

# Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

It has been a week now since I shared that I will be moving into community work full time from September and that a new Principal will be appointed for Beacon View ready for September 2025. Thank you so much for all of your congratulations and best wishes on this, I am so pleased that I will get to continue to be part of the Beacon View School Family, just in a different role. If you haven't already, please do sign up for the Community Easter Fun Day, it promises to be a lovely event and free of charge with face painters, bouncy castle and lots of traditional games. The only paid aspect will be the raffle, money from which will be used to fund future work.

Have a great weekend and don't forget the clocks change! We will see you bright an early on Monday at twenty to nine for the last week of this term. The question is, which fort will win the Fort competition for this term and win a non-uniform day?

Kind regards  
Sally Hodgson

## \*\*FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*

From 1 April 2018 children entitled to benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) at any time remain entitled until they finish either primary or secondary education. This continues even if the family finances improve.



Are you entitled?

From **1 April 2025** entitlement to FSM will end if income increases above £7,400 annual net income over a three-month period (for example more than £1850 net income in the last three Universal Credit assessment periods).

Our school offers a free lunchtime meal to all children in Years R, 1, and 2, regardless of their parent's or carer's income. To ensure we receive our full Pupil Premium funding and to maintain eligibility for free meals once children move to Year 3, we ask that all parents and carers of Key Stage 1 children complete the free school meal application form.

### Example:

- Amar is in reception. Her mum registers her for free school meals in March 2025. Amar continues to be entitled to FSM until she finishes primary education. Changes in family income don't matter.
- Ben is also in reception and is entitled to FSM but is not registered until April 2025. If the family income goes above £7400 net per annum (£616.67 per month) FSM will end and will need to be reclaimed if income goes down again.

Free School Meals are worth **£674.50 per child, per school year**. Eligible children may also receive other support, such as [free holiday programmes](#) and [supermarket vouchers](#), when these are available.

**Claiming free school meals also helps our school to get additional funding for each pupil registered.**

Please follow this link to check if you are eligible: <https://portsmouth.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/FSM.aspx>



Attendance  
Whole School - 93%



Winning class - Garrison with 100%

# TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

## TTRS Weekly Achievements

Week Ending 28.3.25

Award	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Most Minutes Played	George H. Triumph	Kaiden S. Victorious	Kacey W. Victorious
Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed	Logan G. Valiant	Omer S. Victorious	Noah S. Victorious
Biggest Improvement in Accuracy	Cassie-Jo W. Astute	Ronan P. Valiant	Sonny K. Valiant
Highest Coin Earners	Kaiden S. Victorious	Emmanuel O. Artful	Frederick T.S.C Victorious

**Well Done, Everyone!**

**We are thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £118.70 for Comic Relief!**

**A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated.**

**Together, we are making a difference!**



## Sports Days for 2025

Last year we moved all of the sports days before May half term and we had better weather, therefore we will be doing this again this year. Therefore, the dates are:

- ◆ Tuesday 20th May                      EYFS/KS1
- ◆ Wednesday 21st May                UKS2
- ◆ Thursday 22nd May                 LKS2



## Join Us for a Free Community Family Fun Day!

Tuesday, April 8th at The Victory Primary School, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

A fantastic FREE day out for the whole family, packed with fun activities, including:

-  Bouncy Castle & Assault Course
-  Crazy Golf
-  Scavenger Hunt
-  Traditional Games – Penny Roll, Splat the Rat, Beat the Keeper
-  Crafts – Decorate Eggs
-  Face Painting
-  Forest School Sessions – Fire Pit & Tool Use (Sign up at the gate!)
-  Musical Extravaganza from Castle View Students
-  Seekers Create – Have Your Say on a New Community Project!
-  PLUS – Enter our raffle for a chance to win a GIANT chocolate egg! (The only thing to pay for!)

**FREE BOUNCY CASTLE AND ASSAULT COURSE**

# EASTER FUN DAY

**FREE FACE PAINTING AND GAMES**

**Come and join us on Tuesday 8th April 11:30-1:30 for a free family fun day with a free hot meal for everyone!**

**SCAN TO BOOK**



**THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALLAWAY AVENUE**

Come along, have fun, connect with the community, and enjoy a FREE hot meal for everyone!

Booking essential, book your places here <https://eequ.org/book/easter-family-fun-day-with-paulsgrove-community-cluster-12718?fbclid=IwY2xjawJSABBLEHRuA2FbQIxMAABHbo->

## Athlete Visit

Our children had a blast with Kelly Pitt's visit! It was fantastic to see the children so engaged, with music playing and lots of positive noise filling the air.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has already contributed sponsorship money! Your support is truly appreciated.

