THE NEWS LETTER

The Beacon Pupil Referral Unit

Summer 2 2026

As the end of the school year fast approaches, we hope you enjoy our last newsletter round up of all things Beacon! We are so incredibly proud of all our pupils and the huge progress they have made in so many different areas. Thank you to all our parents for your support throughout the year – together we can achieve so much.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

SAPPHIRE CLASS NEWS

Hello from Sapphire Class!

Despite the heatwave, everyone in Sapphire Class has been working hard and keeping their cool! We've especially enjoyed using our outdoor space for learning, Wellbeing Festival fun and the Beacon Summer Fayre! 😊

A huge well done has to go to our Year 1s who have all been working their socks off with their Read Write Inc. Phonics and Get Writing! Arloe-Storm has been doing a super job blending and reading CVC words. He has also learned how to 'Fred-in-his-head', saying each sound in his head then reading the word. Harry has completed all the red ditty books for reading and writing and was incredibly proud of himself reading 8 books and achieving a reading age of 5-6.5 years! What an amazing achievement! Noah has become our superstar writer, completing his green Get Writing book and forming his letters beautifully. I can't wait to see what you can do now you're a Purple Writer!

In Maths, we have been measuring and learning to tell the time. KS1 have been learning to use mathematical vocabulary related to time including sequencing the days of the week and learning the months of the year. We have also become experts at o'clock and half past times, keeping Mrs Jervis on time for snack time, lunch and play! KS2 have secured quarter past and quarter to and have been learning to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes. It makes me so proud to see everyone feeling so determined to succeed at this tricky but important life skill and to hear from a very proud Dylan-Mom that you've been sharing your learning success at home too!

Our new topic Dimensions unit 'Rulers and Raiders', had us exploring the monarchy, Kings and Queens within living memory and how the throne is inherited. We held our own coronation ceremony to launch our topic and Wyatt impressed everyone standing to attention and reciting his Cubs Scout Promise ★. We then blasted back to the year 1066, to discover some Anglo-Saxon history and how the King of England was chosen. Thanks to the talented Mrs Ellis and her stick-on moustache, we 'met' the four contenders to the throne and worked together to decide who we believed was the worthy King. We discovered the weapons and armor of Anglo-Saxon warriors and learned some of the battle tactics such as the 'shield-wall', which Mrs Holder discovered could not be beaten! Finally, we experienced the Battle of Hastings in miniature, role-playing using small world figures and learned how Harry's archers changed the course of history with a single arrow!

My final well done has to be dedicated to Squishmallow superfan, Harry, who has left our Beacon Team, moving on to his forever school. We will miss him terribly, but we're so happy for you – and your famous Zones Squishes!

Wishing you all a safe & happy summer holiday and I'm already looking forward to September!

From your Sapphire class team, Miss Mattley (formerly Mrs Jervis), Miss Walker & Mrs Ellis

EMERALD CLASS NEWS

Hello from Emerald Class,

We have had a very hot, very busy last half term in Emerald Class. It kicked started with our Royal Coronation afternoon back in June, where pupils had chance to write and announce their own rules, something that Elden was extremely pleased to do, deciding that kids should be able to drive cars and a rule that Miss Osborne and Miss Breakwell had to dance when he said. Interesting!

In Maths, we have worked hard on time, with Millie in particular, really impressing Mrs Holder with her time telling skills. In English we have been practising the who, when, where and what in storytelling. Lizzie has become a super storyteller using these components and is so observant, noticing them in stories we read in class.

We have enjoyed a lot of sport this half term, although our main PE lessons have covered Yoga and Skipping, we also have explored Curling, Croquet and a very fun first swimming lesson back where we got to use all our brand-new floats.

We had the best time during our Wellbeing Festival! And despite the sun trying it's best to stop our fun, we still had an absolute blast. From group games to car washing, every day brought lots of fun and laughter. Nothing more than Frankie's last bucket of water that managed to splosh him entirely from head to toe. We also enjoyed the Animal Pantry visit so much, meeting a range of animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, ponies and Brian the Cockerell (who Niamh loved to cuddle way too closely to Mrs. Holder). Everyone did such a wonderful job meeting and caring for the animals, the grown-ups were super proud of everyone.

We want to say a huge thank you to all the grown-ups from home who came to join us for Proud Parents & Carers afternoon. It was so lovely to share the afternoon one last time this year, with adults and children happy, relaxed and beaming with pride and joy. We are so glad we had a final opportunity to share all of our hard work, because the children really have worked their socks off this school year and we couldn't be prouder of them.

We have spent lots of time thinking about transitions this half term, with the girls all moving on to their exciting new schools for September. The grown-ups at school have thoroughly enjoyed their time with the girls and wish them lots of luck as they begin their next journey. So, Niamh, Millie and Lizzie, as everyone knows, Mrs. Holder doesn't do goodbyes well, but please know you have been amazing and we will miss you lots, but Mrs. H will definitely do a fair bit of crying. We need to say a thank you and bon voyage to Elden and Miss Osborne too, as they are flying off to join Sapphire class in September. Remember to 'bee' awesome! Mrs. Holder and Frankie will look forward to September with our new team including Mrs. Ellis and Wyatt.

Finally, a huge Emerald thank you and goodbye to our wonderful Headteacher, Mrs. Hatton. You have been the best, and The Beacon will not be the same without you. Enjoy your retirement and make sure you keep in touch.

For now, thank you all for an incredible year, keep making your safe choices, enjoy your summer holidays, goodbye and good luck.

From your Emerald class team, Mrs Holder and Miss Osborne

BEACON SUPERSTARS!

