



Beaconside Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

September 2026

Message from Mrs Hadley

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy start to the new school year, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights from our first few weeks back.

The pupils have settled well and learning has begun in earnest. We have already come together as a school in assemblies to talk about new starts and setting high standards for ourselves. Last week, we focused our collective attention on neurodiversity, a theme that resonated across the school. Key Stage 1 read a story with me about how children's brains work differently and how wonderful that can be, whilst also exploring the challenges it brings and how we can be good friends to each other. Key Stage 2 looked at the successes of Lucy Bronze, both professional and personal, and how she attributes having autism, ADHD and dyslexia to her many successes. We also discussed the language of neurodiversity and

the challenges it can present, emphasising how we can support one another. These conversations have been valuable in helping our pupils understand and celebrate difference.

I am pleased to report that the sandpit is now open and being enjoyed by pupils of all ages. The new lunch system is also starting to embed itself. We recognise that this represents not only a new provider but a new way of ordering, and it has taken time for everyone to adjust. However, I am impressed with the food quality and the progress we are making. Please see the information below for a reminder about how to order meals.

There are several things I would like to celebrate. Our pupils look smart in their uniforms, and I ask for your continued support with this as the year progresses. School ties are available to buy via the Arbour School Shop and can be collected from the main office, if needed as the year progresses. Additionally, the new autism base build has begun. This is an exciting development that will add further value to our inclusive provision and support an increasing need in the local community.

I would like to draw your attention to a few important notices. We recently sent an email regarding parking, and I would like to reiterate our request for your support with this matter. Keeping everyone safe remains our priority, and we appreciate your cooperation.

I would also like to remind parents that dogs are not permitted on any part of the school grounds. We ask that you ensure pathways are clear for any pupils who are scared of dogs to walk past without concern. Additionally, we have had instances where pupils have stepped in dog faeces outside of school. Whilst this may not always be a parent's dog, I would ask that if your dog does excrete on or near the school grounds, it is cleaned up promptly.

For more information about what your children are learning this term, please see the autumn term curriculum newsletter.

I am looking forward to another successful term and to working with you all to make it so.

Mrs Hadley

Message from the Governors

Welcome back to all Beaconside parents and a warm welcome to the new parents who have had children start at Beaconside this September.

The pupils have settled well into their new school year and there are many activities planned throughout the year to celebrate the increasing diversity of our school and the community in which we live. Please keep an eye on the calendar so that you do not miss any of the events this year. The Staff celebrated another really successful year last year in terms of outcomes; once again Beaconside pupils perform above national average for all of the tests. This is down to the dedication and hard work of all of the staff across all of the year groups,

supported by a dedicated team of governors and yourselves as parents. I know that this year will also be a highly successful one.

For those who do not know me, I have a son in Year 6. It feels quite scary to be writing that as it seems like yesterday when I was a new Beaconside parent! I always had a drive to want to give something back to the primary school that I attended as a child and where my son is now enjoying and thriving every day. In order to do this, I applied to be a parent governor, and I was elected as one a few years ago. I am incredibly proud to now be the Chair of Governors at Beaconside. We currently have vacancies for parent governors, and I would encourage you all to put yourselves forward, if you feel that you could contribute to the Governance Team. Please read the information about applications that will come out from the school shortly. I look forward to meeting you at school events in the near future and wish your children a happy, healthy and successful year.

Kate Bennett - Chair of Governors

2025-2026 Outcomes

Although we value and prioritise the personal development and well-being of our pupils, we also strive to ensure that every pupil reaches their academic potential regardless of their starting point. We were thrilled with the fantastic academic outcomes our pupils achieved last school year, and we couldn't be prouder of their progress!



2025 – 2026 School Data Comparative Report

This information allows you to compare the school's performance with the attainment of other pupils across England.

EYFS (Reception)

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Beaconside (2026)	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2025)*
Good Level of Development (GLD) – the expected standard	80%	68.3%

*2026 National data not yet available

Phonics – Year 1

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Beaconside (2026)	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2025)*
Phonics Screening Check	100%	80%

*2026 National data not yet available

Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Subject	% achieving the expected standard: Beaconside (2026)	% achieving the expected standard: national (2026)	Average Scaled Score: Beaconside (2026)	Average Scaled Score: national (2026)
English - reading	86%	75%	106	106
English - writing	86%	72%	n/a	n/a
Mathematics	86%	74%	106	105
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	86%	62%	n/a	n/a
English – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation	82%	73%	105	105
Science	86%	82%	n/a	n/a

'myHappymind'

You will have received an email reminding you of the parent app linked to our 'myHappymind' subscription.

