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## Friday 28th February 2025

Welcome back everyone, it's been great to see the children and yourselves back at Beechwood this week.

### **Super Swimming!**

This week has seen our year 5 pupils attend daily swimming lessons at the Life Centre, this will continue for a further 2 weeks. The children have really enjoyed this opportunity and have been a credit to the school whilst representing Beechwood Primary in the community.

### **Busy Beechwood!**

Next week we have a very busy week at Beechwood next week.

Tuesday 4th - Careers afternoon

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Book Fayre. Please feel free to come and look at all the wonderful books on offer.



Thursday 6th - World Book Day

We have parent teacher meetings happening throughout the week and on Wednesday evening, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**24th Feb - 14th March**  
**Yr 5 Swimming Lessons**

**3rd - 6th March**  
**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

**Tues 4th March**  
**Careers Day - Mufti**

**Wed 5th & Thurs 6th March**  
**Book Fayre - 3.30pm**

**Thurs 6th March**  
**World Book Day - Mufti**

**Thurs 13th March - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly**

**Mon 17th - Fri 21st March**  
**Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm**

**Tuesday 1st April**  
**PTFA - KS1/KS2 Easter Disco**

**Wed 2nd April**  
**Class Photographs**

**Thur 3rd April**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**7th April to 21st April**  
**EASTER BREAK**

**Mon 28th - Wed 30th April**  
**Yr 5 - Barton Hall Residential**

**Monday 5th May**  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Thurs 8th May - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly**

**Sun 11th May**  
**Half Marathon Challenge**

# Beechwood Primary Academy



## WORLD BOOKDAY

**Thursday 6th March**

To help celebrate World Book Day, children may come to school dressed in their PYJAMAS or as their FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER (no donation required). Children will be given a voucher to spend at the Book Fayre



**Book Swap - Bring a book to swap**

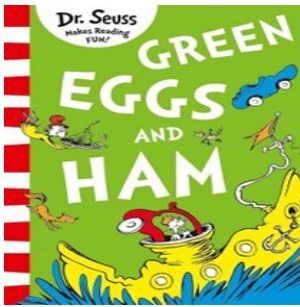


**Bring in a potato decorated as a book character**



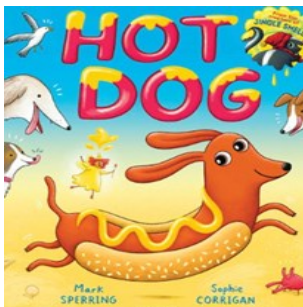
## World Book Day - Change to Menu

Please see a change of menu for World Book Day - Thursday 6th March  
Follow the links to listen to the stories below



**Thank You Sam I am - Roast Gammon with roast potatoes and vegetables (no green eggs!)**

<https://youtu.be/ldCum4kv3AQ?si=TXBVry7ggQTom3M3>



**Flo's Hot Dog Roll with roast potatoes and vegetables (with magic mustard)**

<https://youtu.be/FVqDj0-M94s?si=YBxzIBEE48C1cb1m>

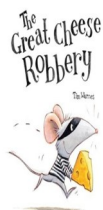


**Veggies Assemble Jacket Supertato**

<https://youtu.be/f3SymlvibCM?si=879f4q5J6V4ZhLff>

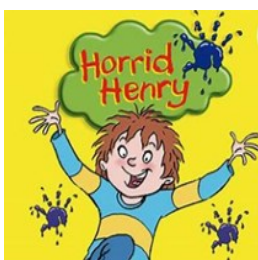


**Bruce Bogtrotter's decorated cupcakes**



**The Great Cheese Robbery Panini**

[https://youtu.be/klkYavLPGQY?si=Sy\\_337S4zknkzize](https://youtu.be/klkYavLPGQY?si=Sy_337S4zknkzize)



**Horrid Henry's Ham Panini**

[https://youtu.be/wF9silKI8CM?si=r1cug6i64DDe\\_yDd](https://youtu.be/wF9silKI8CM?si=r1cug6i64DDe_yDd)

# Beechwood Primary Academy Careers Day



**Tuesday 4th March**



As part of this celebration, pupils may come to school dressed up as someone from their favourite career or who they aspire to be.


Thank you to our parents/carers who have offered to come along to talk to our children about your career. This will be an excellent way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of different careers and career paths.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.  
01752 706360  
beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



## Tea with Teresa

Tea with Teresa will not be taking place this term. However, if you would like to talk to a member of the team, please pop into reception or contact school in the usual ways and we will ensure that the relevant staff member makes contact with you. Thank you.




**Beechwood Primary Academy**



**PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS!**

**Monday 3rd March to Thursday 6th March**  
(Please refer to letter for class slot times)


Please book your slot via E-schools no later  
Thursday 27th February using  
your login sent home with your child.



Please contact the school office on  
01752 706360 if you require assistance.



**BOOK FAYRE**



**Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th March**  
**at 3.30pm**

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Book Fayre here at  
Beechwood Primary Academy.  
Please come into school through the dining hall gates at the end of the school day.

# How to clean DEVICES



Our electronic devices can be a breeding ground for germs and bacteria. Many viruses, including coronavirus, can stick around for several hours or even days after being touched by or otherwise coming into contact with an infected person. With that knowledge, keeping them clean can be as important as keeping ourselves protected in order to avoid becoming ill and maintaining a high level of hygiene and cleanliness. We have therefore created this guide to help you clean your devices effectively.

## Always

## Never

Use wrung out alcohol wipes. Apple state that using a 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe or disinfectant wipe is ideal for the outside of a handset. To be on the extra safe side, power down the device before cleaning it. If you use a screen protector or protective case, you can clean these gently with warm water and soap. Just make sure you remove them from the phone first. While you CAN use general disinfectant spray, make sure it's sprayed onto a clean, soft cloth first, and not applied directly to the device. It will need to say something along the lines of 'kill 99.9% of bacteria' on it to be effective.

