

Newsletter

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Update from Headteacher

Dear Class of 2026,

As you leave Beam for the final time as our pupils, I want you to know how immensely proud I am of every single one of you. You have grown into thoughtful, resilient and kind young people, and you leave us not just as the Class of 2026 but as Beam Warriors - a title you have earned and one you will carry with you always. As you make the transition to secondary school, I wish you every success. Work hard, be brave, look after one another, and remember that Beam will always be your school and we will always be cheering you on.

You have also made history. You were the very first year group to enjoy a Beam sleepover - a night of great fun that none of us will forget - and you gave everyone a Teachers v Pupils match which will not be forgotten! I am gutted to note that the teachers won 1-0, which, I might gently point out, is a better result than the England team managed! Well played to everyone who took part. The pupils certainly made the teachers work for it (especially Mr Wilson)!

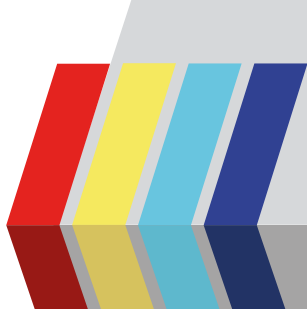
Farewell to members of our Beam family

This summer we also say farewell to some very special colleagues as they begin their retirement: Mrs Seaborne (Midday), Mrs O'Connell (Midday), Mrs Bass (Nursery Nurse), Mrs Letts (Cleaner), Mrs McDowell (Nursery Nurse) and Mr Hoyte.

Having worked at Beam for nearly thirty years myself, I can say with certainty that a school is not its buildings - it is its people. These colleagues have been the quiet, constant heartbeat of Beam: the warm welcome at lunchtime, the reassuring hand in Nursery, the care taken over every corner of our school, the encouragement, love, dedication and passion on the sports field. Between them they have given decades of devoted service, and generations of Dagenham children - including some of your parents - have been looked after, listened to and loved by them. They are not simply colleagues; they are friends, and they are family. Saying goodbye is hard, but it is softened by real happiness, because after giving so much of themselves to others, they have truly earned the reward of retirement.

I thank them from the bottom of my heart and wish them long, healthy, and joyful years ahead. Once a Beam Warrior, always a Beam Warrior!





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We also say two very exciting goodbyes this summer. Mr Howard sadly (but we are happy) leaves us to pursue his own dream of becoming a teacher, and we could not be prouder of him for taking that leap - Beam gave him his start, and we know he will make an outstanding teacher himself one day soon. We also say goodbye to Mr Purcell, who leaves us this summer. We thank him for his work with our pupils and wish him well for the future. And Mrs Russo, an exceptional member of our team, is moving abroad to teach with her family. Her energy, care and talent have made a real difference here, and while we are sad to see her go, we are thrilled for the adventure ahead of her and her family.

We welcome to the Beam Team Ms Ogunmokun. Ms Ogunmokun will be joining the year 4 team.

Our sporting legacy

Throughout my thirty years at Beam, this school has always enjoyed an excellent reputation for sport. During my tenure that tradition began with Mr Freeman, then a class teacher, and it has been carried forward proudly ever since. This year has been no exception. We are determined that this legacy will continue to go from strength to strength, and I would like to thank all our staff for their extra-curricular contributions - the clubs, the fixtures, the early starts and the late finishes. It is this generosity that makes Beam what it is.

Class of 2026 - thank you for everything you have given this school. Go and make us proud. You already have.

