

General Information

Welcome to Beech Class. We are happy to welcome our new Reception children into school, who are all settling in really well.

The children will be introduced to 3 letter sounds each week and will be given follow up sheets to take home. These are for information with tasks you can do with your child, if you would like to. They will be introduced to simple words and reading books at appropriate times.

Our timetabled **PE** days will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please could children leave their PE bags on their pegs in the cloakroom for the whole half term - we will however let you know if it needs to be washed in the meantime. Please can you ensure all clothing is named including tights and socks to help ensure you child puts on the right clothes after PE lessons! Please could children also keep a spare change of school uniform and underwear in a separate bag just in case of any accidents.

Would all children please have **wellies** to keep in school, as we like to go outside in all weathers. Each child is assigned one of our school splash suits to wear on wet days, so we can have lots of fun splashing in puddles and playing outside. We do have some wellies to lend out if needed. Please still bring a normal coat to school for playtimes etc.

Starting on **Monday 22nd September**, Reception children will be having Forest School sessions on a **Monday** afternoon. More information about this will follow soon via Class Dojo.

During the next few weeks, the children will take part in the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment. This is done 1:1 with their class teacher and involves the children answering questions and completing tasks. It is fun for the children, and they will not realise they are being assessed.

Please could all children have a **water bottle** for during the school day and keep it on the shelf and not in their bags. It should contain water only. Please could we also remind you that children should not bring toys to school.

Mrs Leather will be working Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
Mrs Mitchell will be working Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Helen Leather and Mrs Jo Mitchell

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Autumn Term 2025



Beech Class Reception

Ready, Respectful, Safe

*Let your light shine -
on everyone, everywhere, everyday
(Mathew 5:16)*



The Curriculum

Literacy	Children will take part in daily phonics session, looking at all the 24 single letter sounds and starting to look at 2 letter sounds. We use 'Supersonic Phonic Friends' as our phonics scheme. In our Literacy lessons we will be looking at books linked to our topics and the children will take part in writing and pre-writing activities linked to the books. We also have daily 'Funky Fingers' sessions where the children build up the strength and dexterity in their hands for writing. We also look at writing their name and letters during these sessions.
Mathematics	The topics for this term are: Match, sort and compare Talk about measures and patterns It's me 1, 2, 3 Circles and triangles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Shapes with 4 sides
RE	Christianity - Creation: Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians? Incarnation: Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? Other Religions: A Muslim whispering Allah in a baby's ear A Muslim story: Muhammad and the Ants
PE	Our PE lessons will include: Looking at ball skills, negotiating spaces, working with others and listening to instructions. Dance and movement to music which is linked to familiar stories and themes.

The other areas of the curriculum will be taught through our topic work and also through all aspects of the school day.

The other areas are:

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Understanding the World

Expressive Art and Design

Our Topics

This term we will be focusing our planning around the half-termly topics of 'Let's Explore', 'Build It Up', 'Long Ago' and 'Sparkle and Shine'.

Let's Explore

This project teaches children about the environments that they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community.

Build It Up

This project teaches children about structures and materials and gives them the opportunity to work in groups to create collaborative structures.

Long Ago

This project teaches children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today.

Sparkle and Shine

This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the Autumn and Winter seasons, with focus on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.