

## CALENDAR DATES 2025/26

15 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THEATRE TRIP - YEAR 3J & YEAR 4 All consents have been received, thank you Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
16 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow from class teachers
17 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH See details below
18 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THEATRE TRIP - YEAR 2 & YEAR 3P Details sent 4.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 5.12.25 Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
19 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning at 12pm then children to go home
22 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	YEAR 3 SWIMMING – details to follow 10 weeks excludes February half term & 5 <sup>th</sup> March World Book Day Details sent 20.11.25 - please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 12.12.25 Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 2:30pm to 3pm	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING Letter sent 9.10.25 – meeting will be held in the school hall
13 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS & YEAR 1 – M&M THEATRE PRODUCTIONS @ BEAUDESERT Details sent by email 13.11.25
13 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 9am to 10am	MATHS WORKSHOP – PARENTS/CARERS INVITED IN TO SCHOOL Re-scheduled date – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to attend
15 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS NIGHT WALK Details to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS – BIRD OF PREY WORKSHOP Details to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026	AUTHOR VISIT JULIA JARMAN Details to follow
6 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY Details to follow

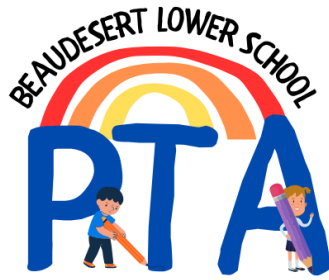
### LAST DAY OF TERM – FANTASTIC FINISH FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers in to the school for **12pm** on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 so you can view your child's amazing work!  
You are then free to take your child/children home.

We look forward to seeing you.



THANKYOU!



A huge THANK YOU to everyone in the PTA who organised such a fantastic Christmas Fayre last Friday! Also, to all the helpers and staff that manned the stalls, to all the families that supported the event!

The PTA's dedication and commitment to organising these events ensures the children at this school prosper from their fundraising and the enrichment it brings.

Many thanks for all your amazing efforts!

Mrs Pearce

### **Bring a Bottle Donation**



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our PTA Bring a Bottle Day. We were very lucky to receive a bottle of Taittinger but unfortunately the security tag was left on inside the box. If the person who donated this is able to contact the school office, we would be most grateful.

Many thanks

### **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent questionnaire that was sent out in October. We were grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback from your replies. Thank you especially to those of you who took the time to add your name to any comment or queries and to those who came and joined the forum at the school or online. Your feedback and support is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs Pearce



Challenge Champions, English, Maths Certificates and Times Table Rock Star will resume in next week's Newsletter.



# CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF



Thank you to everyone who took part in our competition. There were some yummy creations, as you can see in the photos and here are the winners!!! Congratulations!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Frankie 3J & Jax 4G**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Agnes 3J**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Edison 2O**



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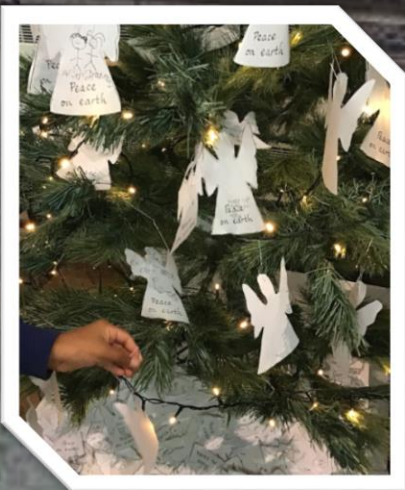


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# ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

*Year 3 & 4 enjoyed their trip to All Saints Church this week. They went around the Christmas trail learning about the Nativity story which supported their current learning in RE.*









## Care Home Christmas Carols

Beaundesert were delighted to be able to take some Year 4 children to three of our local care homes this week, to sing some Christmas Carols! All the residents were overwhelmed by their beautiful voices!  
Well done everyone!



## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



Christmas Jumper day will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a **full non-uniform day**. We will be supporting the charity 'Save the Children' this year and ask for a small donation of 50p per child. Please hand your donation to the class teacher.



If you wish to make a donation directly to 'Save the Children', please click on the following link:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd250000361>

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events.