With warmest wishes

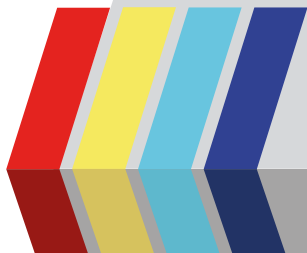
Miss Whittington

Headteacher's Awards

1DM Martynas Kupcikovas
1LH Imaan Malik
1ZA Nura Imam
2FT Nadia Okunade
2LS Jwana Hakim
2NH Aliyah Backry
3SS Thomas Patracuta
3SY Latoya Robert
3WA Antonia Radu
Music Emily Metzger Teles Neto

4FW Ayla Kaya
4OO Ayden Saleem
4PJ Sriksitha Kaparaboina
5AW Hawa Khalid
5CR Ryan Gozar
5KS Stephanie Echim
6DC Gagandeep Sidhu
6EW Ahmed Osman
6RT Tiana Hamadziripi
Sport Dorothy Ekhosuehi

RLE Syeda Ali
RON Nylah Mikana Remy
NAD Hudson Weaver
NAM Alexandra Nitu
Apollo Noah Hamadziripi
Atlantis Sapphire Muhammad
AQ Claire Aghedo
Art Polina Trukh



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Year 6 – As we reach the end of a wonderful Year 6 journey, the children have remained busy and enthusiastic following SATs. They have taken part in transition activities to help them prepare for the move to secondary school, enjoyed memorable trips to The British Museum and to Southend, and have been eagerly helping to organise our end-of-year celebrations.

In literacy, pupils have produced thoughtful balanced arguments exploring the ethical issues surrounding heart transplants, while in science they have deepened their understanding of the heart and the circulatory system. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved this year and wish every pupil the very best of luck and happiness as they begin the next exciting chapter at their new schools.

Year 5 – This term, the children were fortunate enough to enjoy some fantastic trips. Our first visit was to the Vue Cinema in Dagenham, where pupils watched the SpongeBob Movie with their peers, enjoyed some snacks, and made links to their geography learning on tourism. Shortly afterwards, Year 5 visited KPMG in Canary Wharf, where they pitched an ethical product to a panel in the style of Dragons Den. They confidently answered questions from industry professionals and demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity, and presentation skills.

More recently, our pupils took part in transition day, where they had the opportunity to meet their new class teachers in preparation for an exciting start to Year 6.

As we come to the end of the school year, it is important to reflect on the incredible growth, resilience, and progress our pupils have shown. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and the enthusiasm they have brought to their learning. To all our Year 5 pupils and families, we wish you a restful, sunny, and well-deserved summer break.



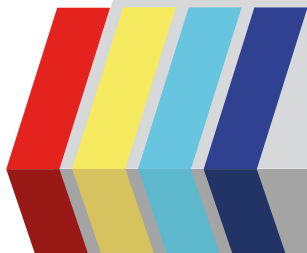
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Year 4 – Year 4 has enjoyed an exciting and rewarding year of learning across the curriculum. In geography, pupils investigated natural disasters, including earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. In history, they explored the Tudor period and the legacy of the Windrush Generation, using their knowledge to write engaging non-chronological reports in English.

In science, they learned about the digestive system and how the human body processes food. In mathematics, pupils developed their understanding of geometry by exploring angles, shapes and position. During Work Week, they collaborated with the Queen's Theatre, building creativity, confidence and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, resilience and achievements this year.



Year 3 – Year 3 have continued to show a positive attitude towards their learning this term. They have worked hard across the curriculum, developed their confidence and taken great pride in all that they have achieved.

In maths, the children have been learning about shape and time. They have identified and compared angles, explored right angles, recognised parallel and perpendicular lines, and developed their understanding of time by reading and interpreting both analogue and digital clocks.

In literacy, Year 3 have been writing persuasive pamphlets arguing for or against zoos. The children carefully considered both sides of the debate, using persuasive language, rhetorical questions and facts to present clear and convincing arguments to support their chosen viewpoint.

During whole class reading, the class have continued reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. They have enjoyed following Edward's journey while developing their comprehension skills through prediction, retrieval and inference activities, as well as thoughtful class discussions.



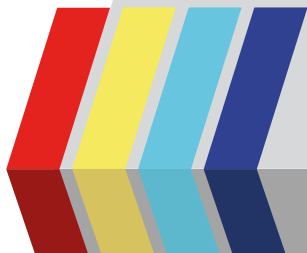
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Year 2 – We have had a fantastic term! They started with an exciting Work Week, exploring different community jobs and learning about the important roles people have in our local area. The children enjoyed a bricklaying and construction workshop, developing their understanding of different careers.

