

23rd October 2026

CALENDAR DATES 2026

26th October to 30th October	October Half Term – School Closed
2nd November	All children return to school
5th November 9am to 10am	Maths Workshop – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details sent 19.10.26 – if you wish to attend please complete the form found on the SchoolAPP, thank you.
6th November 2pm to 3pm	Grandparents Afternoon Tea Successful letters sent 13.10.26. If you have not received a pink letter unfortunately you have not been successful on this occasion.
12th November **original date** EYS – 2:30pm to 3pm Yr 1&2 – 3pm to 4pm Yr 3&4 – 4pm to 5pm	PTA Disco – Non uniform day See details below
12th November	PTA – Bring some chocolate day for the Christmas Fayre Details to follow
13th November	Children in Need Day – Non-uniform Details to follow
18th November	NO PARKING – Beaudesert is hosting an event, there will be no parking after 1pm
19th November 9am to 9:45am	Parents Forum – Parents/Carers invited in to school Details to follow
20th November	Individual Whole School Photos
24th November	Year 3 Roman Day Details sent 23.10.26 - please send your consent via the SchoolAPP Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
25th November	Year 4 Eygptian Day Details sent 23.10.26 - please send your consent via the SchoolAPP Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
26th November 9:30am	Open Day - New Starters September 2027 See details below
27th November 9am to 10am	Reading steps to SATS success – Years 2, 3 & 4 Details to follow
30th November	St Andrews Day – Non uniform
30th November & 1st December	PTA Elfridges Details to follow
4th December	PTA Christmas Fair Details to follow
9th December	Theatre Trip – Years 2, 3 & 4 only Details to follow
10th December 9:15am & 2pm	Early Years Christmas Nativity Details to follow
16th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – non uniform
17th December	Christmas Party Day – Whole School Details to follow nearer to the time from the class teachers
18th 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



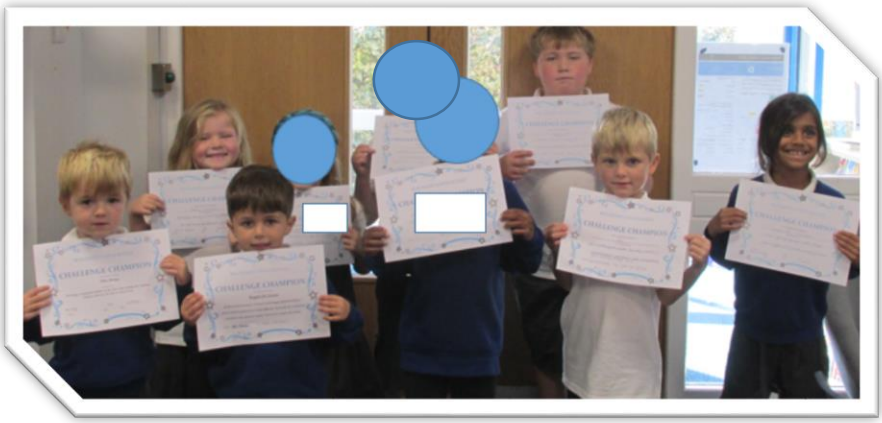




Trick or treat!



Challenge Champion – 16th October 2026



Bobcat: Reggie

Lynx: Peter

1A: Daisy

2M: Rex

3P: Liyaanah

4DR: Freddie





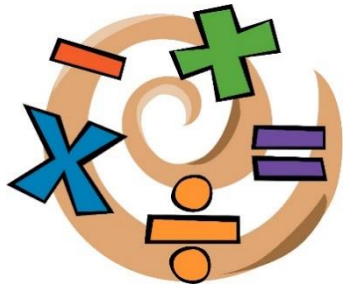
Early Years: You do not need to book as this will be within school hours

Years 1 to 4: Please click on the following link if you wish to book your child a ticket.

