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**Headteacher Update**




I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break and that our children and families had the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy some time together. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back for what promises to be another busy and exciting half term at Beecholme.

I wanted to start with a quick update about the school site. Our caretaker, Michael, will be away for the next two weeks. During this time, if you notice any issues with the school site, please do let a member of staff or the school office know so that we can address them as quickly as possible. We would also appreciate your patience at the end of the school day. If a gate is not open at the usual time, please let the school office know, as staff may occasionally be delayed while covering the additional responsibilities needed in and around the school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We have also had some changes to our staff team. Last term, we said goodbye to our School Business Manager, Miss Ellington. We would like to thank her for her contribution to Beecholme and wish her every success and happiness for the future.

We are also delighted to welcome the newest member of the Beecholme team, Ella Scoble, who joins our support staff team. Ella will be working with children across the school and supporting a range of interventions. I am sure you will join us in giving her a very warm Beecholme welcome.

You may have seen some of the recent information around health and safety and school lunches. With this in mind, we would like to ask parents and carers who provide packed lunches to please avoid sending popcorn into school. If you are providing grapes, please ensure that these are cut into smaller, manageable pieces to help reduce the risk of choking. Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe.

There is so much to look forward to this half term. Alongside the fantastic learning taking place in classrooms, children will continue to build their knowledge, develop new skills and enjoy a wide range of experiences across the curriculum. We also have many exciting enrichment opportunities planned, giving our children the chance to take their learning beyond the classroom and experience something new.

We are particularly excited about the introduction of Rocksteady and cannot wait to hear our very own Beecholme bands in action! We also have trips and visits planned to theatres, cinemas and museums, as well as lots of other opportunities throughout the term.

Of course, we also have our much-loved annual pantomime to look forward to, and this year we will be enjoying Cinderella! Payment for the pantomime is still live on Arbor, so if you haven't

yet paid for your child's ticket, please do so as soon as possible. We wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

A quick reminder that it is parents evening next week, an opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress. Please book your 10-minute slot via the Arbor App. If you are having difficulties navigating the app then please see the school office. Please note that due to parents evening all clubs and boosters that normally happen on this day will be cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, plans are already full steam ahead for our Winter Fair on Thursday 17 December, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. It is always a wonderful opportunity to bring our children, families and wider school community together, and we are looking forward to another fantastic Beecholme event. More information will be shared shortly, but for now, please save the date!

As always, thank you for your continued support. We have a very busy few weeks ahead, but also lots to celebrate and look forward to. I am excited to see what our children achieve and to enjoy another positive and memorable half term together.

Hayley Lewis

Headteacher

## Friends of Beecholme/Fundraising

A Big Thank You to Our School Community! A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Movie Night! It was a lovely success, everyone had lots of fun and, most importantly, we raised a fantastic £84 towards improving our school library.

Our Steering Group children are already working hard with Coach Darrell to develop their vision for the library and think about how we can make it an even better space for all our children. So far, they have decided they would love new books, inspiring quotes on the walls and possibly some new furniture to make the library an even more comfortable and inviting place to read.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can continue to raise money throughout the year for such an important project. Every penny raised will help us get a little closer to creating a library that our children can really enjoy and be proud of.

Before half term, our Friends of Beecholme (FOB) group also met and started planning for our wonderful Winter Fair. There are lots of exciting ideas in the pipeline, and we will share more information with you very soon!




In the meantime, the FOB will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November, before and after school at the main school gate. Please do pop along and have a look. It is a great opportunity to pick up some uniform while also supporting our school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make a difference! 💔

## Open Days - Mrs Lewis




At Beecholme Primary School we are excited to announce our open mornings and tours for prospective parents and children for September 2026. Please speak to your family and friends and tell them we are looking forward to welcoming them face to face on the dates below. If they wish to attend a school tour, then please contact the school office: 0208 640 4795.

