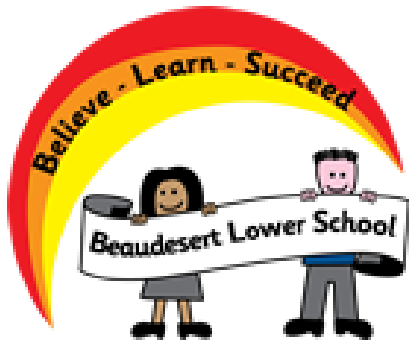




7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## CALENDAR DATES 2025/26

11 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS CHURCH VISIT – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 23.10.25 details sent via the SchoolAPP to the children who will be attending the service with Mrs Pearce
13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 09:00am TO 09:45am	PARENTS FORUM – Parents/Carers invited in to school Google questionnaire link sent 21.10.25 Details sent 23.10.25. If you wish to attend please complete the form found on the SchoolAPP
13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	PTA CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE – NON UNIFORM <b>See details below</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER Note new date	PTA BINGO NIGHT <b>See details below</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED – NON UNIFORM <b>See details below</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	YEAR 2 TRIP TO RUSHMERE COUNTRY PARK Details sent 4.11.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 14.11.25 Payment to be made via ParentPay thank you
19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY Details sent 23.10.25 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 14.11.25 Payments to be made via ParentPay thank you
20 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 9:30am & 1:30pm	OPEN DAY 2 – NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2026 See details on the school's website
21 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS Please ensure children have full school uniform on including logo jumper/cardigan
25 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 9am to 10am	MATHS WORKSHOP – PARENTS/CARERS INVITED IN TO SCHOOL Re-scheduled date – please complete the SchoolAPP form if you wish to attend
28 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER	PTA BRING A BOTTLE DONATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE – NON UNIFORM <b>See details below</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER	YEAR 4 EGYPTIAN DAY Details to follow
4 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 5:45pm to 6:15pm Note time change	BEAUDESERT CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT Details to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR Details to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow from class teachers
17 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH Details to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2026	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	INSET DAY – STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	YEAR 3 SWIMMING – details to follow 10 weeks excludes February half term & 5 <sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 2:30pm to 3pm	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING Letter sent 9.10.25 – meeting will be held in the school hall
13 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026	EARLY YEARS & YEAR 1 – M&M THEATRE PRODUCTIONS @ BEAUDESERT Details to follow



# Parents & Carers Forum

**Share Ideas**

**Raise Concerns**

**A chance to ask questions**

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
CONTRIBUTE**

**Come and chat over refreshments**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am – 9.45am**

Many thanks for all those parents/carers who have completed the Google questionnaire form with their views on the school. If you had mentioned areas of concerns on the form, please do come along to the above event in person or virtually as we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these further with you. Additionally, if you haven't had the chance to complete the form and have matters of concern please do click on the below link so we can discuss.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Mrs Pearce

Google Questionnaire Link: <https://forms.gle/ZD6tEgeEJbTDwwUM8>

# Challenge Champions 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025



**Lynx: Lola**

**1A: Fryderyk**

**2M: Esme**

**3P: India**

**4DR: Arlo**

**Bobcat: Oliver**

**1P: Clara**

**3J: Alice**

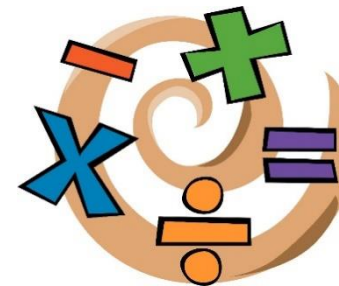
**4G: Jacob**



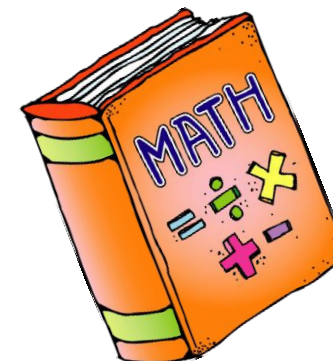
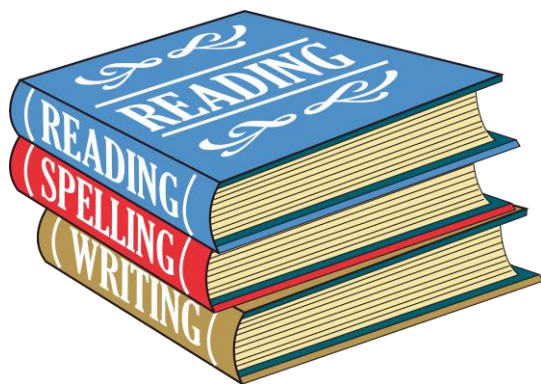
**Well done to Matilda, Ethan, Hannah, Emilia, Hanna, Alec, Arlo, Nathan and Shivansh for excelling in their Times Tables Rock Stars! Keep up the good work!**



**English Champion of the Week**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



**Maths Champion of the Week**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**





# **Children in Need - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



Every year we raise money for Children in Need and this year will be no exception! We will be having a **non-uniform day** so the children can come to school wearing something spotty, if possible. We will also be playing lots of games with the children during the day, that they will need to pay 10p to join in with, so please could parents/carers send their children into school with some small change in a named envelope or purse.

