

Newsletter

May 2026

Update from Headteacher

Dear Parent and Guardians,

As we celebrate our staff and our school, I'm delighted to share some fantastic news. Recent coverage has highlighted primary schools across Barking & Dagenham, and our team's dedication truly stands out: barkinganddagenhampost.co.uk

While the article is a positive read, it's worth noting a small but important detail: our school received **four** Outstanding judgements, compared with **three** at the comparison school. That extra recognition reflects the daily commitment, expertise and care our staff pour into every classroom and corridor. Please join me in offering our teachers, support staff and leaders our heartfelt [congratulations](#) - this achievement belongs to them and to our whole community.

[Proud of our former pupil, Louis.](#)

We are also incredibly proud of our former pupil, Louis, who took part in the London Marathon to raise funds for a cause close to her heart. Louis began this journey as one of our learners; now she's showing our children what resilience, kindness and community spirit look like beyond the school gates. If you're able to support her, even if it is the price of a cup of coffee, we all make a difference. Please read her story and donate here: 2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com. Your generosity will make a significant difference - and it shows our children how small acts of support add up to big change.

[More reasons to celebrate](#)

A further huge [congratulations](#) to our pupils and staff - see the attached highlights. From exceptional classroom projects to brilliant performances and sporting successes, the attachment captures the hard work, teamwork and joy we see every day. What shines through most is the character our children show: curiosity, kindness and the courage to try, try and try again.

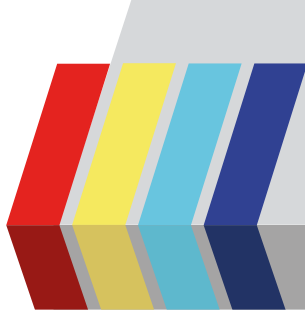
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Parents as Role models

A gentle but important reminder about end-of-day routines. Some pupils have told us they've spoken to their parents about leaving the site via the correct exit. Thank you to those families who are already modelling this.

Our systems - where to line up, how to leave, and which gates to use - exist for safety, calm dismissal and fairness to all. When adults follow these expectations, children learn that rules keep us safe and help everyone. When we step around them, we unintentionally send the message that rules are optional.

Please:

- Use the designated pathways and exits at pick-up and drop-off.
- Follow staff directions promptly—especially when it's busy.
- Keep gateways clear so children can see their adults and leave safely.

Together we create the culture our children carry with them: respect, responsibility and care for others.

Key links

- Article highlighting local school performance:

• Support Louis's marathon fundraiser: 2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com

Thank you for your ongoing support and for the powerful example you set every day. Our children notice - and it makes all the difference.

We wish you all a restful and fun half term.

Miss Whittington

Headteacher's Awards

1DM Ayeza Waqas

1LH Maryam Rahman

1ZA Alisha Kuddus

2FT Daijon Luzolo

2LS Viavo Kuwakanu

2NH Rhiyahshree Suganya

3SS Ibraheem Faisal

3SY Darius Doros

3WA Sophia Knowles

Music Jamal Idris

4FW Dorothy Ekhosuehi

4OO Ye'Andree Lowe

4PJ Zofia Zak

5AW Stephen Igbinidu

5CR Sophia McCallaghan

5KS Ayub Wadud

6DC Riyaan Khalid

6EW Sienna McKenzie

6RT Mya Beer-Alom

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RLE Christabel Akindele

RON Veeksha Sontham

NAD Riyaan Ahmed

NAM Alayna Saleem

NPM Rayyan Barbhuiya

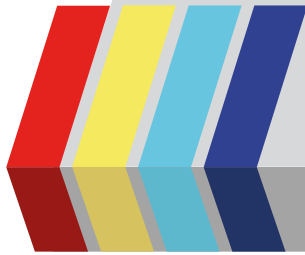
Apollo Alfie Happe

Atlantis Shanae Makuwuro

AQ Jason Castro Candelaria

Art Effy Hughes





Updates from class -

Year 6 – This half term has been a fantastic but hard one for Year 6, with the children showing incredible resilience and determination during their biggest achievement so far, completing their SATs. We are extremely proud of the maturity, focus and perseverance they demonstrated throughout the week.

In literacy, the children thoroughly enjoyed writing suspense stories inspired by the short film *Alma*, using dual perspectives to engage their readers.

In science, we explored light and shadows through exciting investigations and experiments, while in P.E. the children developed their athletic skills, practising relay races with enthusiasm and teamwork.