'myHappymind' is a scientific NHS backed programme all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! It is the foundation of our PSHE curriculum and a new way of thinking at all times. There are helpful parent 'master classes' on there to support well-being at home in addition to information about the topics your child will be covering and the 'happy breathing' exercise for them to do at home, if needed.



Curriculum at Beaconside

If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning each term, have a look at the termly curriculum newsletter. [Autumn 2026 Curriculum Newsletter](#)

The website also has a page for each subject area where you can discover more. Take a look... <https://www.beaconside.co.uk/curriculum/>

Hot Lunches

A reminder that lunches must be ordered by **12.00pm** the Wednesday before the week that they are required. This has changed from 3.30pm due to the logistics of administering the order. The school website has a reminder how to order, along with a copy of the three-week menu. Please **do not** order **after** 12.00pm as your payment and order might be taken, but once we've placed the order with the catering company, it won't be available.

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/school-lunchtimes>

Clubs

Clubs will begin after half-term. Communication regarding booking will be sent out nearer the time,

MAB Build - New entry and exit arrangements

A reminder:

To ensure the safety and smooth passage of all pupils during the construction period, we have implemented the following arrangements:

Morning Entrance (from Tuesday 22nd September)

- Reception and Nursery: Please use the side gate entrance, leading directly to classroom doors. Please note that the EYFS playground will be reduced in size during the build.

- Years 1– 4: Pupils will enter via the main entrance (as we do during periods of flooding). Mrs Hadley, Mr Stone, and other staff members will be present to greet pupils and ensure safe passage to classrooms.
- Year 5: Pupils will join Year 6, entering through the lower playground gate under staff supervision.
- The Nest: Access will remain as normal.

Afternoon Dismissal (from Tuesday 22nd September)

- Nursery and Reception: Collection will take place at the classroom doors via the side gate.
- Years 1–6: Collection will take place via the lower playground. Gates will open at 3.10pm, and parents are invited onto the playground to help manage congestion on the footpaths.

Additional Reminder: Please note that dogs are not permitted on school premises or playgrounds at any time.

Safeguarding

Are you concerned about a child or a family? If the answer is yes, you can:

- Make a factual written record of your concern (date, concern, your name) and share with the designated safeguard leads (Mrs Hadley, Mrs Jinks or Mrs Williams). This can then be logged officially.
- Contact NSPCC, a free anonymous/ confidential 24-hour helpline: 0808 800 5000
- Contact Worcestershire Children First Family Front door: 01905 822666

[Worcestershire Children's Social Care](#)

Well-being Wednesdays

We will be continuing with our on-line safety campaign - 'Well-being Wednesdays'. This is a weekly campaign designed to provide parents and carers with free, easy-to-understand guides and information on keeping children safe in the digital world. Last week was focusing on how we share images online and the implication this can have. Keep an eye on your inbox for your weekly emails.

Primary and Secondary 2027 Admissions

Don't forget to apply for a Reception place before 15th January 2026 and a Year 7 place by 31st October 2025. You apply to the Local Authority that you pay your council tax to.

Worcestershire:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place/apply-primary-or-first-school-place>

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place/apply-secondary-or-high-school-school-place>

Birmingham:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_class_or_primary_school/4

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/3

We will be holding a series of tours during the school day for admissions to Nursery & Reception - September 2026 to experience a typical morning at Beaconside. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour, and limited to 12 adults, per tour. Children are welcome to attend.

For safeguarding purposes, we ask that you book a slot on-line. Book at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beaconside-primary-and-nursery-school-sep-2027-admission-school-tours-tickets-1634500046639?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

Please ensure that **every** adult attending books a separate ticket. This will ensure we have the full details of every adult on site. Tickets are **not** required for children.



