

Newsletter

July 2025

Update from Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of Our School Community,

As we draw the curtain on another incredible academic year, I am delighted to share some wonderful highlights and extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2025.

This year, our pupils achieved the highest *Greater Depth* figures since I began working at this school—almost 30 years ago! This is a phenomenal accomplishment and a true reflection of the hard work, dedication, and passion shown by our teaching and support staff, our pupils, and you—our ever-supportive parents and carers. This achievement embodies one of our core school values: community.

To our wonderful **Class of 2025**, who have left Beam:

Congratulations on everything you have achieved during your time with us. You have been an inspiration to your peers, role models to younger pupils, and a joy to teach and watch grow. As you take the next step into your secondary school journeys, always remember—once a Beam Warrior, always a Beam Warrior. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Carry our values with you, strive, be inspirational, and know that you will always have a special place in our Beam family. We are incredibly proud to celebrate the successes of our pupils, especially those who have secured places at grammar schools:

Tajrian K – Southend High School for Boys

Iqra Z – Chatham Grammar School

Aakhya H – Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

We wish them every success as they take this exciting next step in their educational journey.

We also say a fond farewell and send our best wishes to members of our staff who are moving on to new adventures:

Mrs Bongombe, who will be using her talents beyond the classroom

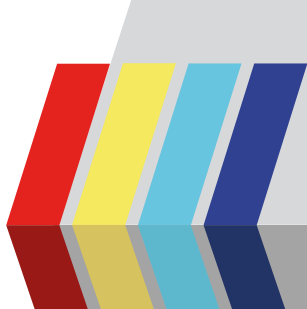
Mr Hall

Ms Honour

Thank you for everything you've contributed to our school community.

You will all be missed and we wish you all the very best in your personal journeys.





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The 2024–25 academic year has been one of exceptional achievements: Phonics, multiplication checks, and KS2 SATs results were all highly favourable, showing the strength of our curriculum and support systems.

We proudly earned Rights Respecting School Status, a recognition of our ongoing commitment to upholding children's rights and placing them at the heart of everything we do.

Our outdoor play and learning provision reached new heights with the awarding of OPAL Gold, celebrating our commitment to high-quality play experiences for all children.

A huge highlight was winning the Film Festival, with our pupil-created short film showcased at the Vue Cinema in Romford—an unforgettable experience for all involved. Not to mention the outstanding musical performances, numerous sporting events, and the rich array of activities that have brought joy, pride, and learning to our school life.

I am endlessly proud of our children and truly honoured to work alongside such a dedicated and talented team of staff. Thank you, as always, to our parents and carers for your ongoing support—and to our wonderful pupils, thank you for being the heart of everything we do.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer break. We look forward to seeing our children on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Warm regards,

Miss Whittington

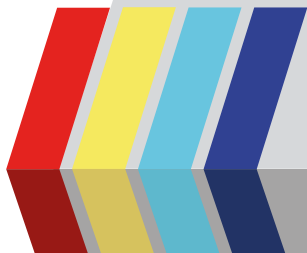
Headteacher's Awards

1AH Eduard Veselie
1BS Yasin Mohamed
1HH Bibi Safi
2DM Zaim Mansoor
2FT Effy Hughes
2NH Ibraheem Faisal
3PJ Afrad Karim
3KY David Beckley
3WA Archie Thomas
Music Raima Ahmed

4JH Arish Ali
4NN Alizay Qadri
4SU Sulem Abbasi
5AW Nathan Amoah
5CR Polina Trukh
5SS Elizabeth Smith
6DC Nikoletta Tutsanyuk
6KW Zion Mtutu
6OO David Atolagbe
Sport Emmanuel Arowosegbe

RKT Shalom Adeyemi
RLS Mahnoor Khan
RON Charlie Barr
NAD Khaysia Alexis-Green
NAM Manvi Shah
NPM Jack McCrindle
Apollo Nissi Sekamate
Atlantis Aayan Williams
AQ Maira Basit
Art Jannelle Orji





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School Updates

Year 6 – We would like to start by congratulating all of our Year 6 pupils on their recent SATs results. The children worked incredibly hard in preparing for their exams and should be very proud of their accomplishments. However, learning does not stop and pupils have continued to strive across a range of subjects. One memorable learning experience in particular includes the heart dissection that the children carried out where pupils learnt about the anatomy of the heart and how it functions in pumping blood around the body.

