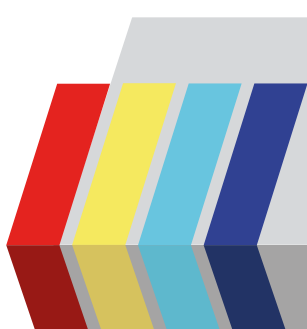




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## Update from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As our pupils embark on a well-deserved break, we hope this time allows for rest, rejuvenation, and quality time together. Whether planning exciting adventures or enjoying quality time at home, we encourage you to cherish these moments.

Thank you for your continued commitment and entrusting us with your child's education and well-being. We look forward to welcoming them back after the break, refreshed and ready for the adventures ahead.

I wish you all a joyful and relaxing half-term!

Regards,

Miss Whittington  
Headteacher

## Headteacher's Awards

Nursery 1 Zayan Alam  
Nursery 2 Halle Adebiji  
RST Harry Smith  
RLS Maya Constantin  
RMK Viavo Kuwankanu  
1BC Aleena Passa  
1HH Zubair Jawaad  
1NH Hafsa Rahman  
Apollo Jason Castro Candelaria  
Art Suraiya Ahmed

2DM Jasmine Newland  
2FT Temitope Akanji  
2MC Skylar Plucknett  
3JS Adedolapo Oloko  
3KY Sarah Voicu  
3WA Ayra Ahmed  
4JH Simarjot Kaur  
4NN Sulayman Ahmed  
4SU Nathan Amoah  
Sport Avneet Kaur

5AW Romaisa Latif  
5LR Mustaqiim Uddin  
5SS Amna Khan  
6DC Ramon Marin  
6LW Ayaat Miah  
6PR Tallulah Benjamin  
Atlantis Safa Ahmed  
AQ Zarin Islam



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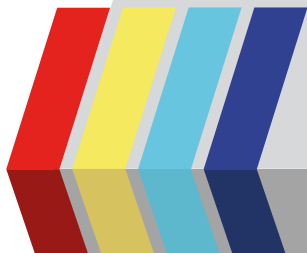
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## Parent Coffee Morning

Coffee and chat, last Wednesday of every month, 8:45 to 10:30 in the dining hall. Please check on school website for dates.

## Sport

Our Year 4&5 football team won our first game at Goals 9-0, our next 3 games will be at Goals. Year 6 have won their two games, they are in the quarter finals of the Essex cup for the first time ever.

Also the Year 3&4 sports hall team won the Borough Finals at Eastbrook school that is two years in a row can we make it three next year.

Well done to everyone, especially the pupils who did not quite make the team but they are just as important helping the team to get better.

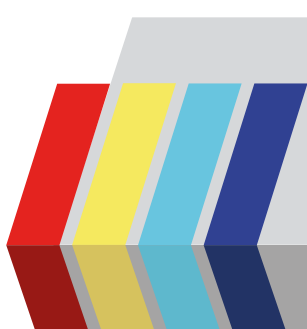
## Upcoming Dates & Events

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Pupil Progress Meeting
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Polling Day - School Closed
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Pupil Progress evening





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## House Captains

We are delighted to announce our new House Captains and Deputy House Captains to our expanding list of pupil leadership roles at Beam!

Viridus	Caeruleum	Flavum	Rubrun
<b>House Captains</b> Faith (6) Hooriyah (6)	<b>House Captains</b> Saira (6) Ellie (6)	<b>House Captains</b> Ayaat (6) Markus (6)	<b>House Captains</b> Cainan (6) Mariya (6)
<b>Deputies</b> Keanny (5) Ne'arra (5)	<b>Deputies</b> Sienna (4) Leon (4)	<b>Deputies</b> Radhika (5) Esther (4)	<b>Deputies</b> Iqra (5) Ethan (5)

All children are assigned to a 'House' and are awarded house points for a range of reasons: academic achievement and progress, effort and attainment, behaviour and manners, helpfulness, home learning projects, representing the school in sporting activities or their conduct in other off-site activities. In addition to this, we also run house competitions throughout the year, designed and implemented by the house captains and deputies.