The poster for Beaconside Primary & Nursery School's Parent Tours is designed with a green and white color scheme. At the top left is the school's logo, featuring a leaf and a nut. The title 'Beaconside Primary & Nursery School' is in a serif font. Below this, 'Parent Tours' is written in a large, elegant script, followed by 'September 2027 Admission' in a smaller sans-serif font. A central illustration shows two children, a girl and a boy, sitting at a desk and looking at a book. To the right of this is a list of tour dates: 28th September, 8th October, 19th October, 3rd November, 12th November, and 16th November. Below the dates is a QR code. At the bottom, there is a call to action 'Book Your Tour Today!' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The footer contains contact information: the website 'www.beaconside.co.uk', the email 'office@beaconside.worcs.sch.uk', and the phone number '0121 453 3801'. It also repeats the booking link for the Eventbrite page.

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Parent Tours

September 2027 Admission

Why Visit Beaconside?

- Meet our staff and pupils
- See learning in action
- Explore our facilities
- Learn about our curriculum
- Ask questions about admissions
- Discover what makes Beaconside special

28th September
8th October
19th October
3rd November
12th November
16th November

Book Your Tour Today!

www.beaconside.co.uk
office@beaconside.worcs.sch.uk
0121 453 3801

Book your tour here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beaconside-primary-and-nursery-school-sep-2027-admission-school-tours-tickets-1634500046639>

All visits must be booked in advance.

Walking Home/Mobile Phones

A reminder that the use of mobile phones by pupils is not permitted in school. If you feel that your child needs to bring their phone into school as they are walking home alone, then an on-line form must be completed. This has already been sent to Year 6 parents and a copy is on the website: [Walking Home/Mobile Phone Consent Form](#) Any phones found in bags etc or in school, without written permission, will be confiscated and parents will be asked to come to school to collect.

Attendance & Punctuality

We have highlighted in the past the national and school focus on improving attendance. Our attendance rates are still cause for concern and this year improving attendance is one of the priorities on our School Development Plan.

We have reviewed our policies/procedures and approaches to managing absences and will be sharing more information with you next week regarding this.

In the meantime...

Punctuality – please remember that the school day starts at 8.50am at which point the gates close. Whilst I might still be at the gate to let your child through, the external doors into school get shut at 8.50am and all adults are in class ready for the first lesson. Lesson 1 starts at 8.55am and is always maths across the school. This means that if your child is 10 minutes late every day, they are missing almost an hour of maths a week. The first part of lessons is also crucial as it is often the part where teachers are explaining the task ahead.

Attendance – improving attendance continues to be a national focus for schools and something we are striving to improve. 96% attendance is regarded as the benchmark for good attendance; 90% and below would see a child labelled as a persistent absentee and a cause for concern, and anything in between deemed as need for improvement.

With this in mind, please consider the following:

- if your child is ill, and not well enough for school, you must contact school (phone, email or app message) and state the nature of the illness not just that they are unwell; we have to record details of the absence/illness on day 1
- holidays during term time should be avoided and will not be authorised
- if medical appointments have to take place during school time, then confirmation of the appointment is required; this can be a screenshot/photograph of the letter or message confirming the appointment

Mr Stone is the attendance lead in school and is happy to discuss any concerns/difficulties you might have with attendance or punctuality. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.



Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniforms and your support with this is appreciated. We are however already seeing jewellery, makeup, and nail varnish creeping in. Please can we ask for your support with this. Below is a reminder of our uniform expectations.

School Uniform

- Navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional).
- Grey skirt, shorts or trousers
- Years 3 - 6 white shirt with school tie
- Years N, R 1 & 2 white polo shirt
- Blue & white check dress
- Black school shoes
- Wellies - break/lunchtime play

PE Kit

Pupils wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE.

- White round neck t-shirt (logo optional)
- Navy sweatshirt (logo optional)
- Navy blue shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers

We also request that jewellery is restricted to a watch (not smart watch) and stud earrings and no nail polish/acrylic nails/make-up is worn. Smart watches (watches that do anything other than tell the time, are not permitted in school).

Dates for the Diary 2026-2027

We will add to these as the year progresses and please note that there are times that they are subject to change.

A copy has been emailed home and can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.beaconside.co.uk/whole-school>.

