



CALENDAR DATES 2026

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| 8 th MAY | QUIDDITCH – YEARS 1 TO 4 |
| 12 th MAY | SCHOOL NHS HEALTH CLINIC DROP IN – EVERYONE WELCOME Details to follow |
| 14 th & 15 th MAY | YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP 21.4.26 Please complete the consent form on the SchoolAPP |
| 18 th JUNE 9:30am to 11:45am | SPORTS DAY (weather dependant) – ALL PARENTS/CARERS INVITED (Reserve date 26 th June if this date is cancelled due to rain/burning temp) |
| 19 th JUNE 3:15pm to 5pm | PTA SUMMER FAYRE Details to follow |
| 2 nd JULY | EVERYONE UP DAY |
| 8 th JULY 3:05pm to 3:30pm | MEET THE TEACHER Details to follow |
| 7 th & 9 th JULY | YEAR 2 FIRE SERVICE |
| 16 th JULY | BEAUDESERT'S GOT TALENT Note: this is for the children only |
| 16 th JULY 2pm to 3pm & 6pm to 7pm | YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE Details to follow |
| 17 th JULY 1:45pm to 3pm | YEAR 4 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY Details to follow |



Congratulations to all our runners!



For the last 7 years, Beaudesert Lower School has taken part in the Mini London Marathon with every child completing 2.6 miles around the school track. 2026 brought a new challenge when Beaudesert were successful in the ballot, gaining 11 coveted places to take part in the Mini London Marathon around some of the iconic marathon route. Starting in Horseguards Parade, the children ran along Birdcage Walk, past Buckingham Palace, along Constitution Hill and down the Mall, looking sensational with flags flying. The children crossed the finish line, which 24 hours later would see Sebastian Sawe break the two-hour barrier and claim the World Record.

The TCS Mini London Marathon championships was the day's curtain-raiser, with the best young athletes and para-athletes in the country taking part, while thousands of schoolchildren of all ages and abilities completed either one mile or 2.6K over the course of the day.

The team of Year 4 athletes from Beaudesert Lower School, were excited to follow a warm up led by Fury from Gladiators and then their time came to run 2.6km through the streets with cheering, flag waving and bubble blowing supporters. As the children entered the final 250m along the Mall, the wall of sound hit them and every child sprinted for the line!

Beaudesert Lower School strives to inspire all children to develop a lifelong love of physical activity and sport. TCS Mini London Marathon has given the children from Beaudesert an experience and memory that will live on in their hearts and you never know, may encourage them to complete the full London Marathon in years to come!

One of the team said, "I loved how when we crossed the line it filled me with joy and made me feel happy! It makes me want to do it again!"

Another explained, "Coming through the finish line, I felt like a real Olympian!"

It was a truly inspiring day!



Challenge Champions – 24th April 2026



Lynx: Finn

1A: Nazareth

2M: Whole Class

3P: Oyefadeke

4DR: Lloyd

20: Whole Class

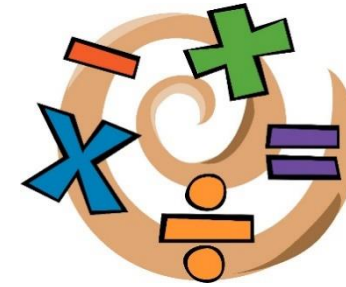
3J: Elodie

4G: Leo



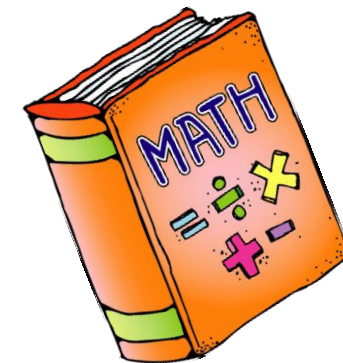
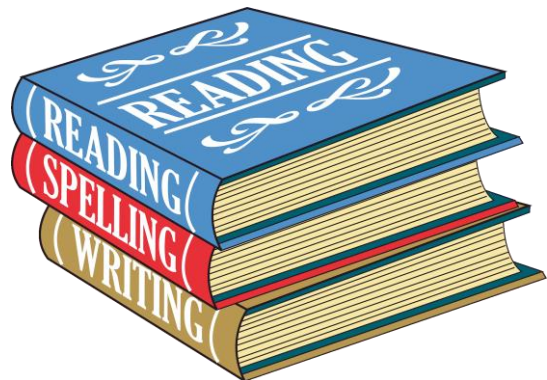
Well done to all our Times Tables Rock Stars!

Sebastian, Harriet, Tommy, Aadhera, Betsy, Arlo, Agnes, India and Nathan! Wow keep the excellent work up!