https://beaudesertdisco.my.canva.site/







English Champion of the Week

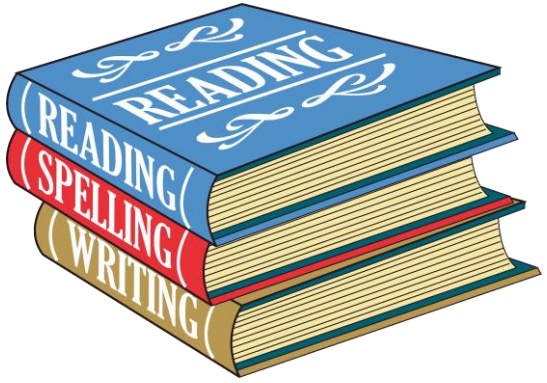
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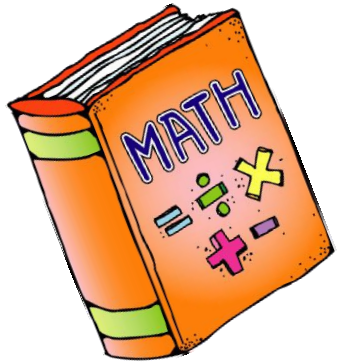


Maths Champion of the Week

16th October 2026







Early Years Walk

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























POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year and have a selection of poppies for your children to purchase.

- **Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families**
- **The poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance for over 100 years**
- **The poppy is red because that's the natural colour of the poppy flower**
- **The red poppy directly supports the Armed Forces community**
- **Paper Poppies are recyclable**

Reflector: £1

Toggle Wristband: £1.50

Snap Band: £1.50

Paper Poppy: 50p

Pencil: 50p





If your child wishes to purchase any of the shown items, the School Council will be going to each classroom after the half term holidays (starting Tuesday 3rd November) or we will be selling them from the office <u>on pick-up only</u>.

Please send your children in with the correct money in an envelope/purse as change cannot be given.
Many thanks.

Thank you!

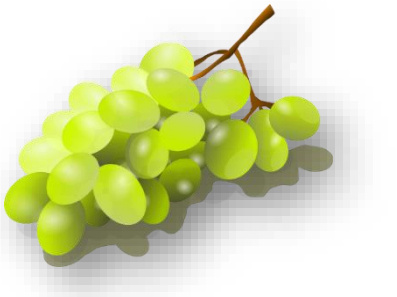
I am writing to thank you, and the staff, parents and pupils for donating food items for your Harvest and allowing us to collect them to use in the food parcels we give out each fortnight.

The food we received from you is so much appreciated and will certainly ensure that we spend less on our next food shop.

Thank you again.

Thank you to Mr Bowyer from The Baptist Church, who kindly came to Beaudesert to conduct our Harvest Assembly.

PACKED LUNCHES - GRAPES



Please can we remind all parents/carers to cut grapes into halves to prevent any choking hazards.

Many thanks for your understanding.

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/council_events/

Market Event for Families
Tuesday 27th Oct 10am - 1pm

A frightfully-fun family experience!

Join us for some FREE spooky Halloween fun at Leighton Buzzard Market this half term.

Fancy dress encouraged!

We'll have creepy crafts, a trick-or-treat trail, balloons, special guests and more! Just pop along between 10am and 1pm and find us on our market stall.

Trick or Treat Trail

As part of our family market event you can enjoy a quick spotter trail on the Market. Find all 6 knitted characters and claim your treat.
Pick up the trail sheet from our stall.

Raven and Broomstick

Did you know there's a museum of curiosities in town? Take a walk down Peacock Alley and see what you can find.

Halloween Market
Sunday 25th Oct 11am - 4pm
(may not be suitable for very young children)

What's On at the Library Theatre

Here's something to do in town this half term. Visit your own local cinema! On floor 3 of the Library. Call the box office or book online: 0300 300 8125

Shaun the Sheep - The Beast of Mossy Bottom
Mon 26th Oct - 2pm

Three Little Pigs family theatre
Weds 28th Oct - 2pm

Sense and Sensibility
Thur 29th Oct - 7.30pm

Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 NOVEMBER 2026

The Parade of Veterans & Uniformed Organisations will leave Lake Street at around 10:35, and arrive in Church Square for the Act of Commemoration to start at 10:55.

