

General Information

Welcome back to Beech Class. We hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

Our timetabled **PE** days will be a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please could children leave their PE bags on their pegs in the cloakroom for the whole half term - we will let you know if it needs to be washed in the meantime. As you may be aware, other classes in school come into school already wearing their PE kit on PE days. We do not do this as learning how to get changed independently is a great skill that we would like to help the children achieve.

It would be wonderful if you could listen to your child read their school reading book every day. It doesn't have to be the whole book, just a couple of pages or even just the words inside the front cover. This regular reading will really help them embed the sounds we have been learning. Please record what they have read in their yellow reading record.

Please would you ensure all clothing is named, including tights and socks to help ensure your child puts on the right clothes after PE lessons! This term one of our PE sessions will be gym and they will be doing this in bare feet. Please could children also keep a spare change of school uniform and underwear in a separate bag just in case of any accidents.

Although we are not taking part in Forest School sessions this term, please could all children still have wellies in school as we like to go outside in all weather.

Please could everyone 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.

Children do not need to bring a pencil case to school as we provide all these items for all children.

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 Spring Term 2026



Beech Class Reception

Ready, Respectful, Safe

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

The Curriculum

Literacy	The children will take part in a daily phonics session. They will soon have looked at all the 2 and 3 letter sounds (digraphs and trigraphs). We will then spend the rest of the year recapping the sounds and doing many activities based around all the sounds we have learnt. 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 continue to have daily 'Funky Fingers' sessions where the children build up the strength and dexterity in their hands for writing. We will also continue to look at writing their name and focus on letter formation during these sessions.
Mathematics	The topics for this term are: - Alive in 5 - Mass and capacity - Growing 6, 7, 8 - Length, height and time - Building 9 and 10 - Explore 3-D shapes
RE	Christianity - Salvation: How can we help others when they need it? Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? Other Religions - A Sikh story: Har Gobind and the 52 Princes A Buddhist story: The Monkey King
PE	Our PE lessons will include: - Looking at ball skills, negotiating spaces, working with others and listening to instructions. - Creative dance based around the seasons. - Gym including balancing, rolling, travelling both on the floor and on gym equipment.

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 'Dangerous Dinosaurs', 'Stories and Rhymes', 'Creep, Crawl and Wiggle', 'Animal Safari'

Dangerous Dinosaurs

This exciting project teaches children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.

Stories and Rhymes

This project teaches children about traditional stories and rhymes and gives them the opportunity to play with words and learn new vocabulary.

Creep, Crawl and Wiggle

This project teaches children about invertebrates that live in their gardens and local environment.

Animal Safari

This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.