



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 (full) & 1:30pm	Open Days – New Starters September 2027 See details below
30 th September 3:15pm to 7pm	ONLINE Meet the Teacher Details to follow – please note these are virtual appointments
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
23 rd October	PTA Rainbow Day – Non uniform 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
12 th November EYS – 2:30pm to 3pm Yr 1&2 – 3pm to 4pm Yr 3&4 – 4pm to 5pm	PTA Disco – Non uniform day 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
30 th November & 1 st December	PTA Elfridges Details to follow
4 th December	PTA Christmas Fair Details to follow
9 th December	Theatre Trip – Years 2, 3 & 4 only Details to follow
10 th December 9:15am & 2pm	Early Years Christmas Nativity Details to follow
16 th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – non uniform
17 th December	Christmas Party Day – Whole School Details to follow nearer to the time from the class teachers
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

Challenge Champion – 11th September 2026



1PR: Ada-Marie

1A: Roman

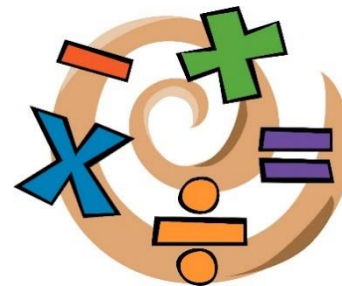
2M: Bella

3J: Jack

4DR: Myla-Valentine

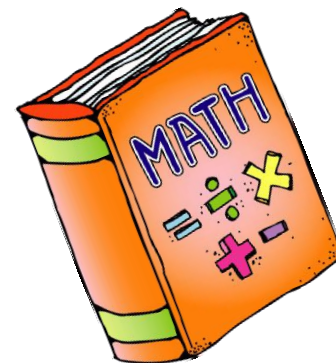
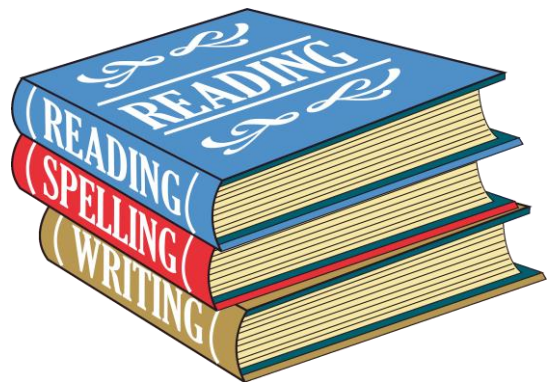
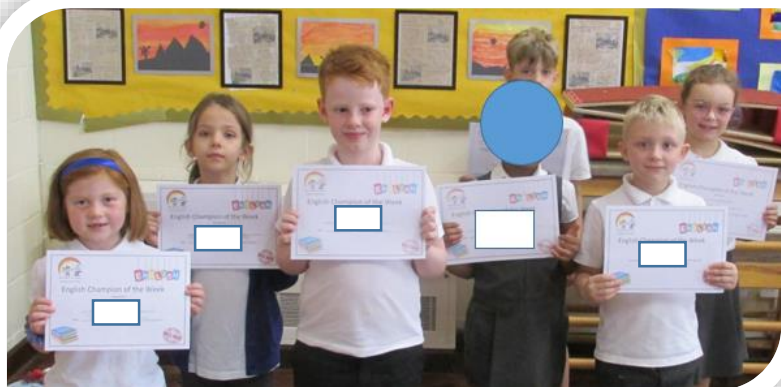
4G: Kian

