

Newsletter

May 2025

Update from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the mid-point of the summer term, I wanted to pause and celebrate the many successes that are making Beam such a vibrant place to learn. Your children's enthusiasm, the tireless commitment of staff and governors, and the partnership we enjoy with you, our parents, are what make these achievements possible. Thank you to everyone who completed last month's parental survey—your thoughtful feedback is already shaping next year's priorities.

Spotlight on Staff Excellence

Mrs Cook – Championing Classics

February: Invited by *Classics for All* to become one of their regional trainers, Mrs Cook will now deliver Latin-teaching workshops—both online and in person—to schools across the South-East.

March: She represented the entire primary sector at the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Classics, sharing Beam's journey with MPs at Portcullis House.

April: Our pupils featured in *Classics for All's* fundraising-gala film, proudly explaining how Latin has deepened their understanding of language and history. The camera crew couldn't get over the children's confidence and humour—nor could I!

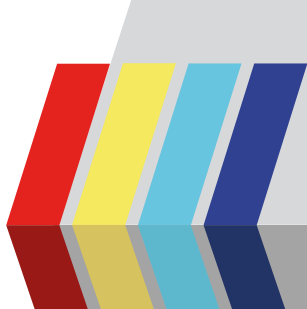
Mrs Neale – Maths Mastery Specialist (Cohort 10)

Since 2014, the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) has trained specialists to embed “mastery” approaches inspired by high-performing South-East Asian systems. Mrs Neale begins her first training and development year this term, refining mastery in our own classrooms before she goes on to lead regional work-groups from 2026. We are thrilled that Beam will serve as a hub for schools seeking to deepen mathematical understanding.

Miss Waldron & the Film Club Crew

Amari, Sienna, Zina, Iqra, Radhika, Aakhya, Sebastian, Elizabeth and Anandorup are busy polishing scripts and props with Film LBBD. Location scouts have been in, storyboards are taped to every spare wall, and excitement is high for their premiere at **Vue Romford on Wednesday 16 July**. Film Club Parents will be invited—save the date and look out for the trailer!!





Newsletter

May 2025

Update from Headteacher

Sporting Triumphs

Tennis: All four of our teams finished in the **top three** of their respective borough leagues—an unprecedented clean-sweep.

Basketball: The A-team clinched **2nd place** in the Cup competition, while our C-team lifted **1st place** in the Trophy. Tremendous teamwork and sportsmanship all round.

A huge thank-you to our PE staff and to every pupil who trained through drizzle and early mornings, after school, and lunchtime. Congratulations—you have made Beam proud.

Gratitude

We are especially grateful to **all staff**, whose ongoing support (both practical and moral) has helped us nurture each child to reach their personal bests—on the court, on the stage and in the classroom. Thank you once again for your partnership and for the warmth you bring to our community. I wish you a restful half-term and look forward to an equally inspiring second half of the summer term.

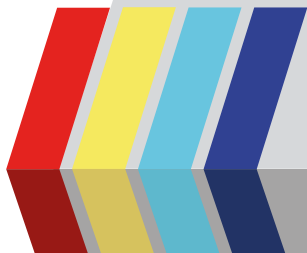
With warm regards,

Miss Whittington

Headteacher's Awards

1AH Kianoush Zohrabi	4JH Adedoyin Adeleye	RKT Lorisa Dajci
1BS Harry Smith	4NN Ibrahim Latif	RLS Alisha Kuddus
1HH Auri Bligh	4SU Saisha Wadhwa	RON Vanesa Constantin
2DM Grace Coker	5AW Nadia Backry	NAD Alicia Awolesi
2FT Samuel Oppong	5CR Leanne Karugu	NAM Navyan Rahman
2NH Muhammadmaaz Patel	5SS Amaya Barbhuiya	NPM Hoorain Faisal
3PJ Rojus Bieliauskas	6DC Anandorup Sarkar	Apollo Jason Castro Candelaria
3KY Haasini Amirthaganesan	6KW Emmanuella Adeeko	Atlantis Aayan Williams
3WA Amelia Choudhury	6OO David Atolagbe	AQ Claire Aghedo
Music Zahyan Raseem	Sport Daved Savga	Art Marius-Florian Ionita





Newsletter

May 2025

Updates from class -

Year 6 – Year 6 have shown great endeavour this term as they made their final preparations for, and sat, their SATs papers. As a team, we are incredibly proud of the effort, determination and resilience they displayed throughout.