English Champion of the Week
24th April 2026

Maths Champion of the Week
24th April 2026



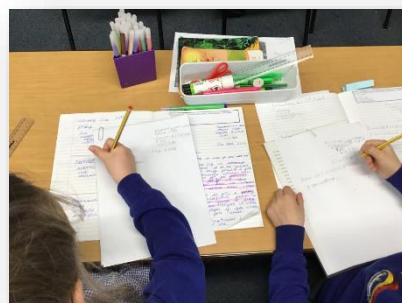
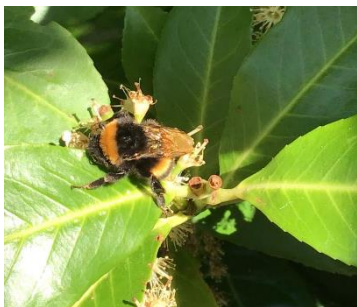


Earth Day 2026

Last week, in English, Year 3 had been learning about why bees are so important! Here they are learning how bees (pipe cleaners) move from flower to flower (cup to cup) and transfer the pollen (cut up wool). They discovered that the bee gets a meal, but the flower gets the future.



After learning about the importance of bees, Year 3 went on a bee hunt marking on a map how many bees were in our school grounds. They did see some, but not many! The children then wrote letters of persuasion to some companies asking for some free seeds so we can grow more flowers to make our school a bee paradise. We are looking forward to making our school a more welcoming place for our pollinating friends!





Earth Day 2026

Year 4DR enjoyed engaging in Earth Day 2026! They focussed their discussions and activities on climate change and global warming. They participated in art activities, as well as live lessons, which challenged the children to come up with solutions to the climate issues facing our Planet Earth.

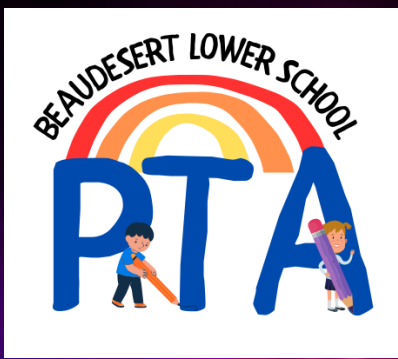


Year 4G had a fascinating day with class discussions centred around renewable energy and resources. They came together, as a class to create a piece of collaborative art!



In year 1 they celebrated Earth Day 2026 by discussing how we should be looking after the planet. They discussed how important it is to dispose of rubbish in the correct way. They sorted items into 'rubbish, reuse and recycle' and explained the decision to why the items were in each one. Year 1 discussed how important Earth day is to help our planet.

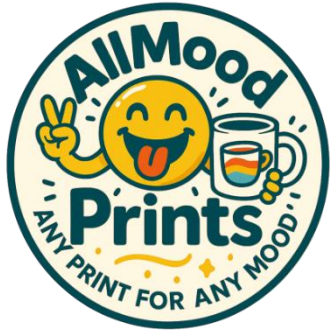




PTA DISCO

A BIG THANKYOU to the PTA for putting on a brilliant disco!





**Thank you to AllMood Prints who printed
all our London Marathon runner's t-shirts
and hats!**

Head to their website to see what else they can create for you!

<https://www.allmoodprints.co.uk/>

Roald Dahl's The Enormous Crocodile



Don't miss **Roald Dahl's** wickedly funny musical **The Enormous Crocodile** on its 2026 UK tour – featuring puppets, toe-tapping tunes and family-friendly fun!

"For my lunch today I would like... a nice juicy little child!"

Roald Dahl's mischievous mash-up of jungle adventure and cheeky humor returns in spring 2026! Following smash-hit UK runs last summer and winter (8 Aug 2025 – 4 Jan 2026), **The Enormous Crocodile the Musical** opens at Theatre Royal Brighton on 27 March 2026, then leaps on to Kingston, York, Bristol and more across the UK.

He's greedy, he's grumpy, he's horrid – and he's back!

The Enormous Crocodile is weaving his way back through the jungle in search of delicious little fingers and squidgy podgy knees... Only the other jungle creatures can foil his secret plans and clever tricks, but they're going to have to find a large amount of courage to stop this greedy brute!

With toe-tapping songs by **Ahmed Abdullahi Gallab**, a rib-tickling book and lyrics by **Suhayla El-Bushra** (plus extra music by **Tom Brady**), and breathtaking puppetry by **Toby Olié** and **Daisy Beattie**, this family-friendly spectacle will have everyone roaring with delight.

HOW LONG IS ROALD DAHL'S THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE MUSICAL?

The show lasts for approximately 55 minutes and does not have an interval.

WHAT AGE IS THE SHOW SUITABLE FOR?