In RE, they explored different religions and their beliefs about how the world began. They have also enjoyed learning about significant figures such as Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, discovering their incredible achievements.

We are very proud of Year 2's enthusiasm, curiosity, and hard work. We wish them a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing them thrive in Year 3!

Year 1 – This term, we explored plant parts, roots, and the differences between garden and wild plants in science. In geography, we learnt about UK weather, compass points, and travel.

History focused on Victorian seaside holidays, while RE explored Hinduism and Islam. In PE, we practised athletics and teamwork for Sports Day.

Literacy lessons developed our creative writing using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. In maths, we learnt about money, direction, and telling the time.

During Work Week, we explored the roles of emergency services and enjoyed a visit from the fire brigade. It has been a fantastic year of learning and fun!



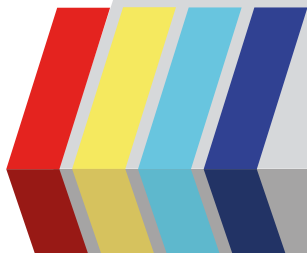
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Reception – This term in literacy, Reception has loved exploring different types of superheroes through the stories A Superhero Like Me, Supertato and Superkid. The children enjoyed creating their own superhero characters, discussing the differences between heroes and villains, and thinking about the mischievous tricks villains might play. They have also been developing their writing by using their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences about their ideas.

In maths, the children have continued to deepen their understanding of patterns by creating, extending and identifying more complex repeating patterns. They have also enjoyed exploring and using rekenreks to support their mathematical thinking.

Our learning about superheroes linked beautifully with our foundation work, where we explored what makes a good friend and the many ways we can show kindness, care and respect to others. In science, we focused on the season of summer, observing the changes we could see outdoors and discussing the signs of summer, including the warmer weather, longer days and changes in nature. The children have approached every learning opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this term.



Nursery – This half term, the children have enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting activities linked to our learning. During Work Week, they explored different occupations through role play, becoming builders, police officers and postal workers while learning about the important jobs people do in our community.

At Forest School, we learnt about fire safety and had the opportunity to toast marshmallows over the fire, which was a memorable experience for everyone. The children also enjoyed creating mixtures using a variety of materials and ingredients. We have also been spending time preparing for the exciting transition to Reception next year.



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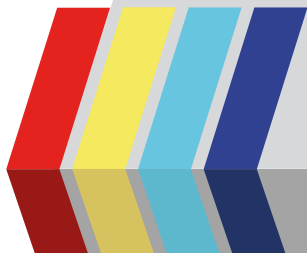
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Primary Engineer Competition

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our pupils in this year's Primary Engineer – If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do? competition. With over 70,000 entries submitted nationwide, several of our pupils were shortlisted for their creative and innovative problem-solving ideas. We are especially proud to announce that Haasini, was selected as one of only six regional winners. This is a remarkable achievement, and Haasini's winning entry will be displayed at the London Exhibition and Awards Event at Kingston University on 25th June, where pupils' engineering ideas will be celebrated alongside other outstanding entries from across the region. Congratulations to Haasini and to all our shortlisted pupils for this fantastic accomplishment!



Year 5/6 Borough Athletics Success

Well done to the brilliant Year 5/6 athletics team who won the Borough 'A' competition (Cup) this half term. The team were brilliant at trying to match their PB's in all events to make a winning team score. Yeziyah (Year 6) and Tianna (Year 5) were the highest individual scoring athletes in the whole of Barking & Dagenham!! In the 'B' team competition (plate), we finished 4th, narrowly missing out on 3rd place. Naima (Year 5), was the highest scoring girl in the 'B' competition.