In addition to their academic focus, the children have taken part in a range of sporting events, including dance, basketball, football and tennis. We were especially proud of the tennis team, who finished in the top three in the borough - a fantastic achievement!

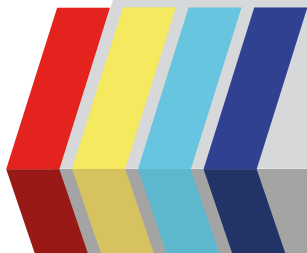
Year 5 – This half term, Year 5 have enjoyed practical maths calculating the area and perimeter of shapes and environments around our school.

Our literacy studies have introduced us to Alfred Noye's famous poem The Highwayman. We have studied the figurative language and emotional literacy within the poem and written a monologue in the character of Bess.

DT this half term has incorporated our history learning – The Vikings. We adapted and followed a recipe to make Viking bread. We have not been converted to replacing our regular bread as it was quite tough and bland.

We have also been fortunate to welcome the Arc Theatre Company to Beam. They reminded us about Road Safety through drama. Although this is an extremely important life lesson, the workshop was fun and at times amusing.





Newsletter

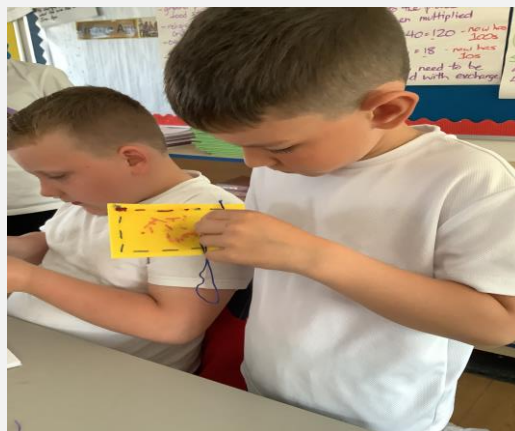
May 2025

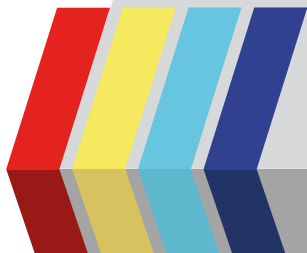
Updates from class-

Year 4 – This term, some of our Year 4 children headed off on an exciting adventure to Trewern, where they took part in outdoor challenges and team-building activities. In maths, pupils have been working hard to practice their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

Within literacy and history, pupils have been continuing to explore the important contributions and experiences of the Windrush Generation, deepening their understanding of this key part of British history. Over in geography, children are investigating the causes of natural disasters and why they occur in different parts of the world, whilst in science, they are exploring how sound is made, travels, and how we hear it through fun and practical experiments!

Year 3 – During Summer 1, the Year 3 children continued to develop their multiplication and division skills with the 3x, 4x and 8x times tables, and they have begun to develop their understanding of the metric system (m, cm, mm) and using rulers to accurately draw lines. We have begun a new text called 'The Day the Crayons Quit' as part of our literacy topic to develop informal letter writing skills and develop their understanding of empathy. In RE, the children recently visited a synagogue to further enhance their understanding of the Jewish faith and the manners in which they worship. For Science, we have explored forces and magnets, and the children have enjoyed their investigations about magnetic properties. In DT, the children have further developed and expanded their sewing skills and fine motor skills to create fabric collars inspired by Ancient Egyptian jewellery.





Newsletter

May 2025

Updates from class-

Year 2 – In science, we learned what plants need to grow, the difference between seeds and bulbs, and what seeds need to germinate. We discovered that seed size doesn't determine the mature plant's size—for example, tomato seeds are small but grow taller than broad bean plants.

In history, we studied Florence Nightingale and how her work revolutionized nursing and shaped today's NHS.

In geography, we explored London, learning about its landmarks, diverse transport system, and beautiful parks. In computing, we used iPads to create flipbook and stop motion animations, breaking stories into small parts to bring them to life.

In RE, we studied fasting in different faiths and why people fast—to empathize with those in need, follow religious rules, or for health reasons. In PSHE, we learned about safe and unsafe touches, the idea that "Private is Private," and how to say 'no' respectfully.

In design & technology, we made Moving Monsters using levers and linkages, combining creativity with mechanics.

