

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families,

It was a privilege to be able to join Evelyn on Tuesday to support her in making her Narnia door design come to life as part of the works to finish off the new playground at the front of school. We are only weeks away now from the works being completed and we can't wait to be able to open up the new access from Allaway Avenue and allow the children onto the playgrounds. We are hoping that BV families will particularly like the amphitheatre with space to seat and wait at the end of the school day, and for performances in the future.

We will be working with the Student Council and the School Family Advisory Group to plan a suitable event to celebrate the official opening of the playground in the Summer Term. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact the school or let a member of the leadership team know.

Warm regards,
Sally Hodgson, Principal

Exciting News on the Playground!

You may remember that we ran a competition as part of the new playground build to design the Narnia Wardrobe doors that will lead from the playground into the Forest Schools area.

We received some fantastic entries, and we are delighted to announce that Evelyn W was picked as the winner! Yesterday, Evelyn was the first child to explore the new playground. Along with Mrs. Hodgson, Mark from Turnquay Construction, and Daniel the architect, Evelyn guided everyone on how her design should look. Evelyn and Mrs. Hodgson even tested out the new slides!



Congratulations, Evelyn, and thank you to everyone who participated! We can't wait for everyone to enjoy the new playground. Stay tuned for updates on when it will officially open!



Could your child/children be eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals? Please help!

All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 automatically receive a free school meal every day under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, did you know that if you apply for **benefit-related Free School Meals** and are eligible, your child and their school gain even more benefits?

When children are identified as benefit-related FSM, the school receives additional funding to ensure they get as many opportunities as possible. Currently, we receive an **additional £1,480 per Pupil** Premium child (those who have received benefit-related FSM at any point in the last 6 years). This funding enables us to subsidise the price of school trips, have more teaching assistants and inclusion officers, and include additional opportunities within their learning.

**Free
School
Meals** 
Are you entitled?

Thank you to everyone who has already applied. If you think your child might be eligible, please take a moment to check using this link [here](#) – **your application makes a big difference!**

Gymnastics Trip

Some of our Year 4 children specially picked by Coach Ash, had an amazing visit to the Portsmouth School of Gymnastics! Under Coach Ash's guidance, the children had a blast developing their gymnastic skills, boosting their confidence, and promoting physical fitness. A huge thank you to Coach Ash and the team for making it such a fun and inspiring experience!



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Get ready to celebrate your Year 6 leaver's journey with a special hoodie!

Please place your order by 14th February for delivery after half term.

Don't miss out – order yours today! 📺



COMMUNITY GROUPS

All Free!

Monday

9:00-11:00
Special Guardianship Group

1:00-2:45
Stay and Play

Tuesday

10:00-11:30
Families / Young Mum's Group TPN

3:30-5:45
Boot camp (Beacon View)

Wednesday

9-11:00
SEND drop in group from 15.1.25

3:30-5:45
Yoga (The Victory Primary)

Thursday

9:00-11:00
Stay and Play

Friday

At Beacon View Primary Academy
Marsden Road entrance



Email: community@beaconviewprimary.co.uk

Our First Gardening Competition of the Year has started!

We are thrilled to announce that the first gardening competition of the year has officially started!

On Thursday, each class received a potted tête-à-tête bulb. It is now up to the class to care for their bulb, helping it grow and thrive.

This competition is a wonderful way to spark your child's curiosity about gardening and plant growth, so let's cheer on their efforts. Who will bloom first? Stay tuned to find out!



Attendance

Whole School = 93.3%

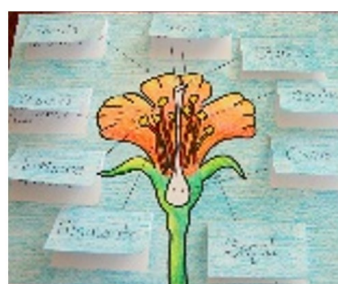
Winning class = Garrison - 96.1%

Exciting News – Home Learning Projects Are Back!

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Home Learning Projects! These projects are a fantastic way to encourage creativity, curiosity, and collaboration. Have a look through our prior, current, and future learning topics, and support your child in choosing at least one project to complete over the term.

Projects are due **Friday 14th March 2025**, after which the children will have a celebration day where they can share their work during parents' evening.

The Autumn projects were an incredible success, and we can't wait to see what imaginative and inspiring creations the children bring to life this spring term!