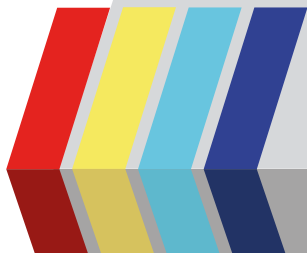
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Into Film Awards 2026

A group of our pupils attended the Into Film Awards ceremony this week. While they did not bring home the national award, being shortlisted and recognised on a national stage is an incredible achievement and one they should be immensely proud of. Their creativity, dedication and hard work throughout the project have been outstanding. In true BEAM spirit, we will build on this success and continue to provide inspiring opportunities that encourage our pupils to grow, achieve and shine. Congratulations to everyone involved!



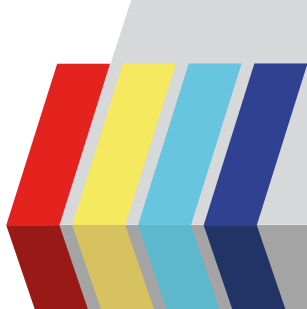
International Day

On Friday 12th June, we celebrated International Day with a wonderful day of learning, sharing, and celebrating the diverse cultures within our school community.

Throughout the day, the children explored different countries, learning about their traditions, customs, languages, and cultures through a range of engaging classroom activities. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their understanding of the world and appreciate the richness of different cultures.

In the afternoon, we were delighted to welcome several parents and members of staff who represented their home countries by hosting colourful stalls. Each stall showcased a wonderful variety of traditional items, crafts, clothing, and cultural artefacts, giving the children a chance to discover and learn about countries from around the world.





Safeguarding

Safeguarding during the summer holidays

During the school holidays, the safeguarding team does not monitor emails.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact

Children's social care team: Barking and Dagenham

[Barking and Dagenham Reporting Methods and Support Services | London Borough of Barking and Dagenham](#)

Telephone: 020 8227 3811 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

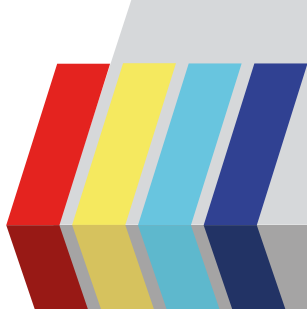
020 8215 3000 (out of hours)

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support.

Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.



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Attendance

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Every Child • Every Day • Every Lesson

Did you know?

Missing just **10 minutes every day** adds up to **over 30 hours of learning lost in a school year**—that's the equivalent of almost **a whole school week!**

A Great Day Starts at 8:30am

Our gates are open before the bell, so please make sure your child arrives in good time.

- ☒ In school by **8:30am**
- ☒ Ready to learn
- ☒ Ready to succeed!

A punctual start helps children settle into class, enjoy morning activities and begin the day with confidence.

Appointments Matter Too

Wherever possible, please arrange:

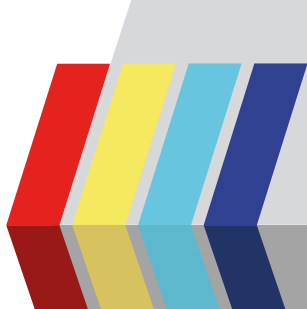
-  Dental appointments
-  Doctor's appointments
-  Optician appointments
-  Routine medical appointments

outside of school hours.

We appreciate that this isn't always possible, but making appointments after school, during holidays or at weekends (where available) helps reduce the amount of learning your child misses.

If an appointment during the school day cannot be avoided, please let the school office know as soon as possible.





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Parent Support Advisors

Our monthly coffee morning over the last year has been a great success giving parents/carers the opportunity to make new friends and build a support network in our School Community.

It has been lovely to see many parents enjoying a friendly chat over a cup of coffee. It has also been great fun playing a variety of games resulting in much laughter.

Thank you to all who have attended and making these coffee mornings positive and uplifting.

If you need any **support or advice** during the summer break please contact LBBD Family Hub, Family Navigators.

0208 227 3359 email: familynavigators@lbbd.gov.uk

Summer tip:

Learning can happen anywhere - on the bus, on the train, in the park or during a family day out. Encourage your children to read regularly and consider joining the **FREE Local Library Summer Reading Challenge** to keep your children motivated and engaged. Cooking together is another great way to develop maths, language and life skills whilst having fun.