The Linslade Act of Remembrance will take place at around 12:45 in the Garden of Remembrance, Mentmore Road.

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL


Christmas FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER
LIGHT SWITCH-ON &
FIREWORK DISPLAY 7PM
CHRISTMAS MARKET | FOOD COURT | FUN FAIR
LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
FUN STARTS FROM 4PM
NEW FOR 2026
FESTIVE SATURDAYS
Bringing the High Street to life...
28 NOVEMBER
5 DECEMBER
12 DECEMBER
19 DECEMBER
WITH LIVE MUSIC
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Half Term SEND Session

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Tuesday 27th October
10am - 12pm

Sensory, Soft Play, Bouncy Castle, Games and Art & craft activities





£5 for 1 child
£2 per sibling



HOT DRINKS, SNACKS AND JUICE AVAILABLE



PAGES PARK PAVILION, NEXT TO 96 RICHMOND ROAD LU7 4RD

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FAMILY MEET

For local families with additonal needs and disabilities

Sunday 22nd November 10am - 12 pm
The Picture House - Leighton Buzzard

Breakfast Sandwich included, Sensory toys and games available and TVs will be on



£8 per family
£5 one parent/one child





Contact us via message or info@freddieandfriends.org if you would like any more info

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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DEEPFAKES

A deepfake is a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) trickery designed to make you believe that a person has said or done something they haven't. AI models are able to use audio, video and photos of a subject to produce misleading mimics. Initially unsophisticated and easy to spot, deepfakes are improving every day. And with the spread of user-friendly AI, it's easier than ever for children to make their own, or be the unsuspecting target of them.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BULLYING RISK

AI has got easier to use and more widespread, making it a "gift" to bullies. Children can generate fake audio of peers saying damaging things, or pictures of them doing something embarrassing. More disturbingly, Metro recently highlighted cases where fake sexualised images of teens are spread through social media. Mainstream apps don't allow this usage, but with AI becoming widespread, easy-to-use sites without guardrails keep emerging for darker uses.

FAKED CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of clips for training, celebrities are a frequent target. According to McAfee, the most deep faked celebrities are Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Jenna Ortega, Sydney Sweeney and Sabrina Carpenter, and their AI dopelgangers are usually pushing scams. Even YouTuber MrBeast has been deepfaked by scammers on TikTok. It can be used for propaganda too, making politicians appear to do or say things to improve or harm their reputation.

FAKE FAMILY SCAMS

With a few seconds of audio — from an Instagram reel or TikTok — scammers can clone a person's voice. They can then use this to scam relatives with phone calls asking for money or assistance. This is a widespread tactic for scammers, with the FBI reporting 22,000 such cases in 2025, defrauding victims out of $893 million that year alone.

EXTORTION RISK

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake — you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you don't have to have done anything wrong to be a target. A deepfake video showing a person in an uncompromising position could make the victim pay up, even when the content never happened.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio or video of the subject. That means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers and bullies away.

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

While deepfakes are getting harder to spot, there are still telltale signs to look out for. Deepfake creation can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. It can also look too sleek, with models often trained on professional video. Make sure the mouth shapes match the spoken words, too. As for audio, listen out for mispronounced phrases and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

Even perfect deep fakes rely on trust, so think critically. If it's someone you know claiming to need help, then ask them to prove they're who they say they are with an inside joke. For public figures, try Googling the person along with a bit of the contentious speech in quotation marks. Also question why you're seeing the video. If it's a paid promotion, then ask yourself who's paying and why. If someone is sharing the clip, do they dislike the target?

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and to not trust everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easy to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers or other adults. Ensure they're aware of the serious trouble the technology can cause, and the ethical problems of manipulating someone's image without consent.

Meet Our Expert

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Wishing you all
a lovely
half term!

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.



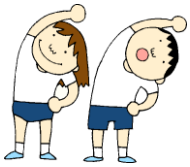
Absences/lateness

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.

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 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.uniformd.co.uk/items/beaudesert-lower-school