- Thursday 26th November 9:30am
- Monday 7th December at 2:30pm

## Anti-Bullying Week - Break the Silence




From Monday 16th to Friday 20th November, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence', encouraging children to speak up about bullying, listen to others and act together.

Throughout the week, children will explore the importance of kindness, respect, inclusion and speaking to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else. We want every child at Beecholme to know that they have the right to feel safe, valued and listened to.

On Friday 20th November we will also celebrate Odd Socks Day, giving everyone the opportunity to celebrate what makes us unique.

Together, we can break the silence and make sure every child feels safe to speak up.

## Curriculum Update/Curriculum Maps

We have another exciting and busy half term ahead, with a range of opportunities designed to enrich children's learning.

We continue to enhance classroom learning through a range of trips, visits and special experiences. This half term, these include visits to the cinema and theatre, as well as an exciting in-school performance of Cinderella.

As part of our ongoing work to strengthen our curriculum and communication with families, we are introducing termly curriculum maps across the school. These will give parents and carers a clear and accessible overview of what their children are learning and provide practical ideas for supporting and extending learning at home.
The curriculum maps will include:

- Curriculum subjects and key learning – the knowledge and skills children will develop across the term.
- Enrichment opportunities – trips, special events and experiences that enhance children's learning.
- Home learning – practical ideas and activities families can use to continue learning at home.
- Key vocabulary – important words and language linked to children's learning, with accessible visual support where appropriate.
- Core books and texts – the key books and texts children will encounter as part of their learning.
- Children's Rights – relevant UNCRC articles connected to children's curriculum learning.




We hope the new curriculum maps will help families feel even more connected to what children are learning at school and provide useful opportunities to talk about, celebrate and build upon learning at home.

## Remembrance Day Plans




As we approach Remembrance Day, our Year 6 House Captains have been busy selling poppies and other commemorative items to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important cause!

Our Year 6 will also be attending a special service at Mitcham War Memorial, where local primary schools will come together to lay wreaths and pay their respects to those who have lost their lives in conflict.

On Wednesday 11th November 2026, we will hold a whole-school assembly to help children understand the importance of Remembrance Day, reflect on the sacrifices made by others and take part in a one-minute silence as a mark of respect.

Lest We Forget.




## SEND Update

Our **PACE SEND Parent and Carer Event** on Wednesday 21st October at New Valley Primary School was a great success, with really positive feedback from those who attended. It was wonderful to bring together families and staff from Beecholme, New Valley, Chipstead Valley and Keston Primary Schools to share experiences, learn together and strengthen the support we provide for children with SEND.

A huge thank you to Melanie and Tracey from **Adapt to Learn**, who delivered an engaging and informative session on understanding and managing behaviour in younger children with SEND. Families came away with useful strategies and ideas that they can use to support their children at home.

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## Important Dates




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| Monday 9th November 2026 | 3.30-5.30pm<br>Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 10th November 2026 | Years 5 and 6 cinema trip<br><br>3.30-6.30pm<br>Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 11th November 2026 | Years 1 and 2 cinema trip<br><br>Year 6 War Memorial trip |
| Wednesday 18th November 2026 | Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 |
| Friday 20th November 2026 | World Children's Day<br><br>Odd Socks Day |
| Wednesday 25th November 2026 | Year 3 and 4 cinema trip |
| Thursday 26th November 2026 | Opening morning at 9.30am |
| Friday 27th November | Flu Programme in School |
| Monday 7th December | Year 3 visiting the library<br>Open afternoon at 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 8th December 2026 | Winter Disco<br>3.15-4.30pm |
| Wednesday 9th December 2026 | Science Fair |
| Monday 14th December 2026 | EYFS and Year 1/2 Nativity Performance<br>9am and 2pm |
| Tuesday 15th December 2026 | KS2 Christmas Singing Performance<br>9am and 2pm |
| Wednesday 16th December | Pantomime in school - Cinderella |
| Thursday 17th December 2026 | Winter Fair 3:30-5:30pm |
| Friday 18th December 2026 | End of Half term<br>School closes at 1.30pm |