It's suitable for ages 3+

The Enormous Crocodile 2026 UK Tour
AYLESBURY, Waterside Theatre

Fri 01 May - Sun 03 May 2026

Click on the link to book tickets: <https://musicalsontour.co.uk/the-enormous-crocodile-tour/>

For Parents/Carers with older children...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators MANAGING EXAM STRESS

At some point in their education, most young people will encounter exam stress, which can affect their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Mental health charity YoungMinds estimates that 87% of pupils experience exam-related stress. This highlights the importance of supporting young people to manage exam pressure effectively, maintain perspective, and protect their overall wellbeing during these periods.

1 PRACTISE WORKLOAD WISDOM

The build-up to exams can feel overwhelming, with competing demands on time and energy. Encourage young people to reflect on whether their workload is realistic and allows them time to rest and recharge. Support them in creating a manageable revision timetable that includes regular breaks and occasional days off. Remind them that plans can be adjusted if they feel overwhelmed, helping to reduce the pressure and prevent burnout.

2 CLEAR UP THE CLUTTER

A cluttered workspace can reduce focus and increase stress levels. Encourage young people to keep their study area tidy and organised, with clearly arranged notes and materials. A calm, dedicated space can support concentration and create a more relaxed mindset. Adding colour, mind maps, or creative elements can also make revision feel less daunting and more manageable.

3 MASTER THE MATERIALS

Revision can feel particularly stressful if young people are unsure where to begin. Help them confirm key study topics and materials, ensuring they're using accurate and relevant resources. Reducing uncertainty can help them feel more in control of their learning. Reassure them that they don't need to know everything perfectly, as building their understanding over time is what matters most.

4 GET CREATIVE WITH NOTES

Writing out detailed notes, rather than relying only on bullet points, can strengthen their understanding and retention. Encourage young people to turn these notes into flashcards for regular review and repetition. Feeling familiar with their material can boost their confidence and reduce anxiety during exams. This approach can help them feel more prepared and less likely to panic under pressure.

5 USE VISUAL MEMORY AIDS

Visual resources can make learning more effective and reduce their frustration when information feels difficult to grasp. Encourage the use of diagrams, videos, sticky notes, and colour coding to reinforce key ideas. Creating simple mnemonics can also make information easier to remember. Using a variety of methods can help prevent mental fatigue and keep revision feeling fresh and manageable.

6 BUILD A TECH TOOLKIT

Technology can be a valuable supporting tool during exam preparation when used in a balanced way. Educational websites, revision platforms, and subject-specific videos can help explain complicated topics clearly, reducing the risk of confusion or stress. Encourage young people to use these tools to support – rather than overwhelm – their learning, and to take regular breaks from their screens to protect their wellbeing.

7 KEEP REVISION ENJOYABLE

Revision is often more effective when it feels engaging and varied. Encourage young people to incorporate humour, real-life examples, or creative approaches into their learning. Mixing study methods, including light physical activity such as short walks, can also improve their mood and focus. Enjoyable revision experiences can help reduce stress and make the process feel more positive and sustainable.

8 USE ACTIVE STUDY METHODS

Active revision techniques can help young people feel more confident and in control of their learning. Strategies such as spaced repetition and active recall, including self-testing or explaining concepts aloud, can highlight both their strengths and areas for improvement. This clarity can reduce last-minute panic and support a calmer, more prepared approach to exams.

9 USE AI THOUGHTFULLY

AI tools can support revision by making learning more personalised and manageable. Young people can use them to generate practice questions, summarise information, or break down topics into simpler steps. Used carefully, these tools can reduce overwhelm and save time. Remind young people to check AI information with trusted sources to ensure its accuracy and build confidence in their understanding.

10 PRACTISE WITH ONLINE TOOLS

Online revision platforms can help young people test their knowledge and track their progress. Many offer quizzes, flashcards, and practice papers aligned with exam boards. Encourage regular self-testing – including timed activities – to build up familiarity with exam conditions. Becoming more comfortable with the format of exams can reduce anxiety and help young people approach them with greater confidence.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of Social Enterprise UK's 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.



See full reference list on our website



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REMINDERS

Start & Finish Times for September 2025 – July 2026

| Year | Start time | Finish time |
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| 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.



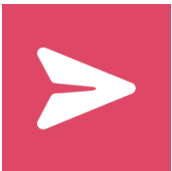
Change of contact details/address

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



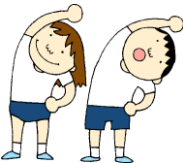
Absences/lateness

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 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. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by 8am each day or book in advance.

Beaudesert 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.kidzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzoneclub.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/beaudesert-lower-school>