Clare Vogeli from Inspiring Music came to our assembly on Monday to inspire the children with her clarinet playing.  
Clarinet lessons will now be available at Beaudesert during the school day.

If you wish to enrol your child, please contact them directly to enquire about availability via their website link as follows

[Instrumental and singing lessons in school — Inspiring Music - Central Bedfordshire](http://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk)



# Inspiring Music

**offers high-quality, reliable music tuition to schools, parents and the wider community across Central Bedfordshire.**

Give your child the opportunity to develop a lifelong talent and interest by taking up our music lessons in schools.

As well as being **GREAT FUN**, research shows that learning a musical instrument supports children in lots of ways.

To find out more, and view the full costs of music lessons, please scan here.



To watch video performances of Inspiring Music tutors showcasing instruments and singing, please scan here.



To view our terms and conditions for music lessons, please scan here.



Speech  
Social skills  
Numeracy  
Self-confidence  
Literacy  
Self-expression

Central Bedfordshire Council



## Key Information

### Where and When do Lessons Take Place?

Most lessons take place during the school day, in school and typically last between 20 and 30 minutes.

### Do I have to Provide an Instrument?

We can provide a number of instruments **FREE OF CHARGE** for the first year. If your child has their own suitable instrument, we are happy to teach them on this.

### What Instruments can we Teach?

Brass	Guitar	Piano	Percussion	Woodwind	Strings	Vocal
Baritone	Acoustic*	Keyboard*	Drum Kit*	Bassoon	Cello	Singing
Cornet	Bass*	Piano*	Orchestral	Clarinet	Double Bass	
Euphonium	Electric*		Tuned*	Flute	Viola	
French Horn	Ukulele*			Oboe	Violin	
Tenor Horn				Saxophone		
Trombone						
Trumpet						
Tuba						

\*Currently not available for hire.

### Financial Support for Music Lessons

Funding may be available for low income families or families who find themselves in financial difficulties through the Bedfordshire Educational Association (BEA). Please check out their website - <https://www.beacharity.co.uk/>

If you do not have facilities to enrol online please call the phone number below:

### To find out more please look online

[www.inspiringmusic.co.uk](http://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk)  
[CBC Inspiring Music](https://www.facebook.com/CBCInspiringMusic) [@InspiringMusic1](https://www.instagram.com/InspiringMusic1)

Contact us on 0300 300 6604  
or [inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:inspiring.music@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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# It is that time of year when coughs, colds and bugs are prevalent!

*To help reduce the chances of your child getting ill....*

Make sure your child is up to date with the flu vaccination:


Flu catch up clinics in Bedfordshire:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/blmk>


You can send your child to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.


Please remind your child of basic hygiene measures to keep bugs at bay:


- Wash hand for at least 20 seconds using soap and water
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes then throw them in the bin
- Avoid touching their face particularly their eyes, nose and mouths


 **Coughs, colds and pneumonia 10 messages for children to learn & share**


1. Lungs help us breathe. Coughs and colds can weaken them. Pneumonia is an illness caused by bacteria germs that can make weak lungs very ill.


2. Everyone gets coughs and colds. Most get better quickly with good food and rest. If coughs or colds last more than two weeks, visit a health centre.



3. Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at 5 critical times prevents the spread of germs and illnesses like pneumonia.



4. Keep babies and children away from cooking smoke to help prevent illnesses like pneumonia.



5. Smoking tobacco and breathing smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful. Keep children away from cigarette smoke.


6. Pneumonia is a serious illness and can cause young children to breathe fast. Other signs are fever, vomiting and chest pain.


PNEUMONIA?

