



BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

newsletter

17th January 2025

WELCOME BACK...FINALLY!

It's safe to say that the start of the Spring Term certainly was not what I expected! Thank you everyone for understanding regarding our snow closures. It was not the decision we wanted to make but certainly was the right decision to ensure everyone's safety. It was a huge community effort to get the site safe: thank you to the staff who helped clear the site, the parents who cleared the paths outside of the gates and to the two wonderful ladies, Michelle and Cath, who came and helped to shovel snow off the paths. The Beechwood community is truly amazing!

We certainly had a herculean task to shift the snow. Even the 15 bags of rock salt we had stocked up were all used by Tuesday which left us searching for places in Halton who has rock salt in stock.

I'd like to take this time to thank Mr Smith who was updating me each morning, often before 6am, of the school's snow situation. He has been amazing!

I'd also like to thank my long suffering husband and daughter who were here shovelling snow with me last week- they didn't get a break!

Thank you all again for understanding in relation to our staggered times as this has allowed us to get every one into school safely.

It's been lovely to see the children return from the Christmas break.

We've had a great week filled with learning and fun. Year 3 started their swim lessons and Year 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a Geography field trip to Wigg Island (photos on page 3).

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 21st January

Picasso Class Pick Up and Play 2:30pm

Tuesday 4th February

Mandela Class Assembly

Friday 7th Feb

PTA Sleepover

Thursday 13th Feb

Whole school Parents Are **WELCOME**

Friday 14th February

Children finish for half term

Monday 24th February

Children return from half term

Friday 28th February

Non Uniform-Bottle Donation

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 12th March

Attenborough Class Assembly

Friday 14th March

Non Uniform-Chocolate/Easter Eggs Donation

Friday 21st March

Sports Relief

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd April

PTA Easter **BINGO**

Friday 4th April

Egg Rolling Competiton

Children finish for Easter at 1:30pm





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Let's Celebrate

HOUSE POINTS!

Kagan- 166

Costa- 196

DeBono- 190

Hyerle- 203

GOLDEN BOX WINNER

Well done to Jonathan Kuder for winning a Gold Box prize this week!

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

PICASSO

Benjamin Edwardson and Rosie Green

ROSEN

Harrison Stelfox and Connor Mainwaring

ATTENBOROUGH

Lily Holleran and Oliver Wilkinson

PANKHURST

Louis Houghton and Isabelle Murray

HAWKING

Ben Naylor and Frankie Jones

MALALA

Ethan Sunter and India Nethercote

MANDELA

Serena Maguire and Grace Holleran

WELLBEING CERTIFICATES

PICASSO

Mila Capewell

ROSEN

Alice Shephard

ATTENBOROUGH

Jackson Stokes

PANKHURST

Henry Shephard

HAWKING

Alayna Lillis

MALALA

Callum Charlton

MANDELLA

Jonathan Kuder



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Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed their Geography field trip this week. They visited Wigg Island and were able to spot physical and human features of the River Mersey.



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SCHOOL HUB

Beechwood Primary School WEEK 1

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Hand Cut Potato Wedges and Seasonal Veg	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Balloon Waffles with Whipped Cream NEW or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Homemade Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg IMPROVED	Salmon Goujons served with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Coconut Chocolate Chip Cookies or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Home Roasted Chicken Dinner & Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Homemade Cheddar Cheese & Bean Puff served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Homemade Shortbread or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Fresh Pork Sausage served with Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Vegetable Sausage served with Creamed Potato and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Victoria Sponge Bun NEW or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries, Seasonal Veg and Tomato Ketchup	Cheesy Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Chocolate Mousse NEW or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Available daily fresh fruit or salad. Autumn 2024
If you have any questions about food [allergies](#) please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help.

SCHOOL HUB

Beechwood Primary School WEEK 2

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
Monday	Pepperoni Pizza served with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Veggie Muggish served with Herby Potatoes and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Beef Burger topped with Cheese in a Soft Bun served with Homemade Wedges, Seasonal Veg and Ketchup	Veggie Grill Burger in a Bun served with Homemade Wedges, Seasonal Veg and Ketchup	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Strawberry Fruit Smoothies or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese Baked Yorkshire Pudding served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Frozen Yoghurt or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	BBQ Chicken Melt Baguette with Nachos served with Seasonal Veg NEW	BBQ Quorn Melt Baguette with Nachos served with Seasonal Veg NEW	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Hot Jam & Cinnamon Sponge and Caramel or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries and Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Peas	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Apple Dodger or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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Beechwood Primary School WEEK 3

	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	SOMETHING SWEET
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with 1/2 Jacket Potato and Seasonal Veg	Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread and Seasonal Veg IMPROVED	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Strawberry Ice Cream Sponge Roll or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Crispy Chicken Burger in a Bun served with Crispy Potato Wedges and Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable Wrap served with Crispy Potato Wedges and Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Rice Crispy Cake or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Sliced Ham & Yorkshire Pudding served with Herby Potatoes and Seasonal Veg	Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese served with Herby Potatoes and Seasonal Veg NEW	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos	Iced Sprinkle Cupcake or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread and Seasonal Veg	Roasted Vegetable Burrito served with Nachos and Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	American Pancakes with Berries NEW or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers served with Sticky Fries, Seasonal Veg and Tomato Ketchup	Vegetation Chili served with Steamed Rice and Seasonal Veg	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Homemade Lemon Drizzle Cake IMPROVED or Smoothy Style Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