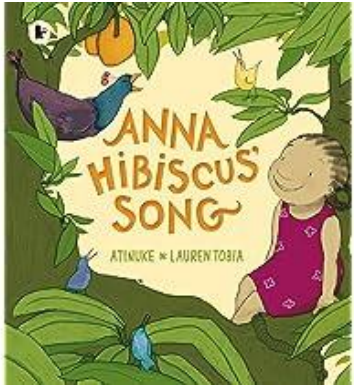




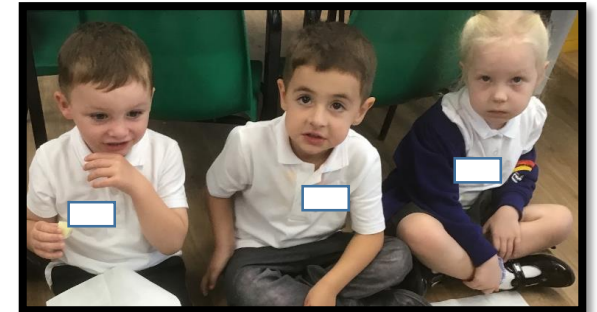
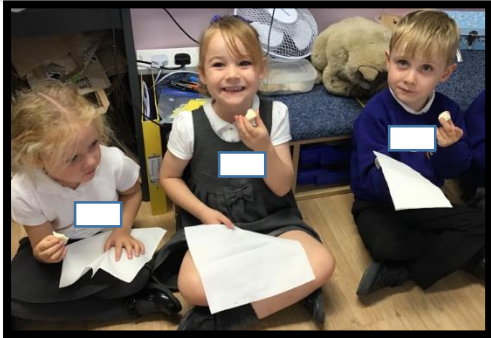
English Champion of the Week
11th September 2026

Maths Champion of the Week
11th September 2026





This week the Early Years children have been reading Anna Hibiscus Song' by Atinuke. In the story Anna's Aunties pound yam when they are feeling happy. They investigated a whole yam and then tasted cooked yam!



GUITAR LESSONS



Mr Finch is back! He will be starting his guitar lessons at Beaudesert on a Thursday. Lessons will take place during school hours. If you wish to find out more details, please contact Mr Finch directly to enquire about availability.

Shared lessons - £9 per session

Individual lessons - £14 per sessions

Please email Mr Finch at the following address: jfinch5@hotmail.com



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!

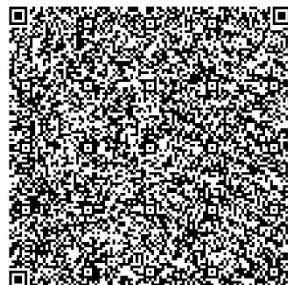
Each Year group will be putting on a small performance
for you all to see too!

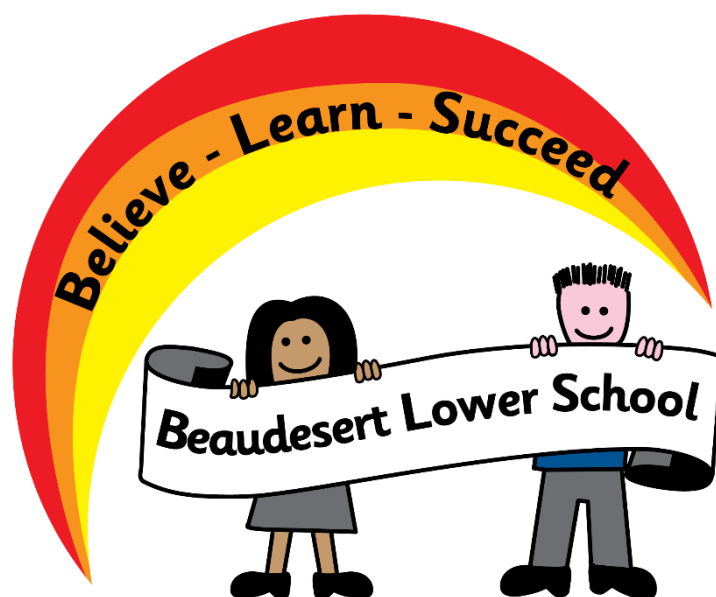
CAKE ~~EEEE~~ - DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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

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...

Ahoy, Mateys!

Get ready to sail into a day of adventure at **Kids in Action's Pirate Dress-Up & Game Day!**

Join us **Saturday 19th September, 10am–3pm** for treasure hunts, games, and swashbucklin' fun for children aged 4–18 with SEND.

✨ Don't forget your best pirate costume — we can't wait to see your hats, hooks, parrots, and pirate swagger!

Kids in Action Dunstable



NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:

- * EXPLOITATION
- * KNIFE CRIME
- * COUNTY LINES

6:00PM - 9:00PM
THURS 24 SEPT 2026
QUEENSBURY SCHOOL
DUNSTABLE · LU6 3BU

BOOK YOUR TICKET



Central
Bedfordshire



CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

BOOK YOUR TICKET



Central
Bedfordshire



This session is designed to help parents and carers to recognise the signs of exploitation and understand the risks around county lines and knife crime. It includes input from frontline professionals, youth organisations, and those with lived experience, along with an opportunity to speak directly with local support services.