Bathroom Bank at St Michaels and All Angels

We're excited to help the Bathroom Bank gather donations, and we need your support! Please bring in any items you can donate—every little bit helps.

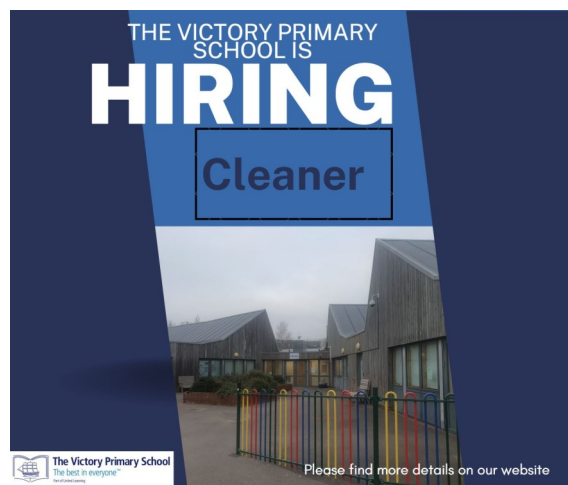
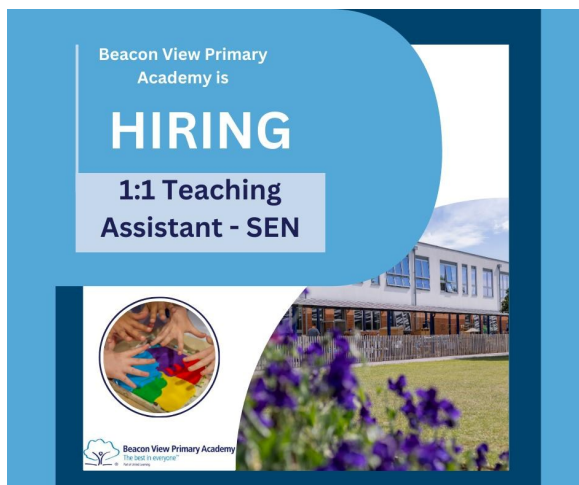
Need something from the Bathroom Bank? No problem! Just contact St. Michael's and All Angels—no referral required.

Let's come together and make a difference!



Vacancies at Beacon View and The Victory Primary Schools

To apply, please follow this link: <https://unitedlearning.org.uk/careers/current-vacancies>



Thank You for a Magical Community Christmas Lunch!

We are thrilled with the incredible engagement in this year's Community Christmas Lunch, now in its third year. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous support, whether through donations or volunteering. Your contributions made this event truly special.


Thank you to everyone who joined us for Christmas lunch and helped create the magical experience we all hoped for. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did!



☀ SEND Drop-In Group ☀

Join us for a cuppa and a chat!

This is a safe and welcoming space for parents, caregivers, and anyone in the community who supports individuals with additional needs.

 **When:** Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

 **Where:** Beacon View Primary Academy, Marsden Road entrance

✨ What to Expect:

- Share your experiences and connect with others.
- Let us know how we can support you—help shape the group to meet your needs.
- Professional advice and peer support.
- Little ones are welcome—there will be toys available to keep them entertained.

Let's build a supportive and understanding community together. ❤️



Key Dates For School

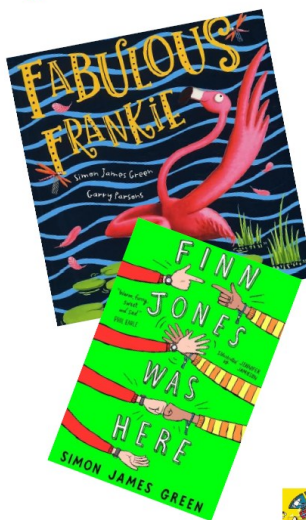
Thursday 30th January	KS2 Meet the Author
Friday 14th February	Last day of school
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Friday 4th April	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school

Meet The Author

Meet the Author – Simon James Green

We're excited to announce that Simon James Green will be visiting Key Stage 2 on **30th January**! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to meet a renowned author and be inspired by his work.

If you'd like Simon to sign a book for your child, you can purchase one for **£7**. To order, simply visit the school shop to make your purchase.



Buy a book for £7
Get your book signed
& dedicated by Simon
on the day



Simon James Green

On
Thursday 30th January



Portsmouth School Library Service



TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

PLEASE CALL

02392 375302 OPTION 1