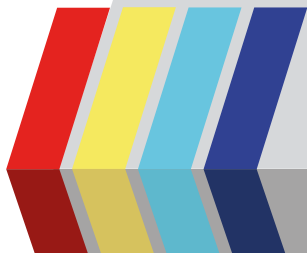
Year 1 – This half-term has seen the Year 1 pupils immerse in enriching experiences from start to finish. In maths, we have started our multiplication and division unit, learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s; as well as recognising and making equal groups.

In literacy, we have been exploring Dear Greenpeace and will be ending the unit with the children writing their own letters to the charity.

DT and history have given us the opportunity to visit Upminster Windmill and Chalkwell Seaside, which the pupils have benefitted from immensely. Year 1 will be preparing for Phonics Screening Checks next half-term and we had a Parents Phonics workshop to discuss this on Wednesday 21st May.

Thank you parents and carers for your continued support. We know that the pupils will continue to make progress as we head into the last half-term of the year. Have an enjoyable week!





Newsletter

May 2025

Reception -

Reception – Reception have had a busy half term learning about different traditional tales. We have looked at the beginning, middle and end of a story. We have been learning to sequence pictures in the right order, then used the sequencing frame to support us retelling the story. We even dressed up as characters for our 'Fairytale Day' and had our parents joining us with our learning. A big 'Thank You' to all parents joining the children and making this an exciting day for them. We are also developing our ability to write sentences using our phonic knowledge to spell words to develop our transcription skills.

In maths we have been learning about shapes and went on a shape hunt to identify 3D shapes in the environment. We have been learning about, doubles, odd and even and we can talk about how some numbers can be made with 2 equal parts. We were also able to sort numbers 1-10 into odd and even.

In science we have been learning about lifecycle of a bean and a chick. We enjoyed planting our bean seed and showering it with love and care. We have enjoyed observing how much our plant has grown each day and we made sure that we watered our bean plant every day. We have put it near our windows to make sure that it had enough sunlight.

We were also learning about the lifecycle of a chick. We spoke about each stage of the lifecycle and we particularly enjoyed the 'hatching' stage.

In geography we have been learning about Kenya. We looked at life in Kenya and the animals that lived in Kenya. We were able to compare life in England and life in Kenya. Some children said they would like to visit Kenya next.

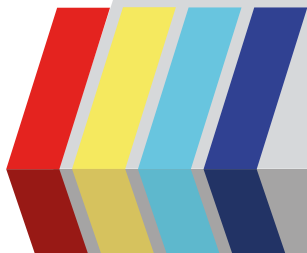
In history, we looked at transport in the past and the present. We looked at some similarities and differences. Children said that more people can be on the aeroplane compared to before and that the aeroplanes now are safer.

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 what religions can teach us about true friendship and spoke about qualities of a good friend.

We can't believe we have one more term and then we will be going into Year 1 already!





Newsletter

May 2025

Nursery

Nursery – 🌱 Nursery News: A Month Full of Discovery and Growth! 🌱

What a wonderful few weeks we've had in nursery! The children have been busy exploring, learning, and growing—both in the classroom and outdoors.

📖 Exploring Early Literacy

We've been getting hands-on with phonics, practising the sounds that form the building blocks of reading. The children have also been learning to recognise and copy their own names—an exciting step toward early writing! Mark-making has been especially fun as we made big anti-clockwise movements using streamers, paint, and chalks to strengthen our motor skills.

🧮 Early Maths Magic

In maths, we've been focusing on **subitising to 3**—that means recognising small groups of objects without counting—and looking closely at **patterns**, both in the classroom and around us. From spotting stripes on cushions to exploring repeating patterns in beads and nature, the children have become true pattern detectives!

🌿 Wonderful World Around Us

Spring has brought plenty of changes to our playground, and we've loved noticing how everything is **growing**. We've been learning about how plants develop, and we even compared **herbaceous plants to trees**, discovering what makes each unique. Our young scientists have shown great curiosity and care when observing the natural world.

📖 Let's Get Moving!

There's been lots of movement and direction-following in our play. We've been **building routes** and giving directions to one another—a brilliant way to develop communication and problem-solving skills while having fun.

🏙️ Exploring the Big City

Our look at **London landmarks** sparked some brilliant discussions. The children enjoyed identifying features of famous places and talking about their favourite buildings. Big Ben and the London Eye were especially popular!

🍴 Tasty Treats

Last but not least, we've been exploring **healthy eating** by trying new fruits and even **designing our own fruit kebabs**! The children showed creativity and bravery, especially when tasting something new.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We love seeing how much the children grow in confidence, skills, and curiosity each day. Here's to more exciting learning adventures ahead!