Beaconside Primary Nursery School

Dates 2026 - 2027					
September		October		November	
1st/2nd	School closed to pupils (training days)	Thu' 8th	Prospective Parents - school tour 2	Mon' 2nd	School open to pupils
Wed' 3rd	School open to pupils (R - Yr 6)	Mon' 19th	Prospective Parents - school tour 3	Tue' 3rd	Prospective Parents - school tour 4
23rd & 24th	Meet the teacher	Wed' 21st	Movie Night	Tue' 10th	Photographer (individual and in-school siblings)
Mon 28th	Harvest Assembly - donations appreciated	Thu' 22nd	Break up for half term	Thu' 12th	Prospective Parents - school tour 5
Mon 28th	Prospective Parents - school tour 1	Fri' 23rd	School closed to pupils - staff training	Fri' 13th	Children in Need - own clothes day
				Mon' 16th	Prospective Parents - school tour 6
				Fri' 27th	Own clothes day - bottle/gift donations
December		January		February	
Tue' 1st	Christmas bauble competition begins	Mon' 4th	School open to pupils	Fri' 12th	Year 4 Assembly - 9.15am
Fri' 4th	Own clothes day - bottle/chocolate donations	20th & 21st	Teacher/parent pupil progress meeting	Fri' 12th	Break up for half term
Wed' 2nd	EYFS (N & R) Christmas Nativity - 9.15am			Mon' 22nd	School open to pupils
Wed' 9th	Christmas Fayre				
Thu' 10th	Pupil Christmas lunch				
Fri' 11th	KS1 (1 & 2) Christmas Assembly - 9.15am				
15th & 16th	Christmas Performances (Year 3 - 6)				
Thu' 17th	Christmas parties (non-uniform day)				
Thu' 17th	Term ends				
March		April		May	
TBC	Comic Relief - own clothes day	Mon' 12th	School open to pupils	Mon' 3rd	Bank holiday
Fri' 5th	Reception - Mothers' Day Assembly	21st & 22nd	Teacher/parent pupil progress meeting	10th - 13th	Year 6 SATs week
Wed' 17th	Photographer (class photos)	Thu' 29th	Year 5 Assembly - 9.15am	Wed' 19th	Sports Day
Fri' 19th	Year 3 Assembly - 9.15am				Year 6 residential visit
Tue' 23rd	EYFS (N & R) Easter Bonnet Parade - 9.15am			Thu' 27th	Break up for half term
Thu' 25th	KS1 (1 & 2) Easter Assembly - 9.15am			Fri' 28th	School closed to pupils - staff training
Thu' 25th	Term ends				
June		July			
Mon' 7th	School open to pupils	Fri' 2nd	Reports out		
7th - 25th	Year 6 writing assessment window	Wed' 7th	Nursery graduation - 9.15am		
7th - 18th	Year 4 multiplication tables check	Wed' 14th	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (pm) and event		
14th - 18th	Year 1 phonics screening week	Thu' 15th	Break the Rules day & after-school fundraiser		
Fri' 18th	Reception - Fathers' Day Assembly	Wed' 21st	Term ends		
Wed' 16th	Reception parents information session - 5.00pm				
Wed' 23rd	Nursery parents information session - 5.00pm				

Dates are subject to change

2027-2028 Term Dates

You will have received an email with the term dates for next academic year, 2027- 2028. Hopefully having these dates in advance, will allow you to plan ahead for holidays. A copy is also available on the school website.



Beaconside Primary and Nursery School Term Dates 2027-2028

Autumn Term 2026	
Thursday 2 nd September 2027	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 3 rd September 2027	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 6 th September 2027	School opens (8.50am)
Thursday 21 st October 2027	School closes (3.20pm)
Friday 22 nd October 2027	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 1 st November 2027	School opens (8.50am)
Friday 17 th December 2027	School closes (3.20pm)

Spring Term 2027	
Tuesday 4 th January 2028	School opens (8.50am)
Friday 11 th February 2028	School closes (3.20pm)
Monday 21 st February 2028	School opens (8.50am)
Friday 7 th April 2028	School closes (3.20pm)

Summer Term 2027	
Monday 24 th April 2028	School opens (8.50am)
Monday 1 st May 2028	Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 th May 2028	School closes (3.20pm)
Friday 26 th May 2028	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 5 th June 2028	Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June 2028	School opens (8.50am)
Friday 21 st July 2028	School closes (3.20pm)