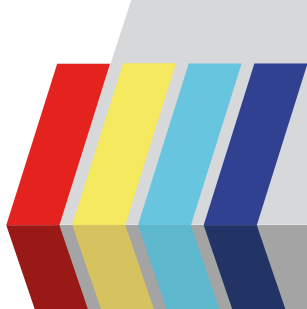
Everyday experiences help to build confidence, language and curiosity whilst making memories.

Most importantly enjoy spending time together and make the most of the summer break.

We will continue in September with coffee mornings and I look forward to meeting both familiar and new faces.

The next Coffee Morning will be Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 8.45 a.m.





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BEAM Community Page

Welcome to our new **BEAM Community Page**! This section of the newsletter will share information from our local community. It will also provide a space for local businesses and organisations to connect with our school community and showcase what they have to offer.

Sara's Kitchen

Sara's Kitchen was recently showcased at our International Day, Please see details below and give her a follow,

Please find our website/social media details

@officialsaraskitchen



https://www.instagram.com/officialsaraskitchen?igsh=cWo1OWc2OGN5b3U0&utm_source=qr

Promote Your Business or Organisation

Do you own a business or represent a local organisation?

We'd love to support our school community by featuring your business or organisation in the next issue of our school newsletter.

If you'd like to be included, please send your website and/or social media details to the school office email, and we'll be happy to feature them.



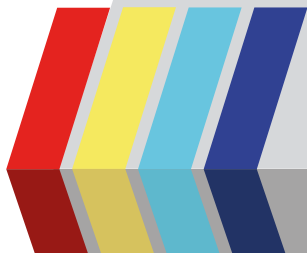
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Little Recyclers

Last Collection raised £50.85 towards School Funds !!!!

Please continue to 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.



School Uniform

Purchase of New Uniform

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings, including their school uniform, PE kit, packed lunch box, coat and water bottle, are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us return lost property to the correct child quickly.

New school uniform can be purchased from the school office, which will be open from 1st Septmeber and paid for via ParentPay. If you have not yet received your ParentPay login details, please speak to the front office, who will be happy to help. We also have a selection of good-quality pre-loved uniform available to purchase from the front office.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 2nd September – First Day of term Y1-6

Thursday 3rd September – Reception First Day

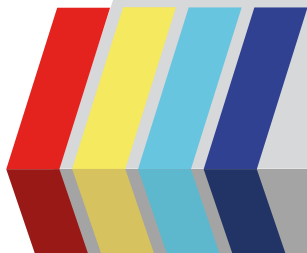
Monday 7th September – Nursery First Sessions

Tuesday 8th September – Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th October – Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 18th December – Early Pupil Finish





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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://beamcountypriaryschool.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.

Contact Information

Important: Action Required – Pupil Data Annual Check

An important email was sent to all parents and carers during June regarding the annual pupil data collection sheet.

If you have not already done so, please check the information attached to the email and reply to the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that we have up-to-date and accurate information for every pupil.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

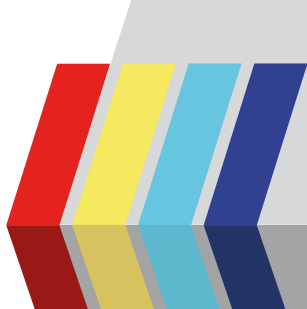
IMPORTANT - If you have changed any contact or address details please inform the school by email at office@beam.bardaglea.org.uk

Term Dates

Autumn 1 - Wednesday 2nd September – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Autumn 2 – Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026





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Beam Information

ParentPay:

Please use the ParentPay website via the link below to book your child's school lunches for the week, purchase new school uniform, and make payments for any upcoming school trips or activities.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v5/#/login>

Beam Website:

For information about the school, including term dates, upcoming events and so much more please visit our website

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Letters Home:

You can also keep up to date with all school communications by visiting the **Letters Home** section of our school website, where copies of all correspondence sent to the Beam Community are available.

<https://www.beamcountyprimaryschool.org/virtual-office/letters-home/>