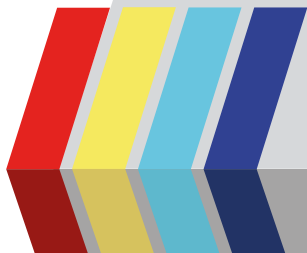
BEAM WEBSITE



BEAM TWITTER



BEAM YOUTUBE



Newsletter

May 2025

Pupil Engagement

Film Club Competition – Attached is an article from the Barking and Dagenham Post highlighting the children's success in the film competition that took place on 29th April

[Beam County Primary, Dagenham to show film at Romford Vue | Barking and Dagenham Post](#)

The children participated in a film competition where they pitched their ideas to industry professionals. They presented with confidence, proudly representing our school community — and went on to win the competition! Since then, they've been featured in the Barking and Dagenham Post and are now in the process of bringing their film to life. Their finished film will premiere at Vue Cinema towards the end of the academic year

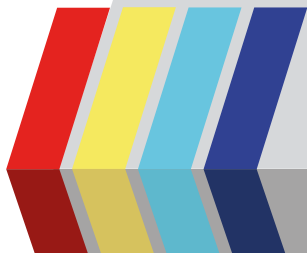


Brilliant Club – The Brilliant Club is an exciting programme that gives our pupils a taste of university-style learning and encourages a love of learning beyond the classroom. Children work with a university tutor on fascinating topics, developing their thinking, writing, and research skills. It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils to challenge themselves, explore new ideas, and build confidence in their abilities.



This year, the Brilliant Club course explores the thought-provoking topic: What are rights? Pupils will delve into three major case studies—human rights, contractual rights, and criminal law—to examine the nature and function of rights in different contexts. Through these case studies, they will consider four key questions: Where does the right come from? What is the scope of the right? Whose right is it? And how can the right be enforced? Along the way, students will develop their analytical skills by engaging with legal sources, including theoretical literature, case law, and legislative instruments. We are incredibly proud of our Brilliant Club participants, who on completion of their dissertation, will graduate in July.





Parent Engagement

Parents Supporting Speech and Sparking Creativity!

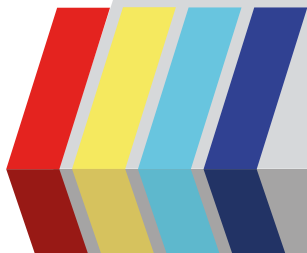
We were delighted to welcome parents into school this month as part of our ongoing focus on communication and creativity.

SEND Coffee Morning – On 13th May, several families joined our ECAT (Every Child a Talker) coffee morning, where they had the opportunity to meet with our private Speech and Language Therapist, Aqila Khan, to explore practical ways to support children's speech and language development at home.



Bow Arts - On Thursday 22nd May, parents worked alongside their children in a vibrant, hands-on workshop with artist Reza Ben Gajra, as part of our exciting collaboration with the Bow Arts Project. Thank you to all who took part and helped make these events such a success!





Newsletter

May 2025

Other Events

Year 4 Trewern – Year 4 had an amazing time on their trip to Trewern!

From the moment they arrived, they were immersed in fun and exciting activities. The children embraced a family-style dining experience, where they not only set the table and served each other but also helped with washing up, creating a sense of teamwork and responsibility. They bonded through a variety of team-building activities, which made everyone feel at home and ready for adventure. The trip offered a thrilling mix of bush craft, hiking, gorge walking, and rock climbing, tying in with their geography studies on the water cycle. In between all the excitement, they enjoyed shared meals and had fun with a photo orienteering session, reflecting on their experiences. The trip was filled with laughter, learning, and plenty of memorable moments.



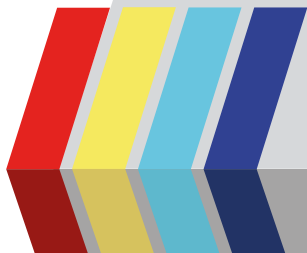
Dare to be Different Day - Dare to be Different Day, celebrated on April 4th during Autism Awareness Week, was a fun and meaningful event where children showed their support by dressing in unique non-uniform, pyjamas, and even yes, a banana, along with clothes that made people feel comfortable. To join in, each child donated £1, helping raise awareness and funds for autism. The day encouraged everyone to embrace individuality and celebrate what makes each person special in a supportive and inclusive environment.