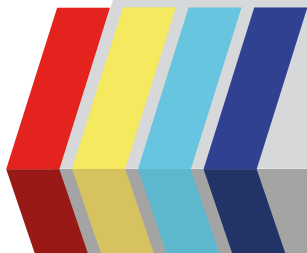
Throughout this half-term, pupils have also enjoyed a number of trips including a journey to Fried Frank law firm for Work Week; the Romford TA Centre for the borough's Junior Citizen award; and most recently a day out at Adventure Island to celebrate their time at Beam County Primary School.

Year 5 – This summer term has been vibrant and enriching for our Year 5 pupils. They kicked off with a visit to Linklaters, a top London law firm, where they confidently pitched ethical product ideas, impressing the panel with their creativity and professionalism.

Back at school, pupils brought energy and team spirit to Sports Day. They also got a taste of secondary school life with visits to All Saints Catholic School, Brooks Academy and Sixth Form, taking part in exciting lessons such as engineering, food technology, and media—broadening their understanding of future opportunities.

The Year 5 girls enjoyed a dedicated activity day filled with dance, martial arts, and box-jamming, boosting their confidence and well-being. Finally, pupils were thrilled to attend a performance of *Aladdin* at Dagenham Park Secondary School, where they showed exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm.





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Updates from class -

Year 4 – This final summer term has been a vibrant and busy one for Year 4, filled with rich cross-curricular learning. In history and literacy, we delved into the story of the Windrush generation, exploring their experiences and the lasting contributions they have made to British life today. The children showed great empathy and curiosity as they deepened their understanding through discussion and creative tasks.

In science, we've been hands-on with exciting experiments, investigating how sound travels and how the digestive system works—sparking plenty of awe and wonder in the classroom! As part of World of Work Week, we had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Queen's Theatre. The behind-the-scenes tour gave us a glimpse into the world of theatre production, and the children channelled their creativity into designing and building their own mini theatre projects.

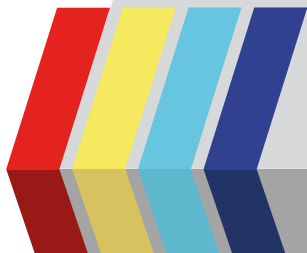
We also want to celebrate the dedication Year 4 has shown in practising their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check. Their hard work truly paid off—well done to each and every one of you!

We are incredibly proud of your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment this term.

Year 3 – During Summer 2, the Year 3 children continued to develop their understanding of measuring length, mass and capacity using the metric system, understanding what fractions are and how they can be used, as well as reinforcing the importance of knowing and applying their multiplication knowledge and use of number lines. They also developed their understanding of geometric shapes and properties. In literacy, the pupils enjoyed learning how to develop and innovate a poem using rhythm and the use of stanzas and couplets, rhyming words, alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia.

In RE, the children have begun to further develop their understanding of religious symbols as they applied this to Sikhism. For science, we have explored plant life and the mechanisms that help plants to grow, survive and reproduce. In history, the pupils have explored important aspects of the Ancient Egyptians society, including how the pyramids were built, what was found inside the pyramids or tombs, the mummification process and the Egyptian beliefs regarding the afterlife. For geography, the pupils have learned about the natural resources and how they are used, found, mined and the consequences of their usage.