Every penny raised will help us get new sports equipment to boost physical activity at our school!



**LAST CHANCE**

*LAST CHANCE  
to Order Your Year 6  
Leavers Hoodie*

Orders Open: March 14th  
Orders Close: April 3rd

➡ Order on Arbor —  
no further orders will  
be taken through  
school after the  
deadline!

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**Thank You for Your Support!**

We are excited to announce that Beacon View Primary Academy has received £153.03 from the Asda Cashpot for Schools. This generous contribution will greatly benefit our school community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed through the Asda Rewards app. Your support is truly appreciated!

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## OPAL donations

We are still looking for fancy dress costumes and accessories (hats, scarves, handbags, suitcases etc), small world items including cars and dolls, as well as craft and colouring resources for the front outdoor classroom. If you can help with these items, please pop them into the school office.



## Easter support for families

A reminder that the Easter HAF Fun Pompey programme is currently open for bookings using this [link](#) for children eligible for free school meals and other families who have been referred to the programme.

This year Portsmouth City Council will **not** be issuing supermarket vouchers in the run up to Easter. A further (smaller) round of Household Support Fund money, which pays for the vouchers, has been allocated to Portsmouth for 2025/26 and plans for how this is used are currently being drawn up. Portsmouth City Council have asked that consideration be given to providing vouchers for families in the summer and in the run up to Christmas as in previous years.



### Scarlett's Smiles SPOTLIGHT UK Creating positive memories

## Discounted Family Fun for all



Up to half price off fun activities April through to the summer holidays when booked through Spotlight UK. From swimming, bowling, laser tag, Ninja Warrior, Atmosphere Trampoline Park, donutting, high score arcades, 360 play and days out to Chessington, Finkley Down Farm & more

Gold membership is £750 per person for the year and this gives activities and days out at upto 50% off normal price and our charity then funds the difference

Standard memberships is free and you get £1-£2 normal price of activities

For more details please email [louisa@spotlightuk.org](mailto:louisa@spotlightuk.org)

## School Crossing Patrol Update

Please note that there will be **no school crossing patrol** in the afternoon on the **1st April**



## SPRING EVENTS AT

PORT SOLENT  
KIDS CLUB

WHAT'S COMING UP?

APRIL

Thursday 10th  
Little Sherwood Farm Experience  
10am - 4pm

Thursday 17th  
Disco sessions  
11am, 1pm & 3pm  
The Creation Station Easter Crafts  
11am - 4pm

MAY

Thursday 29th  
Silly Scott Entertainer  
11am, 12:30pm & 2pm  
The Creation Station Crafts  
10am - 4pm

NO BOOKING  
REQUIRED

FREE  
EVENTS

For full kids club information please visit  
[WWW.PORTSOLENT.COM](http://WWW.PORTSOLENT.COM)  
or connect with us on social media

## Easter Holiday Events at Port Solent!

We are excited to share Port Solent's programme of events for the upcoming Easter holidays! These events are free and aimed at children aged 3-12 years. They are run on a drop-in basis, so no need to book, but please ensure an adult is with the child at all times.

### Thursday 10th

- \* Little Sherwood Farm Experience (10am - 4pm)

### Thursday 17th:

- \* Disco sessions (11am, 1pm & 3pm)
- \* The Creation Station Easter Crafts (11am - 4pm)

For full kids club information, please visit [www.portsolent.com](http://www.portsolent.com)

## Key Dates For School

Friday 4th April	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school
Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 25th April	Year 5 Sailing Residential
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20th May	Sports Day EYFS/KS1
Wednesday 21st May	Sports Day UKS2
Thursday 22nd May	Sports Day LKS2
Friday 23rd May	Last day of school before May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Back to school
Friday 27th June	Armed Forces Day
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of school before Summer Holidays

### New Attendance Email – Supporting Attendance Together!

To help support good attendance, we've introduced a dedicated attendance email:

[attendance@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@beaconviewprimary.co.uk).

If your child is unwell, please send any relevant medical evidence to this email. This helps us keep accurate records and provide the right support.

**Accepted Medical Evidence:**

- Confirmation of a medical appointment
  - Prescription for medication
  - Dated receipt for over-the-counter medication
- Screenshot of a call log with a medical professional

**Not Accepted as Medical Evidence:**

- Photos of your child
- Photos of bodily fluids (e.g., sickness or diarrhoea)

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office—we're here to help!

**TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL**

**02392 375302 OPTION 1**

**or email [attendance@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@beaconviewprimary.co.uk)**





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