Upcoming Dates

- Every Friday – Year 6 Swimming
- 4th June – Lifeline Parent Coffee Morning
- 7th June – Beam Fundraising Fete + Car Boot Sale
- 9th – 13th June – Work Week
- 16th June – EYFS Sports Day
- 19th June – KS1 Sports Day
- 20th June – KS2 Sports Day
- 8th July – Year 6 Southend Trip
- 10th July – Music Showcase – EYFS and Year 5/6
- 10th July – Pupil progress meeting (PM only)
- 11th July – Music Showcase – Year 3/4 and Year 1/2
- 18th July – Non School Uniform - Non Pupil Day (PM only)





Newsletter

May 2025

Upcoming Event

FUNDRAISING FETE & CAR BOOT SALE!

Saturday 7th June 2025

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Friends of Beam have created a fantastic fundraiser fete for our school community!

There'll be many activities:

- ❖ A car boot sale
- ❖ Face painting
- ❖ A bouncy castle
- ❖ Barbecue
- ❖ And more...



If you would like a pitch for your car or a table to sell clothes or bric-a-brac, please contact the **SCHOOL OFFICE**. Cars will need to arrive between **09:30AM** and **10:30AM** (YOU CANNOT LEAVE SITE UNTIL 2:00PM).

- ❖ £15 per car pitch
- ❖ £10 per table hire (if preferred)

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE; WHETHER YOU'RE HELPING OUT, SELLING OR SIMPLY ENJOYING THE AFTERNOON!

Email: office@beam.bardaglea.org.uk

Tel: 020 8270 4700

FUNDRAISING FETE & CAR BOOT SALE!

Designed by Iqrah



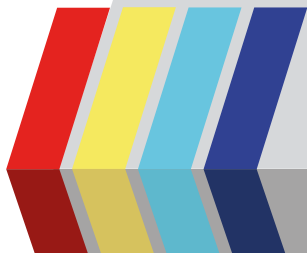
BEAM WEBSITE



BEAM TWITTER



BEAM YOUTUBE



Newsletter

May 2025

Safeguarding

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

[Safeguarding Newsletter](#)



Little Recyclers

The Little Recyclers collection bank is now re-open !!!

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*



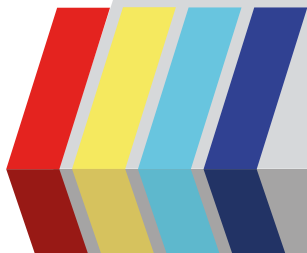
BEAM WEBSITE



BEAM TWITTER



BEAM YOUTUBE



Newsletter

May 2025

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.

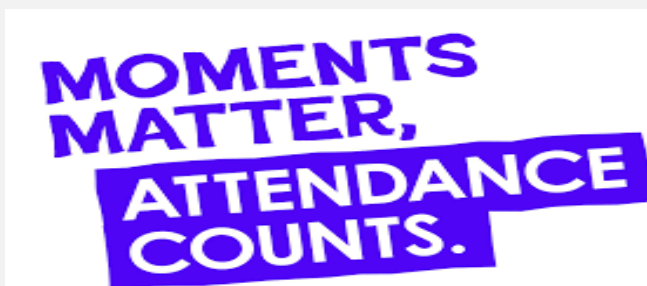
If you have any concerns about a pupil, we ask that you follow the correct procedures by notifying the school through our concern form <https://forms.office.com/e/aHNLnBTvgM>, rather than approaching other children or their families directly. We often have important context regarding a family or child,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

Attendance

This half term 68% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance!!! Well Done !!!

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.



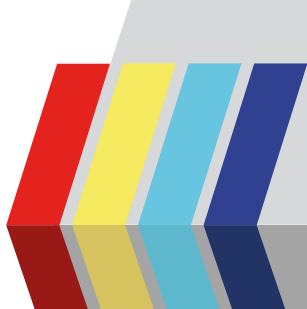
BEAM WEBSITE



BEAM TWITTER



BEAM YOUTUBE



Newsletter

May 2025

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.

Online Learning

Next terms parent curriculum map can be found on our website through the link below:

<https://www.beamcountyprimaryschool.org/learning-and-teaching/year-group-content/>

Please be reminded that any half term homework and weekly learning PowerPoints in literacy and maths can be found on **Google Classrooms**

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.

Term Dates

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July

