

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

Wow! What an eventful fortnight. Last Friday I sat in my office listening to the cries of encouragement of the Year 6 children as they played rounders to celebrate the end of SATs week. We are so proud of how well all children conducted themselves during the assessments, they did themselves proud.

This week I had the pleasure of introducing Catherine Williams to the children and yourselves as the new Principal of Beacon View. Miss Williams, currently our Assistant Principal, brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to the role – and we're delighted that she will be leading the school forward. I know how much your support and comments have meant to her. We are already working closely to plan for September.

We wish everyone a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and a happy half term and we will see you on Monday 2nd June ready for the final summer term.

Kind regards
Sally Hodgson
Principal

Sports Day Results

What a fantastic series of Sports Days we've had! A huge well done to all the children for demonstrating such incredible respect, resilience, and responsibility throughout each event. From cheering on their classmates to giving their all in every race and activity, they truly brought our school values to life.

It was also heartwarming to welcome so many families into school—your support and encouragement made the days even more special. Thank you for being part of the celebration!

We'd also like to apologise once again for the postponement of the Year 5 & 6 Sports Day. We're pleased to confirm the new date: Thursday 19th June. We're looking forward to another fun and active day together!

Years R, 1 and 2

- 1st Widley 2281 points
- 2nd Wallington 2110 points
- 3rd Purbrook 2064 points
- 4th Nelson 1976 points



Years 3 and 4

- 1st Nelson 1252 points
- 2nd Wallington 1032 points
- 3rd Widley 1031 points
- 4th Purbrook 842 points



Attendance

Whole School - 93.4%

Winning class - Triumph with 98.2%



Celebrating Beacon View and Our Extended School Family

Our Summer Fayre is fast approaching, and we can't wait to see you all there! This year, it will be held earlier – on Friday, 20th June starting at 2pm.

We want this to be a celebration of all things Beacon View, starting with the grand opening of the front playground, featuring a performance by some of our children. Following this, there will be a family BBQ on the field from 3:00 PM, where each family member will receive one token for either a burger or hot dog. Children are encouraged to wear Fort colours.

To ensure a fun and smooth experience for everyone, please bring some money for the stalls. Here's how things will work

School Stalls:

- Raffle tickets will be sold at the entrance: 25p per ticket or £1 per strip (5 tickets)
- Proceeds from these stalls will directly benefit our school

Other Stalls:

- Stalls not run by the school will operate on a cash basis
- Interested in having a stall? Please contact liz.malo@beaconviewprimary.co.uk



TTRS Weekly Achievements

Week Ending 22.5.25

| Award | First Place | Second Place | Third Place |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Most Minutes Played | Evelyn W. Triumph | Amelia D. Artful | Kasey W. Victorious |
| Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed | Eshal T. Victorious | Harley Y. Astute | Kaiden S. Victorious |
| Biggest Improvement in Accuracy | Nellie-Rae S. Triumph | Annie-May C. Triumph | Ada S. Triumph |
| Highest Coin Earners | Amelia D. Artful | Harley B. Vanguard | Evelyn W. Triumph |

Beacon View's Got Talent – Auditions Coming Soon

We're excited to announce that auditions for *Beacon View's Got Talent* will take place **after school on Monday 10th June**. This gives everyone plenty of time to rehearse and perfect their performances.

Details for booking a audition space will be communicated after half term.

The top three acts will go on to perform in a special assembly, where the whole school will vote for their favourite. The winning act will then be showcased at our **Summer Fayre**.

We can't wait to see the amazing talent our children have to offer!



Potato Competition Update

Our budding gardeners continue to impress! We're thrilled to report that 11 out of 13 pots are still growing strong. It's a close race, but **Garrison Class is holding onto the lead for now!**

A huge thanks again to everyone who took part in the Tête-à-Tête daffodil fun earlier this year — and for the kind strawberry plant donations. Your support is helping our garden thrive!



Enrolling Now

Beacon View Pre-School

15 and 30 hours
places available.

Flexible sessions!



Call for more
information or to
book a tour

023 9237 5302

School Games Gold Award!

We're excited to announce that we have earned the School Games Gold Award for 2024/25!

This national award recognises our commitment to sport and competition in school and the wider community. Over the year, our children have taken part in a variety of sports events, showing great teamwork, effort, and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Coach Ash and everyone who supported our sports programme.





