



CALENDAR DATES 2025/26

1 st DECEMBER	YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY Details sent 11.11.25 - please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 24.11.25 Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
1 st DECEMBER	PTA ELFRIDGES Email sent 28.11.25 and details shown below
3 rd DECEMBER	YEAR 3 ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS TRAIL Details sent 24.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 1.12.25
4 th DECEMBER 5:45pm to 6:15pm Note time change	BEAUDESERT CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – EVERYONE INVITED Email sent 28.11.25 - Please only complete the SchoolAPP form if your child cannot attend for Years 1 to 4 only
5 th DECEMBER	YEAR 4 ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS TRAIL Details sent 24.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 1.12.25
5 th DECEMBER 3:15pm start	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR See details below
5 th DECEMBER	PTA CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF See details below – please drop your bakes off at the school office before 9am thank you
11 th DECEMBER 9:15am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details sent 24.11.25 – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to apply for tickets by 5.12.25
15 th DECEMBER	THEATRE TRIP - YEAR 3J & YEAR 4 Details sent 4.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 5.12.25 Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
16 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow from class teachers
17 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH See details below
18 th 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 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	YEAR 3 SWIMMING – details to follow 10 weeks excludes February half term & 5 th 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 th JANUARY 2026 2:30pm to 3pm	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING Letter sent 9.10.25 – meeting will be held in the school hall
13 th JANUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS & YEAR 1 – M&M THEATRE PRODUCTIONS @ BEAUDESERT Details sent by email 13.11.25



LAST DAY OF TERM – FANTASTIC FINISH **FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER 2025**

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers in to the school for **12pm** on the 19th 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.

Challenge Champions 21st November 2025



Bobcat: Aoife

2M: Bobby

3P: Daniel

4G: Archie

20: Elsie

3J: Noah





Well done to all our Times Tables Rock Stars this week!

Nathan, Ray, Oliver, Emilia, Thomas, Lily, Hannah and Jacob

Top 3 people for England Rocks: Oliver, Emilia and Nathan

**Gone Green – knowing their times tables up to 12 x 12 fluently:
Ivy, Freddie, Liam and Leo!**

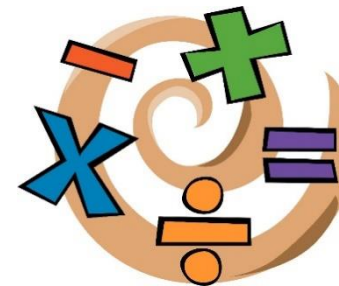
WOW! Keep up all your amazing work!

**Congratulations to Sebastian who came top
of the school in a spelling competition!**

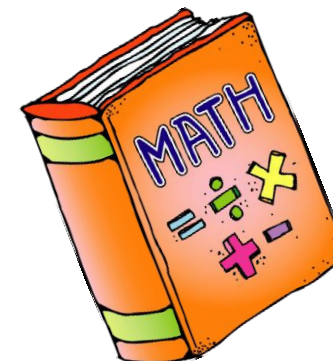
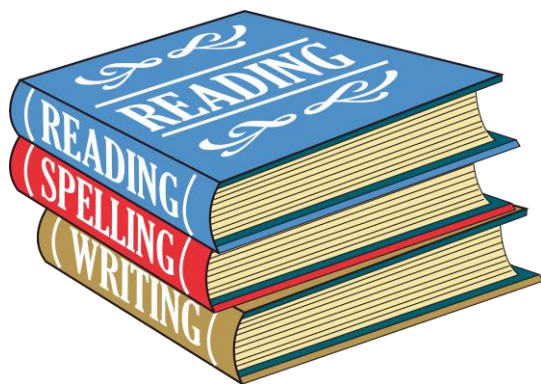




English Champion of the Week
21st November 2025



Maths Champion of the Week
21st November 2025



Family – Early Years

Early Years were recapping family last week and were looking at the different stages of life and how we change, as well as things a baby can't do that we can. Miss Bannister our Teaching Assistant brought in her new born Arlo for the children to see and here are a few photos of their time together.



Our Christmas Raffle is now open!

Scan the QR code or click the link to buy your tickets!
There are lots of amazing prizes to be won (more being added every day),
including £100 cash!

The raffle will be drawn at 8pm on Friday 5th December.

Please share the link with friends and family:

<https://raffaly.com/raffles/enter-to-a-win-beaudesert-christmas-raffle-1>



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 17th December 2025



Christmas Jumper day will be on the 17th 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.