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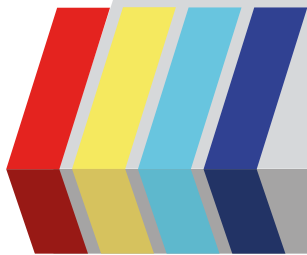
Year 2 – It's been a busy and exciting summer term in Year 2! We've explored shapes, halves, and quarters in maths and completed our imaginative potion recipes to cure grumpy grandmas—based on *George's Marvellous Medicine*. The children loved imagining the wild effects George's potion might have on farm animals, from three-eyed cows to flying chickens!

In history, we learned about the inspiring contributions of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We also concluded our geography topic on Pakistan. Sports Day was a fantastic success, and class parties were a definite highlight!

Year 1 – For our final half-term, the Year 1 children have engaged in a variety of enriching learning experiences. In literacy, we have delved into fantasy worlds with the pupils writing beautiful stories of their own. In maths, we have started learning about money which the children have found very interesting.

In the foundation subjects, the Year 1 pupils have dived into seaside holidays in the Victorian times, comparing breaks away, then and now. In RE, we have been learning about the Muslim religion, with many of our pupils being able to share their own experiences and knowledge.

Our pupils have shown their love of learning, having matured and developed in so many ways during the course of the year. We are very proud of each and every one of them, and know that they will continue to thrive in Year 2. To parents and carers, thank you for your continued support this year. As we approach the summer break, we hope that it is a refreshing time for you all.



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Reception - This half-term, Reception blasted off on an amazing adventure with our topic “Who Can Save the World?” From the very start, the children were buzzing with excitement as we explored some truly inspiring books like A Superhero Like You, A Superpower Like Mine and Superkid. These stories sparked big imaginations and even bigger ideas!

The children let their creativity fly as they designed and labelled their very own superheroes, each one unique, powerful, and ready to save the day! They tackled tricky inferential questions, and then created their own story maps—swapping out the evil character with their brand-new ones!

During Work Week, we dived into the world of transport and jobs, discovering all the amazing people who help our communities run smoothly. A highlight was the Marlborough Highways Workshop, where we had a blast learning about road safety, different type of traffic lights, and how to stay safe while out and about.

In maths, we got hands-on with rekenreks, making number magic as we explored subitising, number bonds to 5 and 10, and spotting clever number patterns. The children showed super skills and super focus.

Nursery – As the year ends, we've been busy learning, playing, and getting ready for the exciting move to Reception.

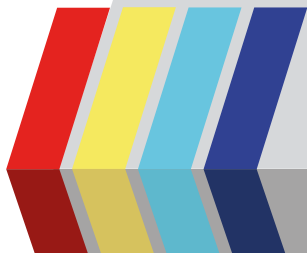
A big highlight was our very first Sports Day—the children showed amazing enthusiasm and teamwork. We were so proud of their confidence and smiles!

In our learning, we explored pushing and pulling through hands-on activities, became data collectors by charting our favourite fruits, and got creative with repeating patterns using shapes, colours, and movement.

There was also plenty of water play, where we worked together to transport water and solve problems—lots of splashing fun and teamwork!

We're so proud of how far the children have come. They're more than ready for Reception, although we'll miss their bright smiles and boundless curiosity.





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Hall Of Fame

This year has been a very successful one here at Beam. Below are some of the highlights, including a few major achievements and big wins for the school:

Places of Worship –

We are thrilled to announce that our school has emerged as the overall winner of the Places of Worship competition in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham! Our brilliant scholars shone across the board, securing first place in every category except one, where we proudly achieved the position of Best Runner-Up.

This incredible achievement is a testament to their hard work, creativity, and deep understanding of the diverse places of worship in our community. A huge congratulations to all our students and staff who contributed to this success!

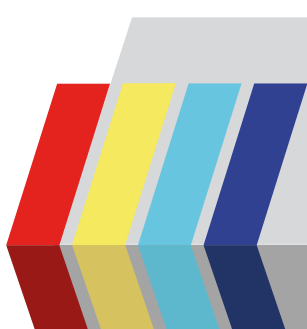


Film Club and Premiere

Earlier this year, our talented students took part in a film competition where they pitched their ideas to a panel of industry professionals. They presented with confidence, proudly representing our school community — and went on to win the competition!