Shield wall in action!

A very delicious pizza party class rewards

GOODBYES & HELLOS

We have a lot of goodbyes to say as we come to the end of the year. We are waving goodbye to Harry, Millie, Niamh, Lizzie and Arloe as they set of on their next steps at their new schools. We will miss them hugely – they have all been such an amazing part of our Beacon team. We are so proud of you all!

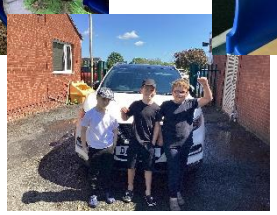
We are also saying farewell to Mrs Hatton, who after many years of leading The Beacon so magnificently, is heading off to enjoy a very well-earned retirement. We shall miss her enormously and give the greatest of thanks for being such an incredible headteacher.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Roadknight as the hew headteacher at The Beacon. Mr Roadknight brings huge leadership experience and we are all looking forward to continuing to make The Beacon the very best provision for you all.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Simons to our staff team in September. Mrs Simons will be a teaching assistant within the unit – providing additional support to all our pupils.

WELLBEING FESTIVAL

Despite the hot weather disrupting our Wellbeing Festival Week, we still managed to enjoy many of the planned activities spread out over a couple of weeks! We were lucky to find a cooler day to welcome The Animal Pantry and their gorgeous and very cuddly animals! (A special well done to Mrs holder for (partially) overcoming her fear of cockerels!) Mrs Holder and Miss Mattley were very pleased with their super clean cars from the car wash session (although I think some pupils ended up more wet than the cars!!)…and our team of chocolatiers made some rather delicious chocolate bar gifts (hopefully you had chance to enjoy these before they any melting!).

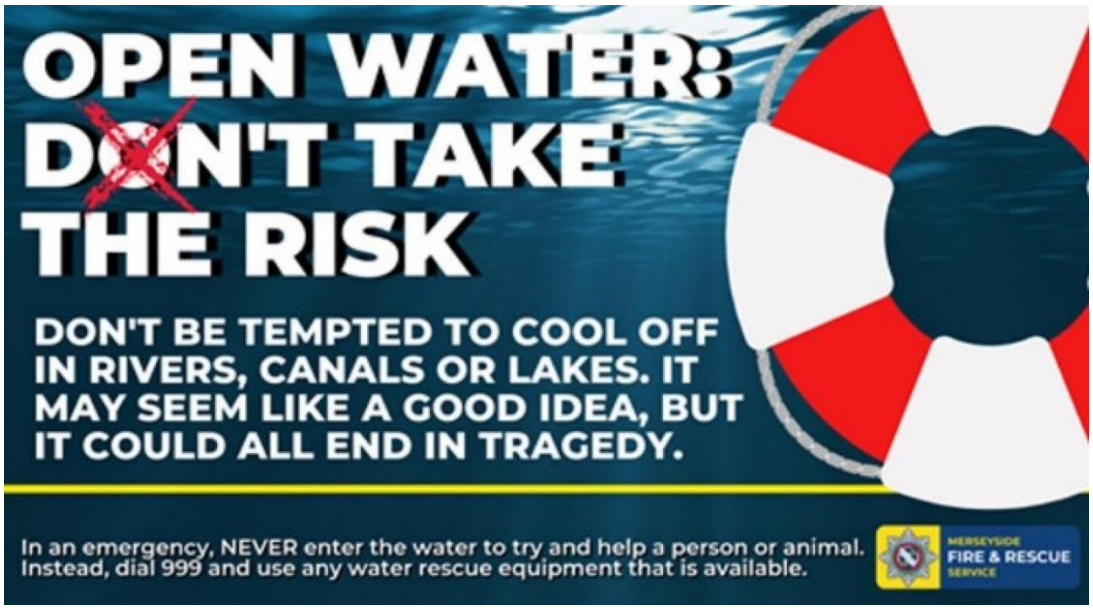


NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE

All our pupils took part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe sessions – giving important messages on how to keep safe from abuse. All pupils identified safe adults they could talk to if they ever felt unsafe. We were very proud of how sensibly they took part in these sessions.

SUMMER SAFETY

We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday. Please talk to your children about the importance of water safety – open water can be so tempting on hot summer days – however the risks are huge and every year end in tragedy for too many families. Stay safe.



PARENT INFORMATION

A very big thank you to all the parents who completed our Parent Voice Questionnaire this half term. Your views really do help us and are very valuable in helping us shape The Beacon in the best way for you and your children.

Helping Your Child...

Our next 'Helping Your Child' session will be on **Monday 5th October at 1pm**. The topic will be all about anxiety. We hope you are able to join the session with Daniel Rouse, our Educational Psychologist.

Our Family Learning Session details will be confirmed shortly

Our next 'Time to Shine' session will be on **Wednesday 2nd December at 2.30pm**. We hope you will be able to join us as I know there will be a lot of fabulous work that your children will have to share with you! More information will be sent out closer to the date.

REMINDERS

BOOKBAGS

Please could we remind parents to check through your child's bookbag when they arrive home.

- **Sign your link book**
- Check any letters
- Celebrate certificates!

SWIMMING

Don't forget – swimming kits for Friday swimming lessons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15th July	End of term
Tuesday 1st September	TED Day – Unit closed
Wednesday 2nd September	TED Day – Unit closed
Thursday 3rd September	Start of term
Monday 5th October	Helping Your Child Parent session
Monday 26th – 30th October	Half Term
Thursday 5th November	Travelling History Museum visit
Wednesday 2nd December	Time to Shine celebration
Friday 18th December	End of term