Our Houses are a reflection of our chosen foreign language taught at Beam, *Latin*:

**Rubrun** (Red Team), **Caeruleum** (Blue Team), **Flavum** (Yellow Team) and **Viridis** (Green Team).

When children reach Year 6, they have the opportunity to apply for the role of House Captain and in Years 3-5 for the role of Deputy; a role which is both highly regarded and highly sought after! Pupils applied for the role by completing an 'application form' outlining how they believed they could fulfil the role before all pupils were able to vote for their representative in our Beam ballot box.

As part of the wider curriculum at Beam, we understand the importance of providing more opportunities for our pupils to take responsibility and develop leadership skills. Some of the ways provided where their skills are developed are within Pupil Parliament, Sports Leaders, Beam Monitors, Wellbeing Ambassadors and Eco Team.

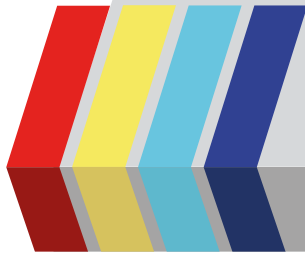
Children are updated during school assemblies about which house has the most points thus far. At the end of each term, the house with the most points wins a house celebration event to reward and treat their efforts for the term.

Sit amet incipere! (Let the fun begin!)





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## Little Recyclers

We are pleased to announce our involvement with 'The Little Recyclers' which aims to raise funds for the school whilst fostering a sense of community involvement and social responsibility amongst pupils, teachers and parents.

We have been provided with a new recycling clothing bank which is now available for donations, situated to the left of the school office, opposite our Breakfast club\After School entrance.

We think that perhaps the February half-term would be an ideal time for us all to have a clear out of any unwanted items.



*Should you have any pre-loved school uniform that you wish to donate, please continue to send in to our school office.*

## School Uniform

We do have a school uniform and all children must wear it. This can be purchased from the school office along with our Preloved range.

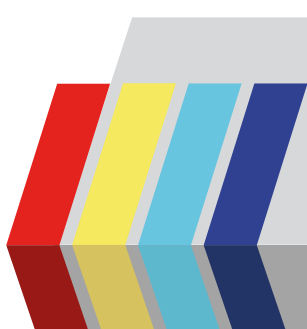
The fundamental reason for the school having specific standards on dress and personal appearance is to prepare our pupils for a successful educational and personal career.

This term we have had a large increase in the amount of lost property found in the school. Please ensure that you place your child's name in **ALL UNIFORM, COATS, HATS, GLOVES AND BAGS.** If your child has lost an item of their uniform please come to the front office before or after school to check in the lost property.





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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 co-operation 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 have been asked to share the following important links from Matthew Cole, Director of Public Health

[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2023/12/14/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-term/)

[UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice)

From 8 January, the Government is launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance.

***'Moments matter, attendance counts'***

## Punctuality

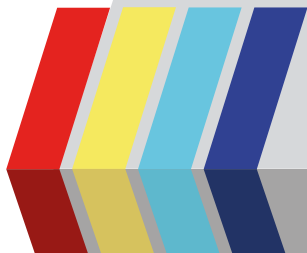
School starts at 8:30 and gates shut at 8:40 prompt. Arriving late disrupts the class and children's learning.

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 learning days lost each year





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## Health

Measles cases are rising in London.

Any child aged 4-16 who has not received the MMR Vaccine can receive a free vaccination on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Mayesbrook Sport house and Gym on Lodge Avenue.

Letter from Matthew Cole, Director of Public Health

For More information please see website

## School Catering

Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023-24 school year. The Mayor of London is providing this funding as an emergency cost of living support measure. **This has now been extended to the 2024-25 school year.**

Children who are entitled to free school meals because of family circumstances bring an additional £1,320 into the school budget. Therefore, if your child is entitled to FSM you still need to apply and register your entitlement, otherwise the school will not receive this additional funding. To register please go to the website below:

<http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-school-meals-pupil-premium>

Please ensure if your child brings in their own packed lunch, they have their name clearly labelled and the contents **do not** contain nuts or fish

## Term Dates

First day of term is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