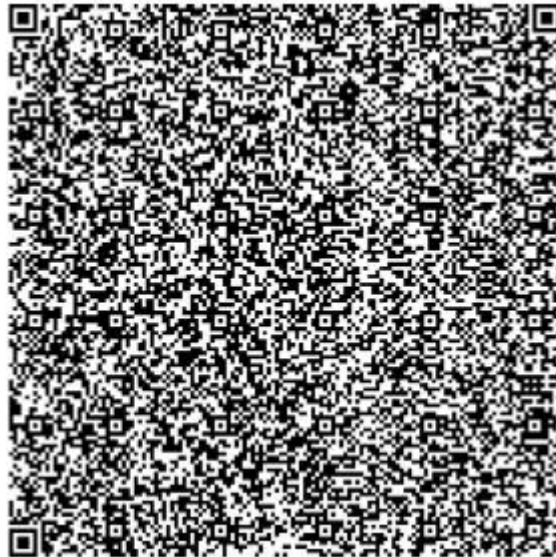
Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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

https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250000361?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-CL&utm_content=MPC





Tree Festival Team
All Saints Church
Church Square
Leighton Buzzard
Beds



Dear Beaudesert Lower School,

On behalf of All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your participation in this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Your wonderfully decorated tree added colour, creativity, and joy to the event, helping to transform the church into a vibrant celebration of the community that exists in our town and the spirit of Christmas.

We are deeply grateful for the time, effort, and imagination your team invested in designing, preparing and setting-up the tree. This event simply wouldn't be possible without the enthusiastic support of our exhibitors, and your contribution played a significant part in making the festival a success.

Thank you for helping us bring the townsfolk together and for supporting All Saints Church. We hope you enjoyed taking part, and we would be delighted to welcome you back for the next festival in 2027.

With sincere appreciation,

Richard Parsons

On behalf of All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard, Tree Festival Team.



It's that time of year again, and we're thrilled to invite you and your child to take part in the **Santa Challenge!**

What is the Santa Challenge?

The Santa Challenge is a **virtual race** where every active travel journey your child makes—such as walking, cycling, or scooting to school—counts as a step closer to Santa in Lapland. The more active journeys you complete, the closer we get to reaching Santa's home!

This fun and festive challenge encourages healthy habits, reduces car journeys, and helps us all stay active during the winter season and at the end of it one of our lucky students will win a prize scooter from Santa.

When does it start?

The challenge will run from **Monday 1st December to Friday 12th December 2025.**

Why are we doing this?

Central Bedfordshire Council promotes active travel—such as walking, parking and striding, scooting, and cycling to school—because it brings many benefits:

- **Health and Wellbeing:** Today's children spend less time outdoors, and this challenge helps them stay active and healthy.
- **Family Engagement:** It's an activity that parents and carers can enjoy alongside their children.
- **Academic Benefits:** Research shows that active travel can improve concentration and academic performance at school.

Prize Scooter

If you walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride every day throughout the Santa Challenge your name will be put into a draw and one of you will win a scooter from Santa.





Christmas jumpers/tops/dresses to sell at the Christmas Fair on 5th December (in time for School Christmas Jumper Day on 17th December).

Please drop your **jumpers** in
our **special collection bin**
outside the school office any
time until 4th December!





WELCOME TO OUR
ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS
BAKE-OFF**

BAKE ANYTHING CHRISTMASSY TO BE
SOLD AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER!



**NO NUTS
PLEASE**



5TH DEC. BY 9 AM

BRING YOUR BAKES TO
SCHOOL IN THE
MORNING TO BE JUDGED
BY MRS. PEARCE.

Please include name, category
(Junior/Adult) and contact number.

**3 PRIZES TO
BE WON!**

JUNIOR AND ADULT
ENTRIES WELCOME



BEAUDESERT
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

FRI 5TH
DEC

**FREE
ENTRY**

3.15
PM



Inflatable snow globe
Winter wonderland lantern trail
Hot dogs & cakes
Luxury hot chocolate
Mulled wine & non-alcoholic mulled punch
Chocolate and bottle tombola
Christmas jumper & uniform sale
Games and much more!

SANTA'S GROTTA EXPERIENCE

Reindeer Food, Biscuit Decorating
and a Present at Santa's Grotto! £5*

Grotto Payment Link:

<https://beaudesertpta.sumupstore.com>



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12–15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

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 2ND LAP.



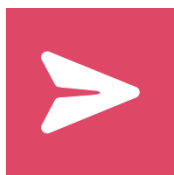
Change of contact details/address

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



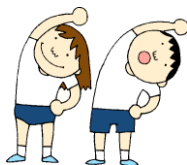
Absences/lateness

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.

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 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>