You can also find out more details about the event here [Not My Child | Bedfordshire Police](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/not-my-child-a-parents-guide-to-exploitation-knife-crime-county-lines-tickets-1998961350209)

Link to book a place:

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOXIC GAMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gaming should be a way for children to have safe fun with their friends. But anonymity and a lack of consequences can mean that corners of online multiplayer gaming are riddled with toxicity that makes them unpleasant at best, and damaging to children at worst.

A 2019 study found 74% of players had experienced harassment in online games, and such behaviour has become increasingly normalised.

GAMING WITHOUT THE FUN

Toxic gaming takes many forms. In live, multiplayer games, players can be targeted by strangers bullying them over voice and text, or deliberately sabotaging their game. It can also be present in spaces outside of the game such as Discord and Reddit, with players gatekeeping their community and making it deliberately unwelcoming to newcomers. In extreme circumstances, it can lead to physical threats, stalking and doxing.

WIDESPREAD TOXICITY

The Anti-Defamation League's 2019 study numbers are stark. At that point, 74% of players had experienced some form of abuse, with 65% receiving physical threats, stalking or sustained harassment. Nearly a third of players surveyed found themselves doxed while playing online, which means private or personal information was shared against their will in an attempt to intimidate or silence.

BIGOTED TRASH TALK

Such toxic tactics are especially prevalent against girls, LGBTQ+ players and players from minority ethnic backgrounds. In all, 53% of respondents reported being targeted based on their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Another survey revealed that 88% of openly LGBTQ+ players have been harassed by their communities, while over half of women report using a non-gendered or male username while playing to avoid harassment.

EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES

Extremist groups have been known to target gaming communities and streaming platforms as a way of spreading propaganda and recruiting young players to their cause. Even in 2019, the ADL's research found that 23% of players had been exposed to white supremacist ideology, with a further 8% exposed to positive views about Islamic State. Disinformation is also a problem, with 13% hearing conspiracy theories about 9/11 and 9% exposed to Holocaust denial.

A SAFE SPACE MADE UNSAFE

This toxic environment can lead to the same feelings of fear, isolation and depression that offline bullying can. Children exposed to toxic gaming can become withdrawn, anxious or irritable. They can struggle with sleep and find it difficult to focus on schoolwork and other pursuits, even after the game has been switched off and they're no longer playing.

COPYING HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR

At the other end of the spectrum, children can mimic the toxic behaviour and language they've seen online in offline settings. If bullying or bigoted chat is normalised as a legitimate part of online gaming, children may end up emulating it offline with classmates, seeing it as harmless banter. This could make other children's lives miserable or leave them feeling isolated at school.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PLAY WITH FRIENDS

While some games rely on playing with strangers to make up the numbers, there are plenty of titles that can be played on a private server with vetted, trusted friends, sidestepping the toxic elements of the wider gaming community. If a child encounters toxic behaviour in others while playing larger games, encourage them to block and report the players responsible.

USE THE GAME'S TOOLS

Many online games provide ways to limit interaction with strangers, either through the global settings on PlayStation or Xbox, or within the game itself. Look at the options, and make it so children can only communicate with their friends. If you can't see this level of control, you can consider disabling chat completely and, where age-appropriate, using a suitable separate service for communication with friends.

TALK TO CHILDREN

Most importantly, if children are gaming online or want to start, talk to them about the risks and how to deal with toxic behaviour. Explain the kinds of behaviour they may encounter, encourage them to report and block, and let them know they can talk to you about any concerns. Where appropriate, you may even want to play alongside them to get a feel for the community yourself.

FIND THE RIGHT COMMUNITY

If your child is at an age where social media is permitted, friendly communities exist. There are online groups for LGBTQ+ players, players from minority backgrounds and girls, where they can chat and find people to play with in more welcoming environments. Not everyone is who they claim to be online, so be sure to discuss the risks of online friendships, and maintain an open dialogue with children to ensure their ongoing safety.

Meet Our Expert

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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.



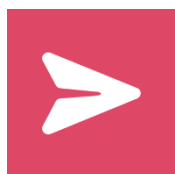
Change of contact details/address

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



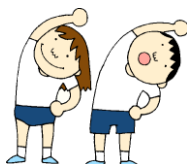
Absences/lateness

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/beaudebert-lower-school>