

## Happy Friday!

This morning, children from **Nursery** through to **Year 6** took part in a **mini marathon**. Their **goal** was to walk, jog, or run up to **two miles**—or as far as they could manage. There were plenty of **smiles** as the children enjoyed being active together and embracing the challenge. At the finish, instead of a medal, they were treated to a well-earned **ice lolly**, which was gratefully received by all. A big **thank you** to **Mr Thompson-Shepherd** for organising such a **fun** and inclusive **event**. Have a lovely long weekend and enjoy the additional Bank Holiday Monday. We will see you all back at school next **Tuesday**.  
Mrs Robinson.



## Warmer Weather

A reminder that now the weather is **warming** up, to send your child to school with **sun cream** applied at home, a **water bottle** and a **sun hat**.

## Lockdown Practice

Today, we held a lockdown **practice** at school. This was **planned** in the same way as a practiced fire-alarm. It is designed to **prepare** staff and students for emergencies like intruders or external dangers. The class teachers **explained** this to the children so that they **understood** what was happening.

## The Glasshouse (Gateshead)

On Tuesday, 110 Key **Stage 2 children** visited **The Glasshouse** (formerly The Sage) in Gateshead, where they enjoyed an engaging hour of live orchestral music woven into an **exciting** adventure **story**. The children “boarded” a make-believe ship, travelling from the north of Scotland past Iceland to the site of a 250-year-old **shipwreck**. Along the way, they were introduced to the different families of orchestral instruments and spotted a variety of **sea creatures**. The adventure continued as they donned **imaginary** scuba gear and dived down to explore the wreck in search of hidden **treasure**. They also learned about the importance of **protecting** our oceans, including the **fascinating fact** that we know more about outer space than we do about our own **seas**. We hope this memorable experience has inspired some children to consider **learning** an instrument in the future. The children’s attitude and behaviour were **outstanding**, and they represented Beaconhill exceptionally well.



## Beach Visits

This week, **Year One** visited **Cresswell beach**. They enjoyed problem solving, and played lots of fun games on the sand. The tide was far out on the visits, so the children had a lovely view of the full beach and the **rock pools**. The weather was particularly **kind**, so please remember to send your child prepared for their beach visit wearing sun cream and with a sun hat on warmer days.



## OOSC

This week's **Super Hero** Friday fun night has proved very **popular** and again was fully booked. Children will be coming home tonight with super hero **masks** and **crafts** that they have made. Next Friday **8th May**, there will be another **Teddy Bear's picnic**. Weather permitting, the picnic will be **outdoors** on the grass with lots of games and **fun** activities including, skipping, hop-scotch, hoola-hooping and rainbow parachutes. Remember to **book in advance** as the spaces fill up very quickly.

## Nursery Science

This week, the children in **Nursery** have been learning about what plants need to **grow** and stay healthy. To help them understand how plants take in water, they carried out a simple **experiment** using white roses placed in different coloured water. Throughout the day, the children carefully **observed** the changes and were **amazed** to see the petals gradually change colour. One flower even revealed **delicate lines** within the petals as the colour moved through them. It was a **wonderful**, hands-on way to explore how water travels through plants and sparked lots of **curiosity** and **excitement**. It is a **brilliant** experiment to try out at home.



## Attendance

Very well done to **Year One** who have the highest attendance this week and the only class to achieve our school target with **96.33%**. We have had a few bugs and chickenpox throughout school this week. Chickenpox is a highly contagious infection, typically lasting 4-7 days with rash stages. It is contagious 1-2 days before the rash appears. As soon as the rash/spots crust over, children can **return** to school. As always, **thank you** for your continued **support**.



**Reception** - 85% **Year One** - 96.33% **Year Two** - 90.34% **Year Three** - 86%  
**Year Four** - 93.33% **Year Five** - 92.76% **Year Six** - 89.38%



**On the Menu Next Week . . .** (please note, Tuesday will be Monday's menu with Jacket potatoes (not sandwiches) Wednesday onwards will be as below.



## First & Primary School Summer Menu 2026



WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MAIN COURSE CHOICES</b>	Meatballs/Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Cheesy Chilli Nachos	Hunters Chicken	Roast / Veggie of the Day & Yorkshire Pudding	Oven Baked Sausage Roll/ Cheese Roll
	Chicken Mayonnaise Wrap Cheesy Wrap	Tuna/Cheese Melts	Cheese and Broccoli Pasta	Salmon Bites	Fish Fingers
	Sandwich with a Choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of fillings	Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings
<b>POTATOES PASTA RICE</b>	Pasta Potato Smiley Faces	Potato Wedges	Fluffy Rice Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes	Chips
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
<b>SALAD BAR</b>	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal Salad
<b>DESERTS</b>	Fruit Whip	Homemade fruity Flapjack	Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle Cake	School Pudding of the Day