### MOBILE PHONES & TABLETS

Don't submerge the device in bleach or soapy water. Similarly, do not clean the device whilst it's charging or otherwise plugged into another device. Using alcohol wipes on things like leather cases or other fabric and material should also be avoided as it could damage them. Don't clean phone cases with in-built batteries or other electronics with soap and water. A big thing to remember is to not use straight rubbing alcohol. It can damage the oleophobic and hydrophobic coatings that keep oil and water from damaging the display and ports. Finally, don't use regular house-hold surface cleaners (non-disinfectant ones) on phones and tablets – they are too abrasive and may damage them irreversibly.

Turn the laptop all the way off before starting any kind of cleaning and always unplug it from the mains. If you can remove the battery of the device, do so. Wipe the screen with a dry microfibre cloth, then thoroughly wring out an alcohol wipe and repeat before returning with a dry cloth. The rest of the laptop can be cleaned with an alcohol wipe, much like a mobile phone, but be careful to wring it out to avoid unnecessary liquid dripping into the inner circuits. Be sure to clean thoroughly on and around the keys and any other buttons, but not between any open cracks.

### LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS

As with mobiles, avoid using water to clean the more delicate parts of your laptop such as keys and ports. While some of the more modern phones can be waterproof, laptops aren't and it will almost certainly cause damage and irreparable.

Remove any batteries the controller might use (Xbox controllers sometimes have batteries in the back). Use alcohol wipes and be sure to get into the crevices around the sides as well as all the buttons on a video game controller, then dry it immediately with a microfibre cloth. On a console, pay specific attention to things like the power buttons and disc/cartridge eject buttons if there are any. If you have a vacuum cleaner with an appropriate attachment, use this to remove things like dust or food prior to using an alcohol wipe. A microfibre cloth will also do the job but make sure it's clean and dry before you use it.

### GAME CONTROLLERS (& CONSOLES)

Do not use soapy water or bleach on the controllers and definitely not on the console itself. Make sure controllers are unplugged and inactive before cleaning them to avoid any problems with the electronics. Similarly, consoles should not be left on and need to be unplugged from the mains before being cleaned. Stay well away from the ports on consoles too, as any liquids could damage the interior.

Use alcohol wipes like with laptops and keyboards. Make sure they're unplugged and leave them to dry a little after using disinfectant wipes. If you have a hoover with the right attachments, be sure to give it a once over first to remove food and debris. Compressed air is also great for keyboards. Use short, sharp bursts and aim to push dust towards somewhere you can hoover it easily. Lightly dampen a cotton swab with rubbing alcohol and be sure to get between the keys as much as possible. Things like mice, headphones and microphones also need to be disinfected with wipes. If your keyboard is wireless, remove the batteries before you clean it. Don't let any moisture leak inside the keyboard and dry them with a clean microfibre cloth.

### KEYBOARD & MICE

Don't clean them with warm soapy water. The electronics in these are not designed to be waterproof like some modern mobile phones and tablets. Also, don't use too much rubbing alcohol on keyboards as they could remove the lettering on top of keys.



## General Tips

1

Don't rub too hard. A gentle swabbing will be sufficient and excess cleaning could damage your devices. Wait a few minutes for the disinfectant to work, then wipe it clean.

2

How often you clean your electronics depends on a number of factors such as how much you come into contact with other people. Be sensible and practical.

3

Keep hands and faces as clean as possible. You'll have to wipe clean electronics less if you're nice and clean using them.

4

Remember, some germs are good and can help build a healthy immune system in children, but you can never be too careful with coronavirus.

5

Do not use regular kitchen sponges to clean devices - often they contain as many or more germs than our phones.

6

Consider using hands-free devices instead of pressing the phone to your face while making a phone call. If there's anything nasty on your phone, the last place you want it is near your face.

### Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGble. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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# 2024-2025 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>200</b>
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
<b>Total</b>			<b>195</b>

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	DECEMBER				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JANUARY				
Monday	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

	FEBRUARY				
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

	MAY				
Monday	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	JUNE				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

## P.E. Days

Spring Term 2				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Monday</b> Tag Rugby Skills 	<b>Monday</b> Dance 	<b>Tuesday-</b> Dun Class <b>Wednesday-</b> Holst and Bernstein  Dance 	<b>Tuesday</b> Tennis and Golf 
	<b>Tuesday</b> Price Class- Dance 	<b>Wednesday</b> Zimmer and Vivaldi- Martial Arts 	<b>Wednesday</b> Tennis and Golf 	<b>Thursday-</b> Bernstein and Holst <b>Wednesday-</b> Dun Class  Tennis and Golf 

## Assembly Dates

Thursday 13th March - 2.45pm

Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm

Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

Year 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly

Year R - Mozart Class Assembly



## Email Addresses to Remember

**Year 6 - Elgar Class** - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class** - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class** – c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Dun Class** – k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Holst Class** – s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class** – i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Price Class** – c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class** – c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class** – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Rec - Mozart Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Nursery - Brahms Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

## Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

## Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

## Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Beechwood Primary Academy.  
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.



### BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



 <b>Miss Sam Roscoe</b>	 <b>Mr C Randall</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Natasha Jackson</b> INCO	 <b>Mr P Arnold</b> Senior Head of School	 <b>Mrs S Rama-Dominguez</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Teresa Pinhey</b>
First Contact to signpost parents	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	Safeguarding	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	Family Support	Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	Behaviour	School Nurse Referrals		Education and Curriculum	Parents Question & Answer
PTFA Contact	Family Crisis	DLA Applications		Family Support	Local Issues
	Service Families	GP letters			Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing [beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.