**If you wish to make a donation, please click on the below link:**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18820>

**Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising activities.**

# **Cluster Sports Festival – Brooklands Middle**



Year 4G were invited to take part in the local schools 'Cluster Sports Festival' organised by the Year 8 sports leaders this week.

As you can see from their smiles, everyone had a great time!







**THURSDAY 13TH  
NOVEMBER**

**NON UNIFORM  
DAY**

**Bring some chocolate to donate  
for the tombola at the**

**Christmas  
Fair**

**NO NUTS  
PLEASE**



**Please give the chocolate to the teachers in each  
classroom or leave it in the office. Thank you.**

What can we do to make sure that  
drivers see us on the way to or  
from school?

BE

BRIGHT

BE

SEEN

### Dress brightly!

Central  
Bedfordshire



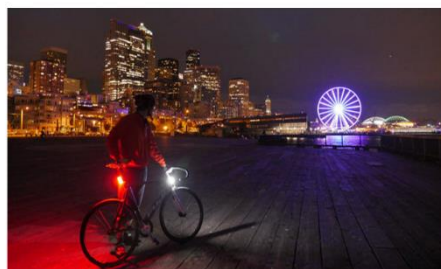
### Be Reflective

Central  
Bedfordshire



### Use Lights

Central  
Bedfordshire







*Music*

**BINGO**

*Night*

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER  
7PM ARRIVAL  
GAMES START AT 7.30PM

Join us for an evening of fun, Exciting cash prizes, great company, and endless fun at our PTA Music Bingo Night event!  
We will be running a bar, bring your own snacks!



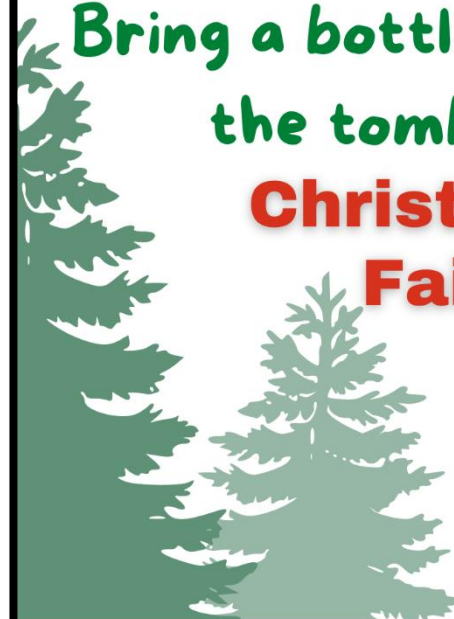
£10 PER TICKET  
FIRST DRINK INCLUDED!

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q76SVA2C>



**FRIDAY 28TH  
NOVEMBER  
NON UNIFORM  
DAY**

Bring a bottle to donate for  
the tombola at the  
**Christmas  
Fair**



Children should not be given any alcoholic bottles to take in if that is what you choose to donate. Please place them in the crates provided outside the classroom instead. Thank you.



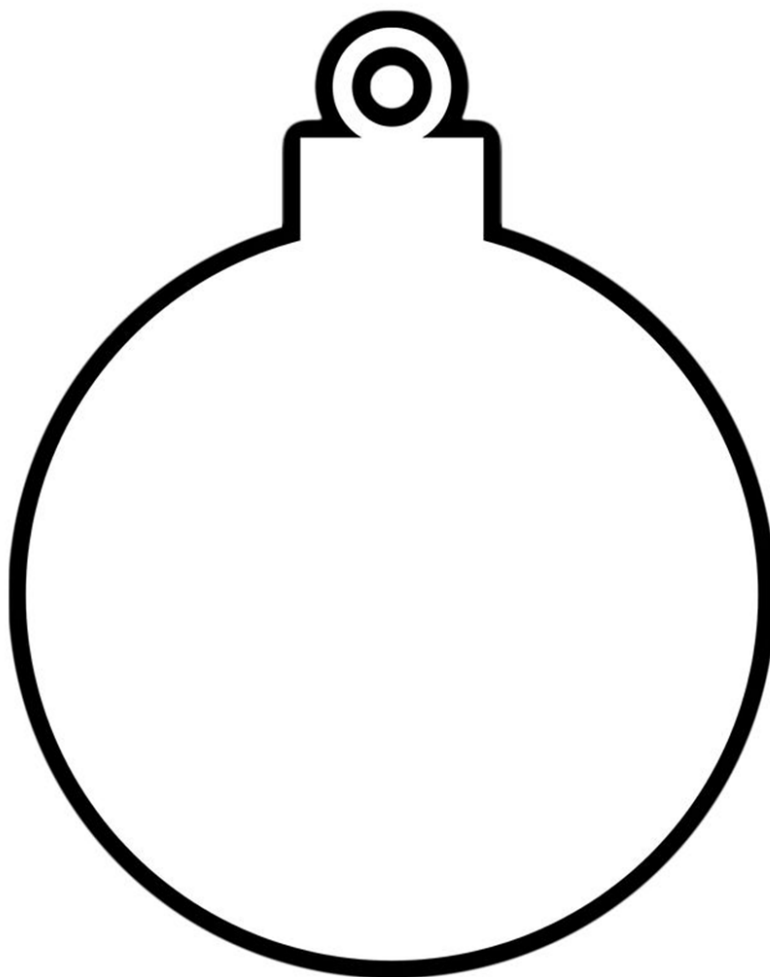
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## Bauble COMPETITION

