



We are also developing a bike and scooter storage area so pupils can travel to school 'on wheels' and have a safe place to keep them during the day. We will let you know more as the project develops.

On top of that, we've launched a brand-new website. I encourage everyone to take a peek; you might spot some familiar faces across the pages. Our monthly newsletter has also had a makeover, as you can see, making it easier for you to stay in the loop with all the exciting things happening at school and reminders of important information. Please scroll all the way down as the final section will always be dates for the diary. Don't forget that you can also sync the calendar on the school website to your phone to ensure key dates are not missed. We endeavour to keep this updated but ask that you always check the newsletter and other letters emailed home, for all dates and events.

Here's to another year filled with fun and learning!

## Message from the Governors

Welcome back to all parents and pupils of Beaconside. My name is Kate and I am Chair of Governors. I have a son in Year 5 and I am an ex-pupil. I am incredibly proud to be the Chair of Governors and I am always impressed by the teaching and learning I see in school when I visit. It is always a pleasure to attend the assemblies and performances and to see the hard work of the pupils in action. Last year saw the school achieve above national average in all of the benchmark tests and SATs and this is down to the dedicated staff in all areas of the school. Our children are lucky to attend such a caring school. Myself and the team of governors meet regularly to monitor the progress of the school and to support the school where it has concerns. Each newsletter will feature an update from one of our governors who have visited the school and will share the excellent practice that they see. If you are interested in joining the governing body then look out for communication from the school this month because we will be advertising for two new parent governors. I wish your children a very successful and happy year at Beaconside.

## 2024-2025 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!



## 2024 – 2025 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 (2025)	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2024)
Good Level of Development (GLD) – the expected standard	80%	67%

2025 National data not yet available

### Phonics – Year 1

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Beaconside (2025)	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally (2024)
Phonics Screening Check	87%	80%

2025 National data not yet available

### Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Subject	% achieving the expected standard: Beaconside (2025)	% achieving the expected standard: national (2025)	Average Scaled Score: Beaconside (2025)	Average Scaled Score: national (2025)
English - reading	83%	75%	105	106
English - writing	86%	72%	n/a	n/a
Mathematics	87%	74%	106	105
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	80%	62%	n/a	n/a
English – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation	87%	73%	105	105
Science	87%	82%	n/a	n/a

## 'myHappymind'

We are introducing a new programme to all year groups at school called 'myHappymind'.

'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 will be the foundation of our PSHE curriculum and a new way of thinking at all times. We have completed our training and are very excited to get underway with it.

A letter will be emailed out on Monday explaining more about the programme and detailing how you can access the parent app at home to support your child's well-being and to support you as parents in helping your child's emotional well-being. We will also be holding a parent information session during Autumn 1 to explore the programme and how you can use it as a family, at home.



## 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 2025 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/>

## Sports Clubs

A letter will be emailed on Monday regarding the club offer for Autumn 1. The information will also be available on the school website: <https://www.beaconside.co.uk/school-clubs>. The booking links will not go live until the emails are sent out on Monday, although they might appear on the website sooner.

Please note that the clubs, and the pupils they are aimed at, change every half-term, so if there is not a club of interest this time, there will be during another half-term. In the meantime, here is a sneak preview of what will be on offer...