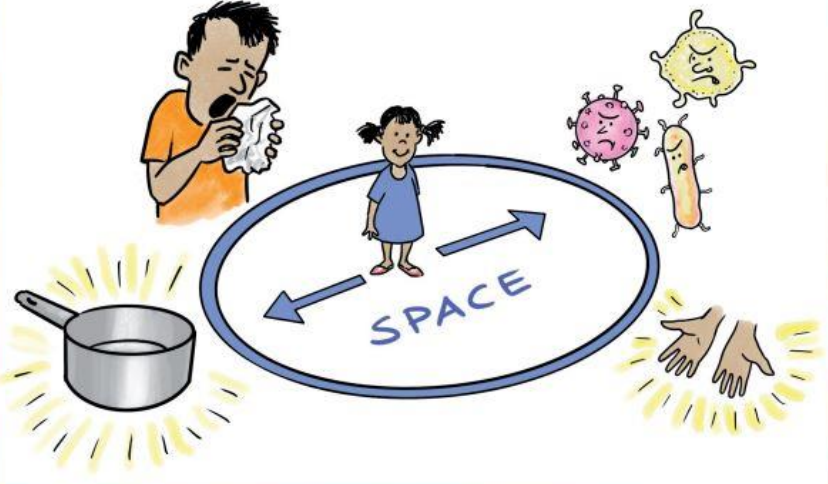

7. If an infant or young child is breathing more quickly than usual, take them to a health centre as they may need medicine fast.


8. A good diet, breastfeeding for babies, a smoke-free home and immunisation all help prevent coughs, colds and serious illnesses like pneumonia.


9. Treat a cough or cold by keeping warm, giving tasty drinks often, like soup and juice, eating nutritious food, resting and keeping the nose clean.

WARM  
DRINK  
FOOD  
REST  
CLEAN


10. Stop coughs, colds and pneumonia spreading from one person to another. Avoid close contact, keep hands and utensils clean, and cough into a bent arm or paper.





# EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



## Thinking about requesting a term-time holiday? Please think carefully.

Headteachers can only agree to time off in exceptional circumstances. The Department for Education says that family holidays or trips for leisure aren't considered exceptional.



## Every lesson missed impacts upon your child being able to reach their potential.

### Why time in school matters:

- Even a few days away can leave gaps in learning, especially in maths and literacy
- Children can find it harder to catch up when they return, which can knock their confidence
- They may miss projects, group work or assessments that are difficult to repeat
- Being away can mean missing social moments with friends and classmates
- Teachers want every child to succeed, but it's hard to help one pupil catch up without holding others back

We know family time is important – but so is your child's education.

Please plan holidays during school breaks so your child doesn't miss out on learning or friendships.

### Unauthorised absences can lead to a fine.

Each parent may be fined £160 per child if a pupil misses 5 days of school without permission.

Repeated absences could result in court action, larger fines, or a criminal record.

**Every day in school helps your child build a brighter future.**

For more information visit:

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)

# After School ART Club!

Every Tuesday & Thursday at Beaudesert  
Lower School



Join us for our Jan/Feb half term for lots of crafty fun!



Tuesdays - KS2 (y3 & y4)

Thursdays - KS1 (y1 & y2)

15:00 - 16:00

£36 for 6 weeks

from w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Feb



to book:

Go to:

<https://artventurers.co.uk/berkhamsted/> or

email: [jess@artventurers.co.uk](mailto:jess@artventurers.co.uk)

**ART**venturers®  
Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!





**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSION  
HERE AT BEAUDESERT LOWER SCHOOL**

## JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2026

YEAR 1, 2, 3 & 4 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB,  
MONDAYS, 3.00 - 4.00PM

TERM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS -

JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>,  
FEB 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>

THE COST WILL BE £5.50 PER SESSION RUNNING FOR 5 WEEKS. £27.50 IN TOTAL. THE CHILDREN WILL NEED PE KIT, WATER BOTTLE AND TRAINERS TO TAKE PART.

THERE ARE 16 PLACES AVAILABLE, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. TO RESERVE A SPACE PLEASE E-MAIL US AT - [BEDSBUCKS@BRAZILIANSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK](mailto:BEDSBUCKS@BRAZILIANSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK)

SUBJECT HEADING - 'BEAUDESERT ASC'

PLEASE INCLUDE ON THE EMAIL -  
YOUR CHILDS NAME.  
CLASS & YEAR GROUP.  
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME.  
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER.  
ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

ON YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL BACK, WE WILL FORWARD OVER PAYMENT DETAILS AND WAYS TO PAY. \*PLEASE NOTE\* - UNLESS YOU HAVE EMAIL CONFIRMATION BACK FROM US OF YOUR PLACE ON THE CLASS & PAYMENT IS MADE, YOUR SPACE IS NOT SECURED.