Since then, their journey has been featured in the *Barking and Dagenham Post*, and they've worked hard to bring their film to life. We are proud to share that their film premiered on Wednesday 16th July, marking a truly special moment for everyone involved. What an incredible achievement!





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London Borough Finals - On 4th February, our incredible Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics team made school history by competing in the East London Final—and finishing joint first! Their outstanding performance earned them a place in the All London Finals in March, where they proudly represented both Beam and Barking & Dagenham as the first ever school from the borough to reach this stage. A phenomenal achievement that showcased the determination, teamwork, and talent of our young athletes. We're so proud of you all!



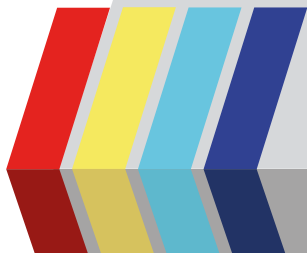
Brilliant club and Graduation - We are incredibly proud to celebrate our amazing pupils who have recently graduated from The Brilliant Club!

These pupils took part in a university-style programme, working with a PhD tutor to study a challenging topic beyond the usual curriculum. They showed brilliant thinking, determination, and a love of learning — just like real university students!

After weeks of hard work, each pupil completed a challenging 1000-word essay on **Law: What are Rights?** and attended a special graduation ceremony at SOAS University in London — what an achievement!

A huge WELL DONE to our Brilliant Club graduates, Mrs Kryeziu and Mrs McKenzie. You've inspired us all to aim high, think big, and believe in ourselves. Keep reaching for the stars, everyone!





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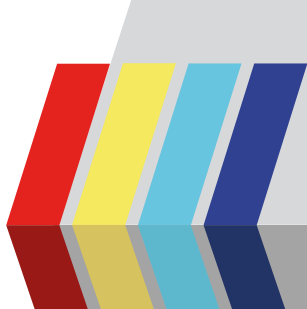
Pupil Events

International Day – On Friday, June 27th, our school was filled with excitement as students arrived dressed in their vibrant traditional or heritage clothing for International Day! The hallways buzzed with energy as children proudly showcased their unique outfits, each one telling a story of their family's culture. It was a day of laughter, learning, and connection as students shared stories about their clothes and traditions with their friends. From twirling skirts to intricate patterns, everyone enjoyed the fun of celebrating where they come from. It was a day that truly brought the school together, reminding us of how much joy there is in celebrating diversity!



Work Week – During Work Week, our children took part in a range of exciting trips and hands-on workshops, learning about a variety of careers. They visited law firms to discover what it's like to work in the legal profession and had the opportunity to meet professionals from different fields. In school, visitors came in to share their skills—including a brickwork demonstration where children got to try building. These experiences sparked great enthusiasm, encouraged curiosity, and gave the children a valuable insight into the world of work.





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Beach day – Our SEND provision classes, Apollo and Atlantis, recently enjoyed a fantastic beach-themed day right here at school! Staff transformed the outdoor area into a seaside paradise, complete with sand, water play, and even a pretend ice cream van that brought plenty of smiles.

The children loved the sensory experience and had a wonderful time exploring, playing, and relaxing in the sunshine. A big thank you to the dedicated teachers and support staff who made this special day possible – it truly felt like a day at the beach!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 1st September – Tuesday 2nd September- The School Office will be open for the purchase of uniform and enquires from 9am to 12pm

Wednesday 3rd September – First Day of Term

Monday 8th September – Friday 12th September – Year 6 Trewern Residential

Tuesday 14th October – Individual and Sibling Photographs

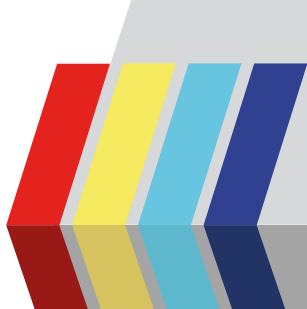
Thursday 23 October – Last day of term

Beam Website

For all up-to-date information on term dates, forms, and breakfast and after-school clubs, please visit our website:

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





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Parent Support Advisor

As we approach the end of another busy school year, I would like to wish you all a very good break from school routines. It's been a pleasure to working with so many of you whether its been through drop in sessions or coffee mornings.