Menu of Sports Clubs at Beaconside: Autumn Term 1

<p><b>Monday</b>— Dance with Phoebe Time: 3.30-4.20pm Year Groups: 3, 4, 5 and 6 Dance encourages creativity, rhythm, and coordination while building self-confidence and social skills. It also enhances flexibility, strength, and endurance in a fun, energetic environment.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday</b>— Yoga with Mrs Waterhouse Time: 8-8.45am Year Groups: Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Yoga helps children develop balance, flexibility, and concentration while fostering mindfulness and emotional regulation. It promotes relaxation and improves posture, supporting both mental and physical well-being.</p> 
<p><b>Tuesday</b>— Athletics with Excel in Sport Time: 3.20-4.20pm Year Groups: Reception, 1 and 2 Athletics improve physical fitness, coordination, and teamwork through various running, jumping, and throwing activities whilst developing resilience and determination.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday</b>— Netball with Mrs Waterhouse Time: 12-12.30pm Year Group: 6 Netball encourages teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking, all while enhancing fitness and hand-eye coordination. It teaches valuable social skills and helps improve agility and reaction time.</p> 
<p><b>Wednesday</b>— Tennis with Excel in Sport Time: 12-12.30pm Year Groups : 3, 4, 5 and 6 Time: 12.30-1pm Year Groups : 1 and 2 Tennis improves hand-eye coordination, balance, and agility, while promoting focus and discipline. The sport builds physical fitness, endurance, and social skills through both individual and team play.</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday</b>— Gymnastics with Bromsgrove Gymnastics Time: 3.20-4.20pm Year Group: 1, 2 and 3 Gymnastics develops strength, flexibility, and coordination, while also boosting confidence and body awareness. It supports mental focus and encourages perseverance, making it ideal for building a strong foundation.</p> 
<p><b>Thursday</b>— Football with Excel in Sport Time: 12-12.30pm Year Groups : Year 5 and 6 boys Time: 12.30-1pm Year Groups : Year 3 and 4 boys Football enhances teamwork, communication, and leadership skills, while promoting fitness and agility. It helps children build resilience, problem-solving skills, and teamwork.</p> 	<p><b>Thursday</b>— Golf with Excel Sport Time: 3.20-4.20pm Year Group: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Golf teaches patience, concentration, and precision, while also improving coordination and motor skills. It offers a unique combination of physical activity and mental focus.</p> 

## School Money: On-line Payment System

We continue to be a cashless school. This will allow you to pay for everything from school trips, clubs and swimming to Nursery fees, hot dinners, non-uniform day donations and

other fundraising activities. If you are having any difficulties making payments, contact the school office.

Help guides can be found in the Letters to parents section of the school website:

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

## 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](#)

## Primary and Secondary 2026 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: [Worcestershire Admissions](#)

Birmingham: [Birmingham Admissions](#)



## Starting School in September 2026?

- If you live in Worcestershire  
**and**
- Your child was born between  
**1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.**

You need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2026**.

For more information and to apply, visit:

**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call us on **01905 822 700**.

Find out more online:  
**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**



## Transferring to High/Secondary School in September 2026?

- If you live in Worcestershire  
**and**
- Your child is in their final year at Primary School.

You need to apply for a school place by **31st October 2025**.

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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:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beaconside-primary-and-nursery-school-sep-2026-admission-school-tours-tickets-1634500046639?aff=oddtcreator> and 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.




**Beaconside Primary  
& Nursery School**

**Reception & Nursery  
2026 September Starters**

Tours are available on the following dates (9.30 am):  
September 25th, October 9th, 13th & 22nd, November 4th, 12th, 18th & 26th.  
There will be no tours available in December.  
Booking is essential: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Further information about the school can be found on the school website and the school prospectus can be found here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note the school is set over several levels so is not accessible with a pushchair; babies/toddlers will need to be carried. A safe indoor storage area will be available.



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[www.beaconside.co.uk](http://www.beaconside.co.uk)

## 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...

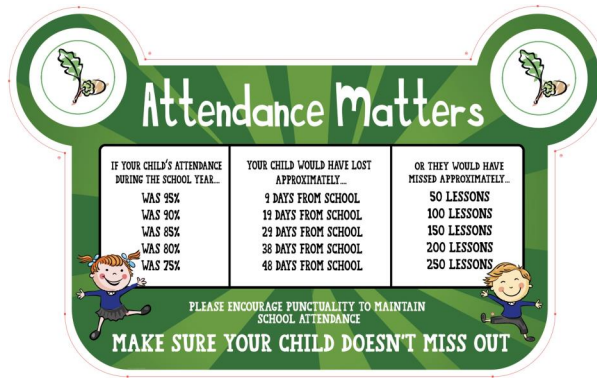
**Punctuality** – please remember that the school day starts at 8.50am at which point the gates close. Whilst I might still be at the gate to let your child through, the external doors into school get shut at 8.50am and all adults are in class ready for the first lesson. Lesson 1 starts at 8.55am and 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.



## Home/School Communication

**Emails** – This is our main form of communication. The newsletter will be emailed out to the email addresses you provide. Please ensure that these are kept up to date with the school office to ensure you receive all correspondence. ALL letters will be posted on the school website under the whole school or individual class page. Paper copies of any letter are available from the school office, upon request. If you are aware that you are not receiving emails, please contact the office asap so this can be rectified.

