



'CURIOSITY, KINDNESS, COURAGE'

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026

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Upcoming Dates:

Next week:

- **Monday 20th April: Purple up Day (to support our Military children, more information below)**
- **Monday 20th April Football teams (girls/boys) versus Hillside**
- **Tuesday 21st /Wednesday 22nd 6S Parents' Evening**

Next term:

- **20th – 21st May: Year 4 residential**
- **4th – 5th June: Year 3 residential**
- **22nd & 23rd June: Year 2 residential**
- **13th July: Broadening Horizons week (see below)**

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you had a lovely rest ready for the last term of the school year. As you will know, this is often our busiest term with many events for children to participate and for families to attend. Please refer to the calendar of dates sent earlier in the year for year group specific dates but be aware we have had to change our summer fayre date (see below).

Purple Up Day



We are looking forward to our Purple Up Day on Monday and celebrating our military children in school. We are having a non-uniform day where we are encouraging children to wear purple in any way on their clothing to show their support for their peers. In return for the non-uniform day, we are requesting a £1 donation towards Little Troopers, a charity that supports children of military families. Children will learn and take part in different activities and assemblies through the day to learn more about the day and why we are celebrating it.

Why purple?

Because it represents all branches of the Armed Forces —

- The blues of the Royal Navy & Royal Air Force
- The green of the British Army
- The red of the Royal Marines

When we wear purple, we stand united in recognising the courage of young people who move schools, adapt to new communities, and support parents who serve at home and overseas.



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Readathon

You will have today received a letter about our school, 'Readathon' in April. The idea is that children read as many books as they can before the end of April and get themselves sponsored – this could be reading for a certain length of time, reading a book, reading a chapter or something else reading-related every day!

We are hoping to change the hub into a library space and so we will use the funds raised to buy new furniture, books and magazines for the children to read. We will divide what we raise between the school and the charity that run the readathon - Read for Good - which raises money for children's hospitals around the country. So instead of using the QR code inside the sponsorship card, we ask that you send all of your raised sponsorship money to school, via ParentPay, and we will do the rest. We will of course keep you informed of how much we raise and how this is distributed between the two causes.

Let's see how many books we can read by the end of April - can you get sponsored for the number of books you can read? £1 a book? 50p a chapter? What will your challenge be?

Please return your completed sponsorship cards from May 1st until May 8th, and happy reading!

Date Change Summer Fayre

Please note that, due to the secondary school transition days, we have moved our Summer Fayre date from Friday 3rd July to Friday 10th July. The time of 1:45-4:15pm remains the same. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused but we obviously want our Year 6s to be able to attend and lead on the event.

Year 4 visit to Veolia

This week Year 4 visited a recycling plant in Mansfield to aid the learning of their big question 'Where does our waste go'.





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KS2 Extra-Play

Families in KS2 will be aware that we have tried to promote reading at home this year by having an incentive to read at home at least three times a week. This incentive has been an extra playtime on a Friday after lunch. We have ran this for over a year now and, as time has passed, we have found that the reward is no longer having the same positive impact on our children when it started. We are therefore pausing the Friday extra-play for this half-term whilst we ask the children and families what would work better. We of course ask that you continue to read with your child at home as this makes such a positive difference to their education and well-being.

Parking

We have had polite requests from our neighbours on the estate that you kindly refrain from parking in front of their drives as this has blocked them from leaving. Thank you for parking considerately at what we know is a very busy time.

Broadening Horizons Week

Broadening Horizons Week – 13th July -17th July As families may recall, Broadening Horizons Week has become a staple event in our school calendar in the last couple of years. Children will experience different challenges to develop their character, self esteem and confidence. This year is no different and the children have voted, as part of our learning about democracy, on some of the activities that will take place. Please note the dates above and avoid missing any dates that week for avoidable circumstances – your children will want to be in school for every second, that's a promi

Attendance

School Attendance Target	96 %
Attendance this week	96 %
Class(es) with the highest attendance this week	2P – 99 %

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. At Beardall Fields we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Mr Drayton, Miss Collins, Mr Fearn, Ms Ottley, Mrs Simpson and Mr Sellers are our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and have responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us, we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies where necessary.



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Supporting Learning At Home

There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact their class teacher.

Your child's new reading diaries should include:

- Mathletics (Reception-6)
- Times Table Rock Stars (Y2-Y6)
- Reading Eggs (Reception-Y2)
- Purple Mash (Nursery-Y6)