

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th July 2025



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Incorporating
Beechbuds Pre-School



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build
relationships

be fair

be
resilient

be
resourceful

be kind

WEEKLY UPDATE

It's been a fantastic and eventful week in school!

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their brilliant leavers' production—it was a joy to watch and a fitting celebration of their time with us. Their high school transition day also went really well, and although we'll miss them, we know they're ready for the next step.

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Cuerden Valley Park. The weather was perfect, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their time outdoors—thank you to all who helped make it such a success.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming some of our new Reception children on Thursday. It was lovely to meet them and their families, and we look forward to seeing them again next week.

Moving up day was a great success too, with lots of excitement as children met their new teachers and explored their new classrooms. The whole school is buzzing with anticipation for the year ahead!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Craig Todd
Headteacher.

Star of the Week

Beechbuds – Anna M

Reception – Joshua T

Year 1 – Lottie F

Year 2 – Riley P

Year 3 – Bronte P

Year 4 – Ava C

Year 5 – Bethany H

Year 6 – Nye T

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM RAIL – NOW AVAILABLE!

We're pleased to let you know that a rail of pre-loved school uniform will be available in the school office area this week. It's a great way to pick up any items your child might need while supporting sustainability.

Items are available for a donation of your choice – all proceeds will go towards school resources and activities.

Feel free to come and have a look during office hours.
Thank you for your continued support!



LOST PROPERTY

If your child is missing any items — such as jumpers, coats, water bottles, or lunchboxes — please check the lost property area located in the two boxes in the Office reception area.



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HOUSE POINTS



THUNBERG

2nd



RASHFORD

3rd



STOREY

1st



PEAKE

4th

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The National average for attendance is 96%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

whole school 98.13%

Class	This week
Reception	98.4%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	98.8%

Well done **Year 1** for excellent attendance this week! Chip is looking forward to accompanying you in class next week.

Magically Wild Photography

Newborn, Family, Brand & Wedding Photographer based at Heskin Hall Shopping Village, Heskin, Lancashire

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ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Italian Pizza, served with potato wedges	Sausage, with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala, served with Rice & Naan Bread	Ham & Cheese Puff Pastry Swirl served with roast mini potatoes	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN DISH 2	Quorn & Tomato Bake	Selection of Paninis served with a seasonal Mixed Salad	Fish finger butty served with potato cubes and ketchup	Homemade Lasagne with Mixed Salad & Garlic Bread	Sausage Roll Chicken Nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & Beans Salad bar	Batton Carrots & Green Beans Salad bar	Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad bar	Batton Carrots & Sweetcorn Salad bar	Fries, Sweetcorn & Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly	Homemade Cookie	Fresh Fruit Friday
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Sandwich Selection



Try something NEW today...
Variety is key to a healthy diet.

MENU

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KEY

 5 A DAY

- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY

 MEAT-FREE

- MEAT-FREE MONDAY

 CHEF'S CHOICE

- PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

 PLANT-BASED

Allergens and Intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

If your personal circumstances change and you find yourself on a reduced income, you may be entitled to receive **Free School Meal (FSM)** status. We encourage you to check your eligibility by visiting the following link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Being eligible for FSM not only provides your child with a free school meal, but also gives access to **additional support and benefits**, which can be very helpful for families facing financial difficulties.

Please don't miss out on the support available—
check today.



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SUMMER '25

HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOK NOW through the website!
Check out our FUN 6 week timetable with activities to suit all interests!

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21st July - 29th August



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HOLIDAY CLUB

Summer Week 1
21st - 25th July 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	Crazy Golf	Space Cadets
Tues	Hockey	Chain Reaction
Weds	Wacky Races	Jewellery Making
Thurs	Football Camp	Playful Painting
Fri	Tag Rugby	Beauty School

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Summer Week 2
28th July - 1st August 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	Bench Ball	Harry Potter Experience
Tues	Archery	Summer Gardens
Weds	Dance & Movement	Lego Creations
Thurs	Sports Action	Crafty Creations
Fri	Dodgeball	Fun Festival

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Summer Week 3
4th - 8th August 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	I'm a Kid get me out of Here	Sublime Time
Tues	Cheerleading	Mad about Science
Weds	Football Camp	Superheroes & Princesses
Thurs	Sports Action	Under the Sea
Fri	Fun Fest Bootcamp	Around the World

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Summer Week 4
11th - 15th August 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	Wacky Races	Jewellery Making
Tues	Mission Impossible	Kidslingo
Weds	Ultimate Frisbee	Nailed It
Thurs	Crazy Golf	Imagining
Fri	Hockey	Pottery

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Summer Week 5
18th - 22nd August 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	Scavenger Hunt	Puppet Making
Tues	Gymnastic	Lego Creations
Weds	Great Outdoors	Crafty Creations
Thurs	Sports Action	Fun Fest Summer Bake Off
Fri	Nerf Challenge	Missy Mayhem

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Summer Week 6
26th - 29th August 2025
Chorley - Eccleston

	AM	PM
Mon	Closed for Bank Holiday	
Tues	Crazy Golf	Sublime Time
Weds	Sports Action	Movie Magic
Thurs	Football Camp	Crafty Creations
Fri	End of Summer party	End of Summer Party



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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