**Google Forms** – We use Google Forms to collect and collate responses from parents as an alternative to sending home paper copies of letters that require a slip to be returned to school. This will not only save a considerable amount of money on paper and photocopying costs but will also be kinder to the environment and more convenient for you.

**Messages via the Scholarpack App** - Messages will also be sent, including handy reminders, as well as allowing you to send messages regarding attendance and update personal details. Download the app today, add your link-up code and you'll be ready to go. Further guidance can be obtained from the school office. If you change your phone number or device, you will require a new link-up code.

**Website** – The website contains a host of information ranging from copies of letters, school organisation and useful information for parents, details of the curriculum and photographs, on class pages, of children's learning. It also hosts the school calendar, which you can sync to your mobile phones and the notice board which allows messages such as school closures to be posted. Please take time to look through the website and become familiar with it.

## Uniform

### 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 (in warmer months)
- 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
- Black pumps (indoor PE)
- Trainers (outdoor PE)

**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**

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 2025 - 2026					
September		October		November	
1st/2nd	School closed to pupils (training days)	Thu' 9th	Prospective Parents - school tour 2	Mon' 3rd	School open to pupils
Wed' 3rd	School open to pupils (R - Yr 6)	Fri' 10th	Harvest Assembly - donations appreciated	Tue' 4th	Prospective Parents - school tour 5
Thu 25th	Prospective Parents - school tour 1	Mon' 13th	Prospective Parents - school tour 3	Tue' 11th	Photographer (individual and in-school siblings)
24th & 25th	Meet the teacher	Wed' 22nd	Prospective Parents - school tour 4	Wed' 12th	Prospective Parents - school tour 6
		Wed' 22nd	Movie Night	Fri' 14th	Children in Need - own clothes day
		Thu' 23rd	Break up for half-term	Tue' 18th	Prospective Parents - school tour 7
		Fri' 24th	School closed to pupils - staff training	Wed' 26th	Prospective Parents - school tour 8
				Fri' 28th	Own clothes day - bottle/gift donations
December		January		February	
Mon' 1st	Christmas bauble competition begins	Mon' 5th	School open to pupils	Fri' 6th	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri' 5th	Own clothes day - bottle/chocolate donations	21st & 22nd	Teacher/parent pupil progress meeting	Fri' 13th	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.15am
Tue' 9th	EYFS (N & R) Christmas Nativity - 9.15am			Fri' 13th	Break up for half-term
Wed' 10th	Christmas Fayre			Mon' 23rd	School open to pupils
Thu' 11th	Pupil Christmas lunch				
Fri' 12th	KS1 (1 & 2) Christmas Nativity - 9.15am				
16th & 17th	Christmas Performances (Year 3 - 6)				
Thu' 18th	Christmas parties (non-uniform day)				
Fri' 19th	Term ends - Christmas jumper day				
March		April		May	
Wed' 11th	Photographer (class photos)	Mon' 13th	School open to pupils	Mon' 4th	Bank holiday
Fri' 13th	Reception Assembly 1	22nd & 23rd	Teacher/parent pupil progress meeting	Thu' 7th	Year 5 Class Assembly
Fri' 21st	Comic Relief - own clothes day			11th - 14th	Year 6 SATs week
Tue' 24th	EYFS (N & R) Easter Bonnet Parade - 9.15am			18th - 21st	Sports week - including sports days
Thu' 26th	KS1 (1 & 2) Easter Assembly - 9.15am			Thu' 21st	Break up for half-term
Fri' 27th	Term ends			Fri' 22nd	School closed to pupils - staff training
June		July			
Mon' 1st	School open to pupils	Fri' 3rd	Reports out		
1st - 26th	Year 6 writing assessment window	Wed' 8th	Nursery graduation - 9.15am		
1st - 12th	Year 4 multiplication tables check	Wed' 15th	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (pm) and event		
8th - 12th	Year 1 phonics screening week	Thu' 16th	Break the Rules day & after-school fundraiser		
15th - 17th	Year 6 residential visit	Fri' 17th	Term ends		
Wed' 17th	Reception 2026 parents information session - 5.00pm	Mon' 20th	School closed to pupils - staff training		
Fri' 19th	Reception Assembly 2				
Wed' 24th	Nursery 2026 parents information session - 5.00pm				