Great 8 Bronze Passport Winners



Emmanuel - Artful

William - Artful

Delilah R - Artful

Elcie O - Artful

Minnie J - Artful

Frankie J - Artful

Jake D - Artful

Logan C - Artful

Samanta P - Artful

Max W - Artful

Lewis D - Astute

Jersey W - Garrison

Daniel G - Garrison

Athena Y - Guildhall

Isabella S - Guildhall

Millie R - Guildhall

Jessica-Evie W-F - Guildhall

Omari H - Guildhall



ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Armed Forces Day

On Friday 27th June we will be holding an Armed Forces Day.

We are inviting children to dress up to show respect for our armed services in either red, white and blue or dressing up as a member of the armed services (Navy, Army or Air Force) - please can we avoid football kits. If children prefer, they can come in school uniform as normal.

If you're able, please consider making a donation—either in cash or online. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.



National Thank a Teacher Day is coming up!

This annual celebration shines a spotlight on the incredible teachers and support staff in early years settings, schools, and colleges across the country — and this year, it takes place on Wednesday 18th June 2025.

We're so proud of our amazing team here at Beacon View Primary and would love your help in showing them how much they're appreciated.

You can send a FREE personalised e-card to a teacher or support staff member who's made a difference — it's a simple gesture that can make someone's day!

Head over to the @ThankaTeacherUK website to send yours today — and you can keep sending them even after the big day: <https://bit.ly/3vzBNcO>



Key Dates For School

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| Monday 2nd June | Back to school |
| Tuesday 17th June | Class Photos |
| Thursday 19th June | Year 5 & 6 Sports Day |
| Friday 20th June | Summer Fayre |
| Friday 27th June | Armed Forces Day |
| Wednesday 16th July | Year 6 Inflatables |
| Friday 18th July | Last day of school before Summer Holidays |



19TH AUGUST 2025

SEN SESSION 12-2PM OPEN FOR ALL 2-4PM



BBQ AND REFRESHMENTS

INFLATABLES

DIDI CARS

OUTSIDE GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT

JAKES FLAKES ICECREAM VAN

SENSORY STATION

WITH THE PLAY CORNER NURSERY

FACE PAINTING

ARTS AND CRAFTS

HENNA






This is a **FREE** event (**ALL ARE WELCOME**) but if your child is in receipt of free school meals, please scan the QR CODE and book on if possible (Available to book onto from the 14TH June).




PYC PLAY YOUTH COMMUNITY

Portsmouth Leisure Card



With the summer holidays approaching, check to see if you could be entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card.

It offers discounts of **up to 50%** at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as other services and attractions.

The Card is **free** and available to those who receive **means-tested benefits** living within PO1 – PO6 areas of the city. (and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council).

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre, discount on beach hut rental and allotments and much more. Please note discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent with your Leisure Card.

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

• **How to apply:** visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online www.portsmouth.gov.uk or you can visit your local library, community centre or housing office and ask for an application form (please bring along proof of the benefits to be checked)

If you have any questions; call 02392 688797 or email CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Eligible benefits.

- › Universal credit
- › Income support
- › Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- › Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- › Housing benefit
- › Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- › Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- › Foster carers with foster children (use the online application form and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- › Children & Young Adults in Supported Accommodation – (aged 16 – 25yrs cared for by PCC - validated by their social worker or PCC sponsor's letter)
- › Asylum Seekers – Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office Number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL

02392 375302 OPTION 1

or email attendance@beaconviewprimary.co.uk



19 May 2025

Dear Beacon View Families,

Leadership Update at Beacon View Primary Academy

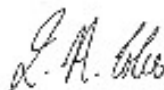
Following Mrs Sally Hodgson's letter to you in March, we are writing to provide you with an update on leadership at Beacon View Primary Academy. Having conducted an extensive recruitment exercise to appoint Mrs Hodgson's successor, we are very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Miss Catherine Williams as substantive Principal. Miss Williams, who is currently Assistant Principal at the school, will be taking up this new role on 1st September 2025.

Amongst a strong field of candidates, we were very impressed by Miss Williams's commitment to the school and its pupils, as well as by her vision for its future. Miss Williams is well known and liked by pupils and, having joined Beacon View in 2019, is firmly embedded within the school community. Equally, as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, she has a strong understanding of how the school operates and so is well placed to continue its current positive momentum into the new academic year.

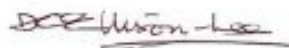
Over the coming months, Miss Williams will be working closely with Mrs Hodgson to ensure a smooth transition. Under her leadership, we are confident that the school will build on the excellent progress already underway so that it can continue to go from strength to strength. Miss Williams is very much looking forward to starting her new role and meeting with families in September.

Thank you for your support of the school and your child's education. May we wish you an enjoyable remainder of the term.

Yours sincerely



Sir Jon Coles
Chief Executive



Darran Ellison-Lee
Director of Primary Education