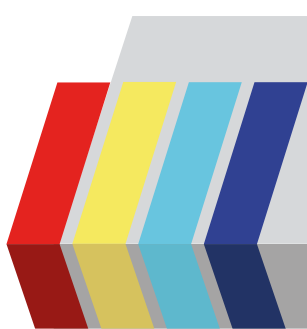
To find your child's nearest opticians click on [Opticians and sight tests - NHS](#)

Some examples of where to go are:-

Asda Opticians, Merriellands Crescent Dagenham

Specsavers Opticians, 27/2 The Mall Dagenham





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Ready, Respectful, Safe

At Beam, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self-discipline from all pupils to cultivate an environment that promotes emotional development, effective learning and high standards. Through visible consistency, we are restorative in our approach, using a range of methods and strategies to maintain positive relationships. Our three simplified core rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe, ensure that we are consistent in our approach.

You will find our updated Behaviour Policy here: <https://beamcountyprimaryschool.org/policies>

We aim to provide an inclusive, calm, quiet atmosphere in the school and encourage children to move around responsibly. Our expectations of the children can only be realised through the cooperation and support between home and school. Should any difficulties be encountered, we invite parents to work with us to resolve them. Positive behaviour is a collective responsibility within the school. This extends beyond the individual classroom to cover every child and every area of the school and playground.

If you have any concerns about a pupil, we ask that you follow the correct procedures by notifying the school through our concern form <https://forms.office.com/e/aHNLnBTvgM>, rather than approaching other children or their families directly. We often have important context regarding a family or child, and we are best placed to handle these concerns with sensitivity and understanding. This approach helps to maintain a positive atmosphere for all.

School Catering

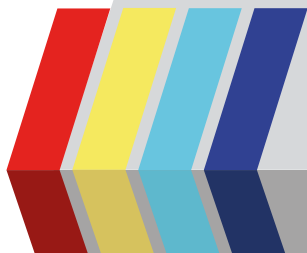
REMINDER: Parents are now required to pre-select meals in advance using our online system, ParentPay. (Please note: NO payment is needed to order school dinners). If you are unable to access ParentPay please contact the front office in order to obtain the login details The link below explains how to select a meal for your child using ParentPay.

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6265244826257>

The 3 week Menu's are now available for you on the schools website. Please note at the bottom of each menu is the week commencing date

Reminder we are a nut free school. Please ensure any packed lunch's or healthy snacks on school trips are nut free.





Parent Engagement

Parent-Child Cooking Workshop – Our recent No Waste Cookery Workshop was a resounding success. It brought together parents and children for a fun-filled and educational experience in the kitchen. Participants had the opportunity to bond while learning new cooking techniques and creating delicious dishes designed to reduce waste. The workshop, led by expert chefs, emphasised healthy eating, teamwork, and the joy of cooking together.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect, share stories, and explore the creative side of cooking. We're thrilled with the turnout and the positive feedback from all involved. A big thank you to everyone who attended – we hope this workshop has inspired more family cooking at home!



Lifeline Coffee Morning – Our monthly Lifeline Coffee Morning continues to offer parents the opportunity to meet with Lifeline charity and discuss the challenges of raising children in these difficult times

Parent First Aid Workshop – We hosted a successful Parent First Aid Workshop. Parents were given the opportunity to learn vital first aid techniques, including CPR, choking response, and how to care for common injuries. The workshop was a great success, empowering families with life-saving skills and creating a stronger sense of safety within our school community. We thank all the parents who participated and helped make this event a valuable experience for everyone!