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a busy and engaging term. In DT, the children recently explored the journey from farm to fork, learning how Viking farmers harvested their crops and how these foods eventually made their way onto people's plates. As part of this topic, the children discovered the nutritional value of different foods and designed their own food labels. The most exciting part was baking their own Viking flatbread by following a recipe carefully. They even had the opportunity to taste their bread with sweet toppings such as honey!

In addition, our pupils enthusiastically took part in a first aid workshop, where they learned about the importance of first aid and how to respond to different situations. As always, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and actively engaged in role-play activities to support their learning. Learning in Year 5 has been fun and exciting, and we wish all of the children a safe, restful, and enjoyable half-term break.



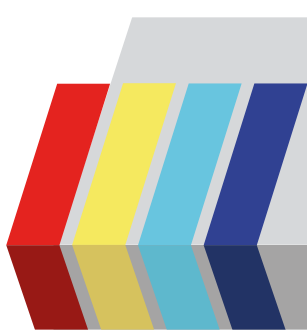
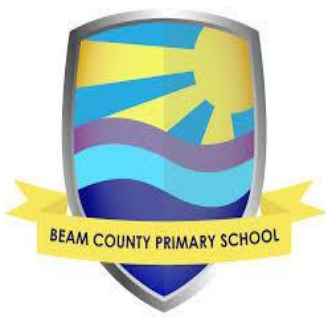
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Updates from class-

Year 4 – Over the Spring term, Year 4 have explored many exciting topics. In history, they studied the reasons leading to and the impacts of the Windrush Generation on modern British culture. In english, pupils developed their understanding of formal and informal language by writing a diary entry and a letter based on *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*.

In science, children explored the causes and properties of sound, as well as conducting a thorough investigation into decaying items. In maths, we extended our learning by exploring the area and perimeter of shapes and fractions, whilst also preparing the children for their upcoming Multiplication Check Test in early June.

Year 3 – Year 3 have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum and have enjoyed many exciting learning opportunities.

In maths, the children have been learning about fractions. They have explored recognising and comparing fractions, finding fractions of shapes and numbers, and developing their confidence when using fractions in practical activities and problem-solving tasks.

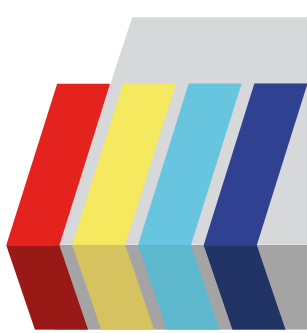
In literacy, Year 3 have been exploring informal letters inspired by the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*. The children enjoyed writing from the perspective of different crayons, using humour, personality and persuasive language to create imaginative and engaging letters.

During whole class reading, the class has been reading *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed following Edward's adventures and have developed their comprehension skills through thoughtful discussions, predictions and retrieval activities.

In science, the children have been learning about flowering plants and plant growth. They have explored the different parts of plants, investigated what plants need to survive, and made careful observations over time to monitor changes in plant growth.

In DT, Year 3 created wonderful Egyptian collars inspired by Ancient Egyptian art and design. The children practised a range of sewing techniques including appliqué, running stitch and cross-stitching, showing great creativity, perseverance and pride in their finished products.





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Year 2 – We have had a fantastic term full of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum! In history, the children enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole and her important contributions to nursing - most of which is still used today! In DT pupils designed and created moving monsters using linkages, showing great creativity and problem-solving skills.

Geography lessons focused on Pakistan, where children explored the country's culture, landmarks, and environment. In maths, pupils developed confidence with multiplication and division through practical activities and challenges.

In literacy, the children learnt about transposing stories and used their imaginations to create exciting new versions of familiar tales (Handa's Surprise and Jack and the Beanstalk) with enthusiasm and creativity. Well done scholars, we are incredibly proud of you all!

Year 1 – Literacy: We explored the book Dear Greenpeace, developing our skills of classifying facts, asking questions, and using conjunctions. We also learned about prefixes.

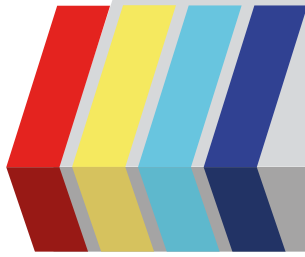
Maths: We studied weight and capacity through water experiments and practised counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Geography: We learned about the countries of the UK and explored cities and landmarks.

