



17th October 2025

CALENDAR DATES 2025

22 nd OCTOBER Note date change	HARVEST ASSEMBLY with the Reverend David Heather (Children only) See details below
23 rd OCTOBER 9:00am to 9:30am	YEAR 2 READING & PHONICS WORKSHOP Details sent 6.10.25 – if you wish to join please complete the form via the SchoolAPP
24 th OCTOBER	PTA RAINBOW DAY – NON UNIFORM PTA KRISPY KREME SALE AFTER SCHOOL See details below & the SchoolAPP newsfeed
27 th OCTOBER to 31 st OCTOBER	OCTOBER HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
3 rd NOVEMBER	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
5 th NOVEMBER 9am to 10am	MATHS WORKSHOP – PARENTS/CARERS INVITED IN TO SCHOOL Details sent on the SchoolAPP 14.10.25 – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to attend
7 th NOVEMBER 2pm to 3pm	GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA Details sent on the SchoolAPP 13.10.25 – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to be entered into the draw by the 20.10.25 at 5pm
7 th NOVEMBER	PTA BINGO NIGHT Details to follow
11 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 4 – ALL SAINTS CHURCH VISIT Details to follow
13 th NOVEMBER 09:00am TO 09:45am	PARENTS FORUM – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
13 th NOVEMBER	PTA CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
14 th NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
19 th NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY Details to follow
20 th NOVEMBER 9:30am & 1:30pm	OPEN DAY 2 – NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2026 See details on school's website
21 st NOVEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS Please ensure children have full school uniform on including logo jumper/cardigan
28 th NOVEMBER	PTA BRING A BOTTLE DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
1 st DECEMBER	YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY Details to follow
4 th DECEMBER 5:45pm to 6:15pm Note time change	BEAUDESERT CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT Details to follow
5 th DECEMBER	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR Details to follow
11 th DECEMBER	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details to follow
17 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH Details to follow
19 th 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 nd DECEMBER to 2 nd JANUARY 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
5 th JANUARY 2026	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 th JANUARY 2026	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
8 th JANUARY 2026 2:30PM	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING Letter sent regarding payments 9.10.25 – meeting will be held in the school hall
8 th JANUARY 2026	Year 3 Swimming 10 weeks excludes February Half Term and 5 th March World Book Day Details to follow

Challenge Champions 10th October 2025



Lynx: Aleena

1A: Zachary

2M: Magnus

3P: Luke

4DR: Noah

1P: Maria

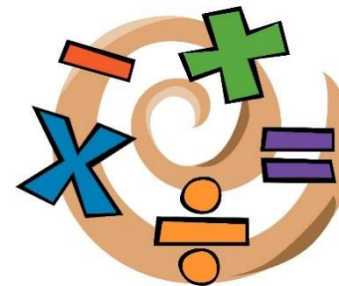
2O: Elsie

3J: Sofia

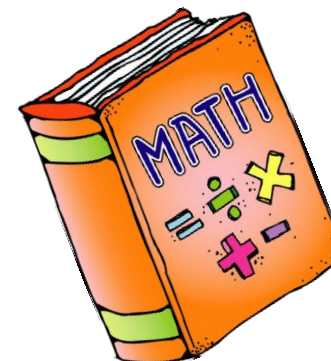
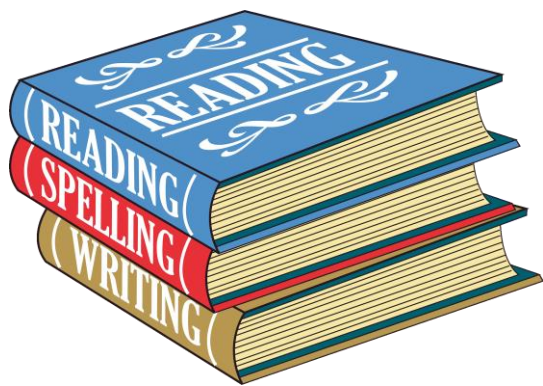




English Champion of the Week
10th October 2025



Maths Champion of the Week
10th October 2025



Year 3 Roman Army Role Play



Year 3 learnt about what life was like for a Roman soldier and that the Roman army was very organised.