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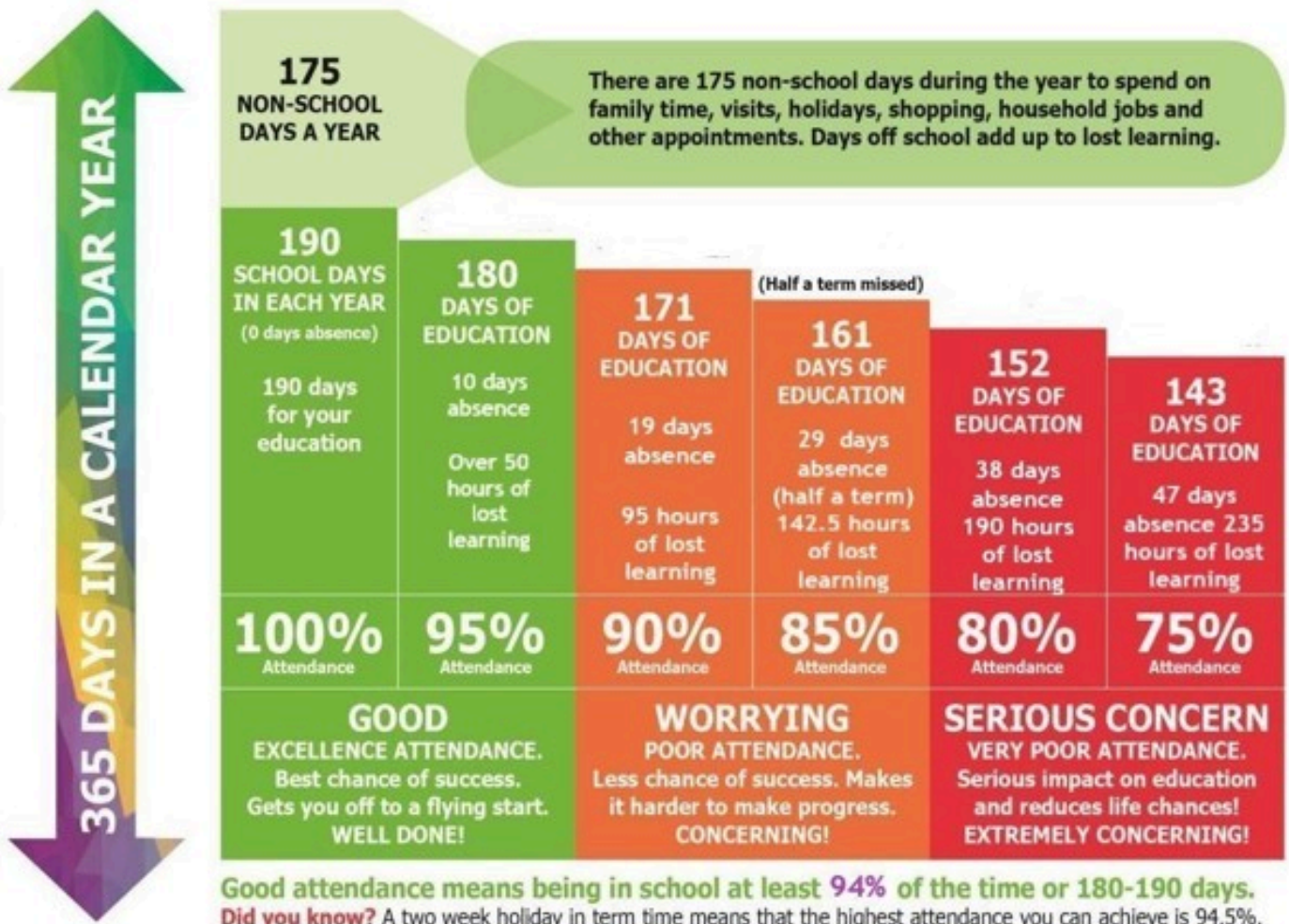
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ATTENDANCE

Following on from the latest information shared with parents and carers regarding attendance, this image highlights the importance of every minute in school.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.





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Recently, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of vehicles parking in an unsafe manner during drop-off and pick-up times. We understand that the school's location may pose challenges when it comes to finding suitable parking spots. However, we kindly ask that you remain mindful and considerate of others when parking your vehicles.

TACKLING ILLEGAL PARKING

Parking illegally or inconsiderately can create significant problems for other road users and pedestrians, particularly those with push chairs or using mobility scooters.

Parking enforcement
In Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, and Warrington

The enforcement of yellow lines, time-limited parking and other parking restrictions in Cheshire is entirely the responsibility of the local authorities and their parking enforcement teams.

Report online:

Cheshire East Council www.cheshireeast.gov.uk
Cheshire West and Chester Council www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Warrington Borough Council www.warrington.gov.uk

In Halton (Widnes and Runcorn)
The enforcement of yellow lines, time-limited parking and other parking restrictions in Halton is the responsibility Cheshire Police. To report this please phone **101**.

Obstruction
A vehicle causing an obstruction is one which has been parked and left unattended in such a way that it is considered to be a hazard to pedestrians or other road users. For example, a car parked on a bend in the road. This also includes blocking free passage to pedestrians and blocking access to private or public property.

If you need to contact the police because a vehicle is causing a safety hazard or an obstruction on a public road, please contact Cheshire Police on the non-emergency number, **101**.

Do not report illegal parking via social media.

All road users need to be aware of and adhere to parking restrictions:

- No parking on bends
- No parking on zigzag lines
- Do not obstruct a resident's driveway
- Do not park on double lines
- Do not park on 'time-limited' single lines
- Do not cause an obstruction



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TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We have seen an increase in applications for Term Time holidays. As you will have read in letters sent by Mrs Kidd last accademic year, the laws around this have changed and become much tighter. I appreciate the difficulties, yet unless there is an exceptional reason, we are not allowed to authorise holidays and fines have to be issued.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'