PE: We created a dance inspired by Handa's Surprise, stomping like an elephant and swinging like a monkey!

D&T: We visited Upminster Windmill, made observational drawings, learned about its restoration, toured inside, and discovered how windmills can be used to make flour. We used this new knowledge to make our own windmills using paper cups!





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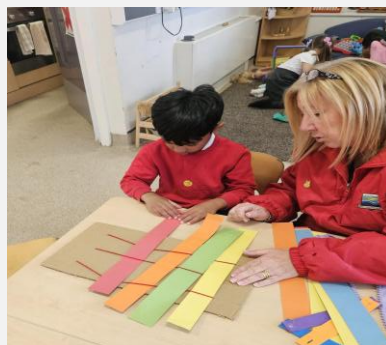
Reception – During this term, Reception have been exploring traditional fairy tales including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, and The Gingerbread Man. The children enjoyed retelling the stories and discussing the main characters and their characteristics.

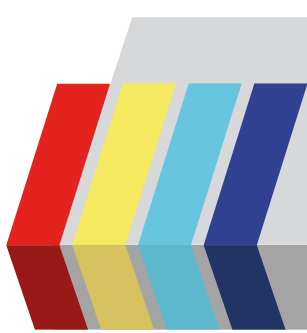
In Maths, we explored 2D shapes and discovered how they can be manipulated through movement and rotation. The children especially enjoyed completing tangrams to challenge their spatial awareness skills. In Understanding the World, we explored life cycles and watched our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. We also created our own wormery and learned that worms are very good for helping gardens grow!



Nursery – This half term, the children have been working hard and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities. We have been practicing writing our names independently and improving our pencil control. In science, we explored the parts of plants and trees and learned what seeds need to grow and stay healthy.

We also enjoyed listening to and discussing stories with morals, helping us understand kindness, honesty and making good choices. The children have continued developing their fine motor skills through a range of scissor activities, learning how to cut carefully and safely. We are proud of their progress this half term.





Attendance

Every Day Counts!

Good attendance helps children feel confident, happy, and ready to learn. Being in school every day supports progress, friendships, and positive routines.

Arriving on time is just as important. A late start can mean children miss key instructions, phonics sessions, or morning maths activities that set the tone for the day

Did you know?

- 90% attendance means missing nearly 4 weeks of school in a year
- Just a few missed days can make it harder for children to keep up
- Being on time matters too — the school day starts straight away!

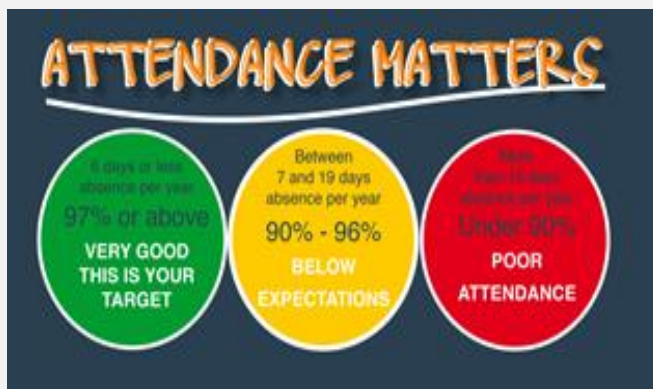
How families can help:

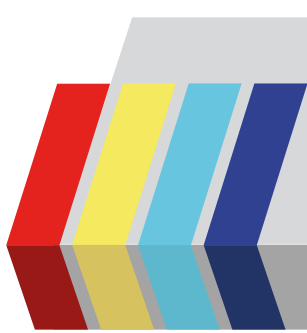
- Keep to regular bedtimes and morning routines
- Arrive on time each day
- Let the school know if your child is absent

Thank you for supporting excellent attendance and helping every child make the most of every learning opportunity.

Any queries or concerns regarding attendance, please speak to Mrs Cole, our Attendance Officer.

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





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School Catering

REMINDER: Parents should 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--VIDEO-How-to-book-a-meal>

The 3 week menu's are now available for you on the schools website.

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

MENU WEEK 1 - WHEN WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1st JUNE

HOME PACKED LUNCH

We have noticed that some packed lunches are including items that do not follow our Healthy Schools guidance. We kindly ask parents and carers to provide nutritious, balanced lunches to help support healthy eating habits.

Healthy options include fruit, vegetables, wholemeal sandwiches, yoghurt, dried fruit and cereal bars.