PLEASE BOOK ON QUICKLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT TERM OF FOOTBALL.

BRAZILIAN SOCCER SCHOOLS TEAM.



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@bedsfire

For the attention of Parents and Guardians

### Children/Young People's safety around lakes, rivers and bodies of open water

Dear Parents,

**We want to alert parents and young people of the potential dangers and risk to life of playing near and on frozen bodies of water in Bedfordshire.**

**We would ask all parents and carers to talk to their children and remind them of the dangers of ice and water and why they must keep away from it.**

Frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can look picturesque, but they can be lethal. There can be no greater warning of this than last year's awful event.

The cold weather can lead to bodies of water freezing over and creating hazardous conditions. We understand the temptation to walk across or play on the frozen water, but we would like to urge everyone to see the dangers are associated with frozen water.

Our advice is to never go on to the ice under any circumstances. The ice may appear thicker than it is but please be aware that ice can be weak, especially as you move further from the edge. If you were to fall in it can be extremely dangerous due to the cold temperatures of the water and the possibility of currents pushing you under unbroken ice.

RLSS UK offer safety advice for winter water safety, with simple steps to keep safe during the winter:

1. Never go onto the ice to play, to retrieve an object, or a pet.
2. Never enter the ice to rescue somebody, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

### **What to do if YOU accidentally fall through ice:**

- Stay calm and shout for help
- Spread your arms out across the surface of the ice in front of you
- Lie flat and use your arms to pull yourself over the ice towards the shore
- If the ice on the water breaks, try to make your way to the bank or shore, breaking ice in front of you as you go
- If you find yourself stuck and unable to escape, wait for help. Stay as still as possible to conserve your energy. Bring your arms close to your sides and keep your legs together, while keeping your head out of the water
- When you're safely out of the water it's important to go to hospital for a check-up



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### **What to do if you see SOMEONE ELSE fall through the ice:**

- Shout for help, call 999 and – if the incident involves inland water – ask for the fire service. At the coast, ask for the coastguard.
- Do not go on to ice to attempt a rescue.
- Call out to the casualty and encourage them to stay calm.
- To try to reach the person from the bank, use a rope, pole, tree branch, clothes tied together or anything else that can extend your reach.
- Lie down flat on the bank, to avoid slipping or being pulled in.
- If you can't reach them, try sliding something that floats – like a football or large plastic bottle – to them, to help them float.
- If the casualty is too far away, DO NOT try to rescue them yourself. Wait for the emergency services to arrive. Continue to remain calm and reassure the person.

Please also see the attached Factsheet [The Dangers of Frozen Water Factsheet | StayWise](#)

Visit [WWW.Staywise.co.uk](http://WWW.Staywise.co.uk) for more learning resources that you can use at home provided by the Emergency Services



what3words

We are encouraging everyone to download what3ords as this helps us to identify a location when it isn't addressable e.g. by a lake or a rural country road. The App can be downloaded for free onto a mobile phone. More information can be found at [www.what3words.com](http://www.what3words.com)

- If you are in a rural area and are unsure of the exact location, try using what3words.
- This will give you 3 keywords to give to the 999 call operator. This gives us an exact location, enabling emergency services to know your exact location and the best access point to send help.

Despite the obvious safety risks, Fire service have no authority to stop people being near open water, but if you have concerns of safety or anti-social behavior, we would ask you to report this through to the Police non-emergency number on 101

If someone is in trouble and needs help in an emergency, please call 999

Kind Regards

Stacey Moore  
Community Safety Officer  
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service





## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

#### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

#### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

#### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

#### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

#### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

### Meet Our Expert

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# REMINDERS

## Start & Finish Times for September 2025 – July 2026

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 WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> LAP.**



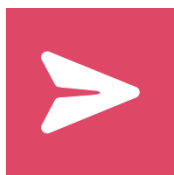
### **Change of contact details/address**

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



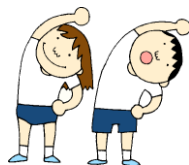
### **Absences/lateness**

***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 2025** – 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](http://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](mailto:hello@kidzzzoneclub.com) or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 2pm). 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.uniformd.co.uk/items/beadesert-lower-school>