They went outside and did a role play where they marched and got into various formations.



They stood to attention and then marched.



They made a tortoise formation so we were protected from spears and arrows.



They made a wedge formation so we could push through enemy lines.



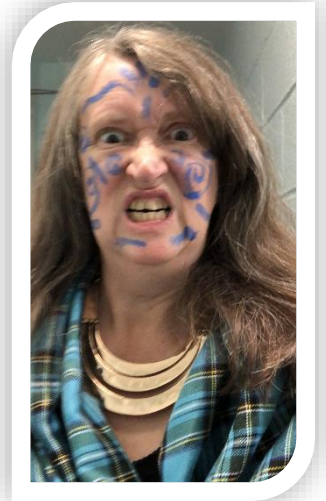
They made an orb formation when we were surrounded.



Year 3 Boudicca's Visit!

Guess who came to visit Year 3 this week? Boudicca all the way from AD 60!

The children loved listening to her stories and asking her questions.



Early Years Walk

What an exciting walk Early Years had, walking around Appenine Way looking at all the different houses!



HARVEST ASSEMBLY



We will be having a special assembly on the 22nd October, where we ask the children to bring in food donations. If you wish to donate, please may we ask you to leave all items under the playground shelter. The Leighton Linlade Helpers Foodbank will be delighted to come to collect, where you will help many hungry families

access food to eat. We politely ask that the food donations are not perishable items such as fresh vegetable, bread and fruit etc. Please send tinned or packaged items only.

Many thanks for your continued support.



School Uniform Reminders



Just a polite reminder on our uniform policy:

Hairbands: blue or white, no novelties

No nail varnish

Earrings: a single pair of stud earrings (no hoops)

Many thanks for your continued support.



Rainbow Day



Friday 24th October

Come dressed in your favourite colour or with your favourite colour accessory. Face painting allowed!

£1 donation

(PTA members will be collecting cash at the entrance)



THANKYOU



Doughnut Sale

24th October 3pm

On the Playground



Pre-Order Now!

Get a box of 12 for £11

Please Pre-Order for more than 6

<https://pay.summ/b2c/QPAV7RDH>



After School ART Club!

Every Tuesday & Thursday at Beaudesert
Lower School



Join us for our Winter 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 3rd Nov to w/c 8th Dec

to book:

Go to:

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

email: jess@artventurers.co.uk

ARTventurers®
Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!



TRY HOCKEY WITH LBHC OPEN SESSION FOR U8/YEAR 3 BOYS & GIRLS

Looking for a fun and exciting way to get active? Come and join us for a fantastic introduction to hockey at Leighton Buzzard Hockey Club!

Whether you're brand new to the sport or already have some experience, this session is perfect for:

- Beginners - Learn new skills in a fun and friendly environment.
- Experienced players - Receive coaching and explore joining a new club.



DATE: Sunday 19th October



TIME: 10:15 - 11:15



LOCATION: Vandyke Upper School

Expect an hour of energetic gameplay, skill-building and plenty of fun!

Sticks can be provided. All you need are shin pads & a gum shield (if you have them). Parents are welcome to stay and watch. The Clubhouse will be open for refreshments.

PLEASE SCAN THE
QR CODE & COMPLETE
THE REGISTRATION
FORM TODAY!



youth@lbhc.org.uk



[leightonbuzzardhockey](https://www.facebook.com/leightonbuzzardhockey)



lbhc.org.uk

UNDER 6S
SCH YR 1 - SEPT 2025

**COACH
WANTED**



**PLAYERS
NEEDED**

E: lcycfc@mail.com



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



See full reference list on our website



The National College

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 2ND LAP.



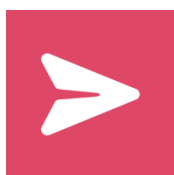
Change of contact details/address

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



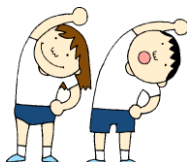
Absences/lateness

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 8.45am), 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 2024 – 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 Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705.

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 3pm). 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.



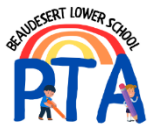
Bikes and Scooters

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>