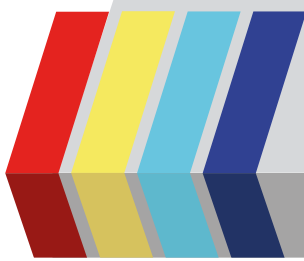
Please remember that the following items are not allowed in packed lunches:

- Canned or energy drinks
- Chocolate bars, biscuits and sweets
- Nuts or nut-based products due to allergies

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a healthy and safe school environment.

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





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Beam Nursery



Come and join Beam County Nursery



We offer morning, afternoon and all day sessions for 3-4 year olds

**Morning session is 8.30am-11.30am
Afternoon session is 12.30pm-3.00 or 3.30pm
All day session is for 30 hour HMRC applications 9.00am-3.00pm**



We offer a safe, vibrant and nurturing environment where children can start their lifelong love of learning

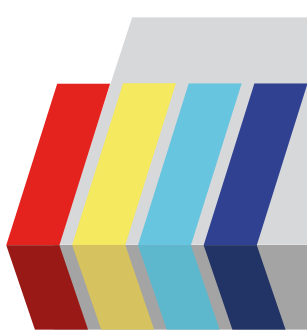


**Enrol
Now!**



If your child is born between 01.09.2022 and 31.08.2023, they are eligible to start the nursery in September 2026. Scan the QR code to register their details.





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Friends of Beam - FOB

We Need You! ✨ Become Our Next PTA Treasurer

Are you a whizz with numbers? Do you want to help make a real difference to our school community?

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is currently looking for an organized and dedicated **Treasurer** to join our friendly committee. The PTA raises crucial funds to provide extra resources and enriching experiences for the children, and we can't do it without a financial champion!

What You'll Do:

- Manage the Funds:** Oversee the day-to-day PTA bank accounts, process payments, and ensure funds are banked safely.
- Keep Track:** Maintain clear and accurate financial records and spreadsheets for events.
- Report Back:** Provide straightforward, concise financial updates at our regular committee meetings.
- Support Events:** Help arrange cash floats for fairs and ensure our fantastic events are both affordable and profitable.

Who We're Looking For:

- A parent or carer with a clear head for numbers and great organizational skills.
- Someone comfortable using spreadsheets or basic accounting software.
- You don't need to be a professional accountant—just detail-oriented and reliable!

Why Join Us?

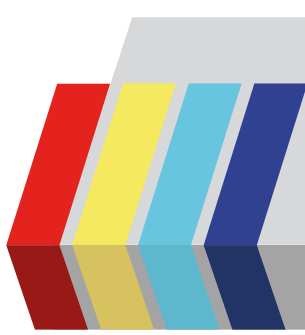
Volunteering is a fantastic way to get more involved in the school, meet other parents, and directly enhance your child's educational environment.

Friends of Beam PTA Upcoming Event ✨

1. Someone Special Gift Shop- 17th & 18th June
2. Summer Fair- Saturday 4th July 2026

If you are interested in the role, please send an email with your details to:
friendsofbeampta@gmail.com

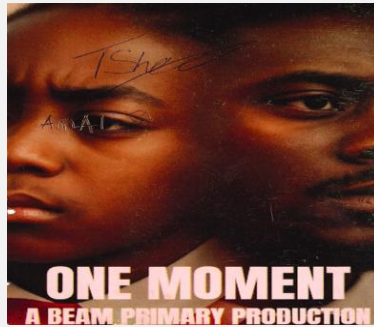




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One Moment – Film Awards

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and voted for Beam's film *One Moment*, which has been nominated for an Into Film Award in the category *Best Film: 5–11*. We are incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement and would like to say a special well done to Miss Waldron and last year's Film Club for their creativity, teamwork, and dedication in producing such an outstanding film. Their hard work and talent have truly paid off, and we look forward to celebrating this exciting success at the awards ceremony in Leicester Square this June.

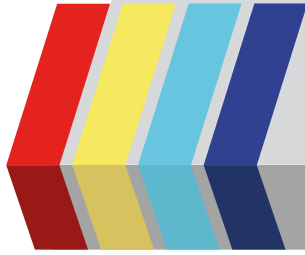


First Aid Workshops

This term, we were delighted to welcome parents to a practical and informative first aid workshop, where they had the opportunity to learn essential skills and gain confidence in responding to everyday emergencies.