Holidays can be a great opportunity to rest and have family time. However, I know for some it can bring challenges around routines, childcare or managing behaviour. Remember you are not alone. Please look at the LBBB website for activities around the Borough. There are also community organisations and local services that can offer support.

LBBB - [Free holiday activities | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham](#)

Heathway Library [Dagenham Learning Centre Community and Family Hub | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham](#)

Lifeline – projects/champions support network [LifeLine Projects - Impacting individuals, influencing systems](#)

Futures Barking and Dagenham Youth Zone – [Home - Future Youth Zone](#)

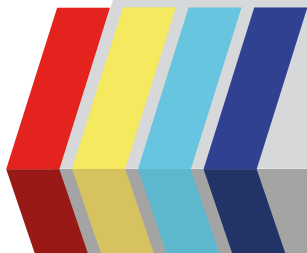
SEND/Schools Out/localoffer - [Home - Barking and Dagenham SEND Local Offer](#)

A final thought, whether your heading off on holiday, enjoying time at home/with friends and family, I hope the summer gives you a chance to slow down and connect with each other.

I look forward to seeing you again in September, recharged and ready to start the new School year.

Diana Huskie
PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER





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Ready, Respectful, Safe

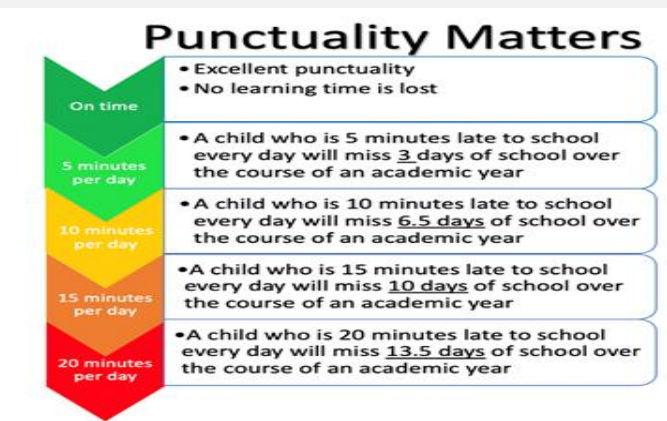
At Beam, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self-discipline from all pupils to cultivate an environment that promotes emotional development, effective learning and high standards. Through visible consistency, we are restorative in our approach, using a range of methods and strategies to maintain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

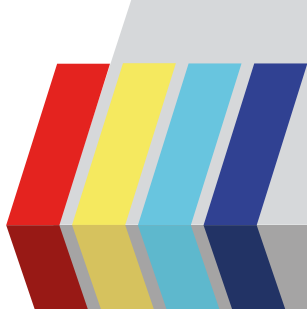
You will find our updated Behaviour Policy here: <https://beamcountyprimaryschool.org/policies>

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.

Attendance

We're proud to celebrate our Y6 pupil Jesse Don-Osawaru, whose remarkable commitment to school has earned him the title of *Attendance Champion*. With an outstanding **99.9% attendance throughout his entire school life**, Jesse has set a shining example of dedication, consistency, and resilience. Well done, Jesse!





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Little Recyclers

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 our pre-loved items are available for 50p*



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.

Contact Information

IMPORTANT - If you have changed any contact or address details please inform the school by email at Office@beam.bardaglea.org.uk

Term Dates

We return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