Design a Christmas Bauble Colouring Competition.

**Hand this into our office by 12th December 2025.**

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes. The winner's school will also receive book vouchers.



NAME: ..... Age: .....

School: .....

Parent/Guardian Contact Name and Number:

.....

Please confirm if you give consent to use a presentation photo via social media YES [ ] No [ ]

We use social media as part of our marketing campaign and a presentation photo of the winner. No use of you child's names will be mentioned as part of this marketing. We will also be gaining consent from the winning school to use any photography. Presentation to the winner if successful will be arranged at a convenient time at the school.



# WHAT'S ON? NOVEMBER

<b>SUNDAY 9, FROM 10:35</b> <i>Remembrance Sunday Parade &amp; Act of Remembrance</i>	<b>FRIDAY 14, 19:30</b> <i>Town Mayor's Charity Bingo Night</i>
<b>SATURDAY 15, 08:30-13:00</b> <i>Farmers &amp; Producers Market</i>	<b>FRIDAY 21- SUNDAY 23</b> <i>Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church</i>
<b>SATURDAY 22, 08:30-15:00</b> <i>Handmade &amp; Craft Market</i>	<b>FRIDAY 28-SUNDAY 30</b> <i>Christmas Festival Weekend</i>

**Don't forget the Charter Market runs every Tuesday & Saturday from 08:30-15:00**



#### Event Information

##### Dates

28/11/2025 - 30/11/2025

##### Location

Leighton Buzzard High Street

##### Admission

FREE

## Christmas Festival Weekend

Leighton Buzzard's Christmas Festival Weekend returns to the High Street from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November, bringing three days of festive fun for all the family.

### Friday 28th November | 4pm – 8pm

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening with live entertainment for all ages. Razzamataz and Infinite AllStars Cheerleading will perform alongside the young talent of the Leighton Buzzard Children's Theatre. The headline act, Big in Brazil, will bring a lively party atmosphere, followed by a spectacular fireworks display at 7pm.

### Saturday 29th November | 10am – 3pm

Saturday is packed with music, community spirit and family activities. Somewhere 2 Sing Choir will fill the High Street with Christmas favourites and popular songs while The Rock Project MK showcases rock and pop performances by young musicians. A live brass band will add a traditional festive touch. The Santa Dash Fun Run also takes place on Saturday, bringing a colourful and fun spectacle for participants and spectators alike.

### Sunday 30th November | 11am – 3pm

Sunday features entertainment for all ages. The Leighton Buzzard Drama Group will perform seasonal pieces while Fiona Harrison and a Jazz Quartet provide a festive soundtrack. Walkabout acts include the dazzling Christmas Belles, the quirky Granny Turismo and Santa's Sleigh, adding a magical touch to the High Street.

### Festive Fun All Weekend

Mischievous Elves will roam the High Street throughout the weekend, spreading festive cheer and fun.

With music, theatre, family activities and magical walkabout performances, the Christmas Festival Weekend promises to be a highlight of the town calendar. Bring your family and friends and join in the festivities as Leighton Buzzard High Street is transformed into a winter wonderland.



HANNAHS ATTIC, LEIGHTON BUZZARD GARDEN CENTRE,  
AZURE POOLS AND HOT TUBS PRESENTS..



# SANTAS'S GROTTO

£5 ENTRY - ALL MONEY GOES TO



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MEET SANTA AND GET A GIFT

**29TH-30TH  
NOVEMBER  
11AM-2PM**

POP INTO THE SHOPS AND SEE WHAT CHRISTMAS BARGAINS WE HAVE AVAILABLE.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.



### QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.



### PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.



### ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.



### COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.



### COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.



### SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.



### PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.



### TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.



### Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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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 2<sup>ND</sup> LAP.**



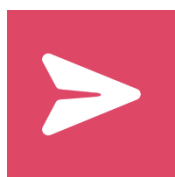
### **Change of contact details/address**

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



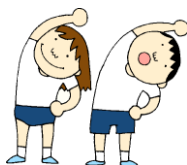
### **Absences/lateness**

***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](http://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.

**Beauesert 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](mailto: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.



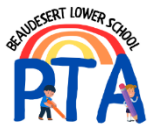
### **Bikes and Scooters**

**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>