At the same time, children across the school also took part in age-appropriate first aid lessons, helping them to understand basic safety, how to seek help, and simple ways they can support others in an emergency. It has been wonderful to see both parents and pupils engaging so positively with these valuable life skills.





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Year 6 TfL Safety Assembly

As part of their transition to secondary school, Year 6 pupils took part in a safety assembly delivered by representatives from Transport for London.

The session focused on staying safe while travelling independently on public transport, including buses, trains and stations. Pupils learned about safe behaviour, what to do in an emergency and how to ask for help if needed.

The assembly was informative and engaging, helping pupils feel more confident and prepared for their journey to secondary school.

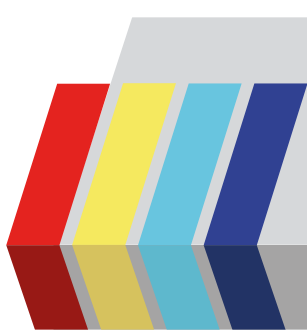


RNLI Assembly

KS2 pupils recently took part in an informative assembly delivered by representatives from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The assembly focused on water safety and helping children understand how to stay safe at the beach, near rivers and around open water.

Pupils learned important safety messages, including what to do in an emergency and how to get help if someone is in danger. The session was engaging and interactive, giving pupils valuable knowledge and confidence to help keep themselves and others safe around water.





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Mini-Marathon 2026

On Saturday 25th April our wonderful Beam children proudly took part in the London Mini Marathon. The children ran the final mile of the iconic course, showing fantastic determination, enthusiasm, and team spirit throughout.

A real highlight was crossing the very same finish line as the London Marathon runners, an unforgettable achievement and experience for everyone involved. We are incredibly proud of all the children for representing Beam so brilliantly!



Upcoming Dates

Year 6 – Return of the Fish Workshop – Tuesday 2nd June

Year 6 – Swimming lessons – Every Thursday from 4/6/26 – 9/7/26

Year 6 – British Museum Trip – Monday 8th June

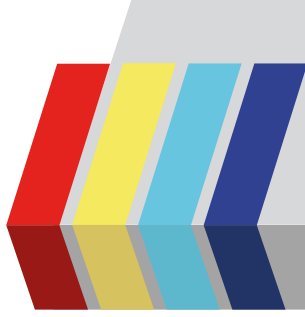
International Day – Friday 12th June

School Nurse Drop in – Thursday 18th June

School Closed To Pupils – Friday 19th June

Last Day of Term - Friday 17th July





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Little Recyclers

Last Collection raised £58.95 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.



Parent Support Advisor

Next Parent Coffee Morning: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 8.45 a.m. meet in the School Dining Hall.

Wellbeing Tips - For you and your family

Daily check in with your children.

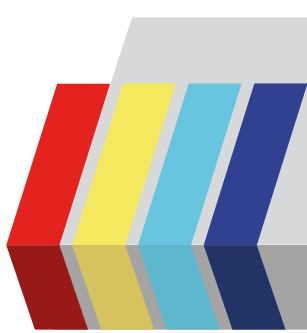
Wellbeing Challenge:

Ask your child "**What made you smile today?**" or "What felt tricky?" Helping children put words to emotions helps build confidence.

3 good things. Each day ask your child to share 3 good things that happened in their day (no matter how big or small). You can do it at bedtime, during dinner or whilst out on a walk. This helps to build optimism, resilience and emotional wellbeing.

Try it for yourselves too and share with your child.





Ready, Respectful, Safe

School Uniform Reminder

At Beam County Primary, we are proud of the high standards our pupils demonstrate every day. Wearing the correct school uniform helps children feel part of the school community, encourages pride in their appearance, and supports a positive learning environment.

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of pupils attending school wearing trainers and nail varnish, which are not part of our school uniform expectations. We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children come to school in the correct footwear and without nail varnish.

Please also ensure that children attend school each day with the appropriate PE kit where required. As a reminder, jewellery should not be worn in school, apart from small stud earrings.

Full details of our school uniform requirements can be found on our website:

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

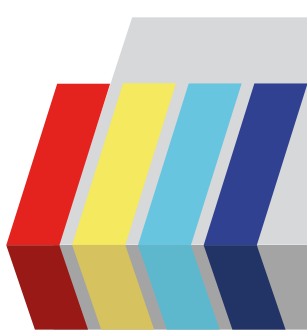
[Beam County Primary School Uniform Information](#)

Expected Behaviour

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>





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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

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026



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