



CALENDAR DATES 2026

21 st September 3pm to 4:30pm	PTA Welcome Event See details below
22 nd September	Whole School – Flu Vaccinations Details sent direct from Vaccination UK (MAVIS)
25 th September 9am to 10:00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning See details below
30 th September 9:30am & 1:30pm	Open Days – New Starters September 2027 See details below
16 th October	Harvest Assembly (Children only) Details to follow to request food donations
22 nd October 9:30am & 1:30pm	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
23 rd October 9am to 9:30am	Year 1 Reading & Phonics Workshop Details to follow
26 th October to 30 th October	October Half Term – School Closed
5 th November 9am to 10am	Maths Workshop – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
13 th November	Children in Need Day – Non-uniform Details to follow
19 th November 9am to 9:45am	Parents Forum – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
20 th November	Individual Whole School Photos
26 th November 9:30am	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
27 th November 9am to 10am	Reading steps to SATS success – Years 2, 3 & 4 Details to follow
30 th November	St Andrews Day – Non uniform
9 th December	Theatre Trip – Years 2, 3 & 4 only Details to follow
16 th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – non uniform
18 th December 12pm to 12:30pm	Fantastic Finish Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning at 12pm then children to go home



Our Beloved Mrs Collier

We suffered a great loss during the Summer with the death of such an esteemed member of staff. Mrs Collier has worked as a TA at Beaudesert officially since 2002 and unofficially, for the past 30 years from mum helper to TA to School Legend!.

Mrs Collier was a crucial cog at the heart of our school. No teaching challenge too big, no child's concern too small for her to deal with and 'to sort out'! As a staff we are already missing her dry wit and humorous asides that would leave us all in regular fits of staff room laughter.

Linda Collier's value is unparalleled in our school and her legacy is as strong as her will to make a difference.

Linda leaves a gap not just in our staffing and expertise but in our hearts as well.

Thank you Mrs Collier for all you did, your legacy will live on in the many children whose life chances you helped to transform and in the hearts of your colleagues and friends..Always.





Mrs Pearce and all the Beaudesert Staff would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to everyone who sent in messages, cards and gifts at the end of last term.

Everyone was overwhelmed by your generosity!

Thank you!

Welcome to Beaudesert!



We would like to welcome our new staff members to Beaudesert!

Early Years: Mrs K Jackson – Learning Support Assistant

Year 1PR: Miss H Rahman – Class Teacher (Mon & Tues)

Year 3J: Miss A Drury – Class Teacher (Monday)

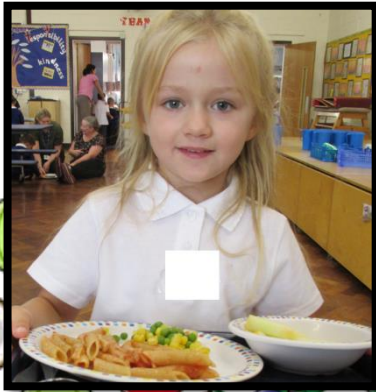
Year 3J: Miss R Muchoki – Supply Teaching Assistant

Midday Supervisor: Mrs G Thorn

Welcome to our new pupils and parents in Early Years!



The new Early Years children have settled extremely well into Beaudesert.....here are a few photos of them enjoying their lunches.....yum yum!





It is lovely to see all the children settling into their new classes....



3J



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3J had a very enjoyable start to their history topic 'From Rocks to Romans'. They have started to learn about the Stone Age and how early hunter-gatherers survived. They went out into the school grounds and looked for what could be used by a Stone Age person for shelter, warmth and food.



1A



1PR



4DR



2M



3P have been busy learning about the Stone Age. This week, they used chalk to create drawings based on cave paintings



Bobcat



Lynx class doing some talk partner work in English.



4G



$$5 + 4 = 9$$



Come and celebrate the
new school year and
meet other Beaudesert
Lower School families at our

WELCOME EVENT

Join us for ice creams, games,
and a warm PTA welcome.

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

3.00-4.30

On the field

(outside Early Years)



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



**We are holding an event to raise money for
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

on

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2026

09:00am to 10:00am

Parents are invited to come along, where you will
be able to purchase some cakes with your morning coffee!

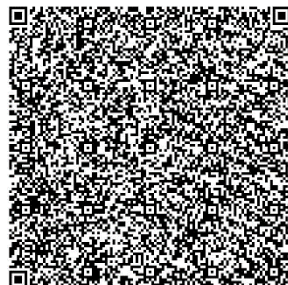
Each Year group will be putting on a small performance
for you all to see too!

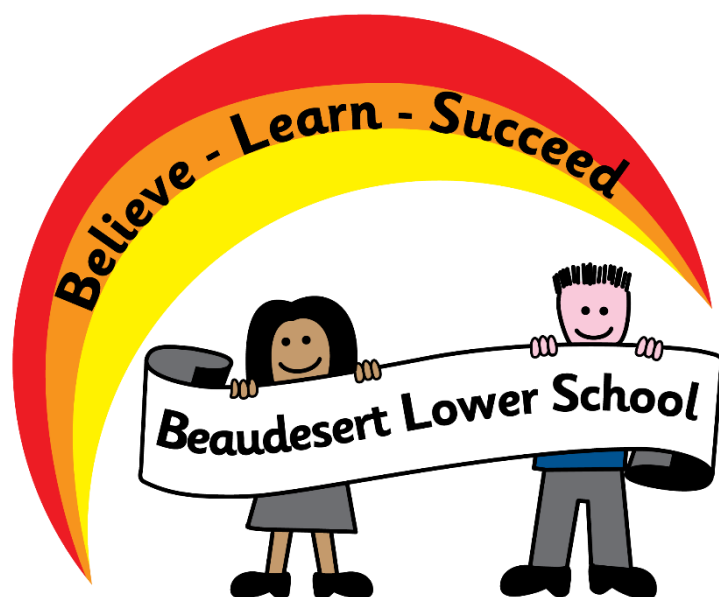
CAKE ~~EEEE~~ - DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

We would be grateful for any cake or biscuit donations, homemade or shop bought. Please may we ask for the cakes/biscuits to be nut free and if any of the cakes are gluten or dairy free please can these be labelled, thank you.

Donations can be made by clicking on the following link:

https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26003991?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC&utm_ref=UBS





Open Days

30 th September 2026	9:30am	1:30pm
22 nd October 2026	9:30am	1:30pm
26 th November 2026	9:30am	

Talk and Tour with Mrs Pearce

Please give us a call on 01525 373019 or email office@beaudesert.school with the date and time, you wish to attend.

All welcome!

Come and have a chat about what we do...

Become a Foster Carer with us



We provide:

- 24/7 support from qualified social workers
- professional training programme
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Berry Lane, Milton Keynes, MK17 8HS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 16 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'Stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process; educators should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert

Darren Coxon is an educator with almost 30 years' experience across teaching, school leadership and governance. He works internationally supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance and [insert NC courses I have written].



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REMINDERS

Start & Finish Times for September 2026 – July 2027

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.



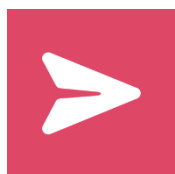
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



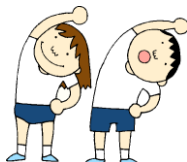
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.40am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**reach more parents by weduc**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2026 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by 8am each day or book in advance.

Beaundesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzzoneclub.com or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 12pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.



PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PTA have set up a pre-loved uniform shop. Please click on the below link to browse and make your purchase.

Link: <https://app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/beaudesert-lower-school>