

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families,

Welcome back to the first week of term! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break, and that everyone is settling back into the school routine smoothly.

It was great to be back in school on Thursday, to see all the children and staff and to be so warmly welcomed back, I have massively missed everyone. Thank you especially to the gardeners who downed tools and ran to greet me with hugs and smiles. I am really pleased to be returning to school and look forward to catching up with everyone over the coming term. This term promises to be a great start to 2025.

As always, we're grateful for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this term a fantastic one!

Warm regards,

Sally Hodgson
Principal

Starting School in September 2025 - Key Information for Parents

If your child was born between **September 1st, 2020, and August 31st, 2021**, they can start school in **September 2025**.

In **Portsmouth**, applications for starting school in September 2025 opened on November 4th, 2024, and close on **January 15th, 2025**.

What You Need to Know:

- Applications for primary school places opened in November and close on **January 15th 2025**.
- You can still apply even if you plan for your child to start later in the school year.
- If you need to update your application, email the Admissions Team with:
 - ◇ Your child's name
 - ◇ Their date of birth
 - ◇ Details of the changes you'd like to make



For more information, visit the [Portsmouth Admissions website](https://www.portsmouthcc.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the Admissions Team directly by emailing: admissions@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or by phone on: 023 9268 8008.

Community SEND Parent Drop-In / Coffee Morning

We are excited to invite parents to a drop-in session and coffee morning on **Wednesday, 15th January from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. This is a great opportunity to meet with other parents and discuss any questions or concerns.

Special Guest: Olivia from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will also be joining us to offer support and information.

Location: The session will be held at Beacon View in the Sunflower Room.



Attendance

Whole School = 93.6%

Winning class = Garrison Year 2 - 95.6%



A message from Claire Fortey, Regional Director for United Learning

Dear Beacon View Families,

Back in the Autumn term I wrote to introduce myself and the other members of the United Learning team, and to share the school's priorities for this year and how United Learning supports both Beacon View and Victory towards progressing these.

Now that the Spring term has begun I am pleased to let you know that the school is progressing well, and children and staff are working hard; this has recently been reflected in some positive assessment results. I have spent a lot of time in and out of classes over the last few months, and it has been particularly lovely to see the children really enjoying their lessons. I know that this will continue to be a focus in the weeks ahead.

This term I continue to work closely with both Beacon View and The Victory, and Mr Wood will continue in his role as Educational Partner this term, bringing valuable additional capacity to the leadership team. Hopefully this term we will also see the completion of our new playground and carpark – very exciting !!

And finally, thank you for all that you do to support the school. Beacon View does such great work with regards to supporting families and the wider community, and I know that your engagement is central to this.

Claire Fortey
Primary Regional Director South

Winnie the Pooh Day Celebration – 16th January

Join us on **Tuesday, 16th January**, to celebrate **Winnie the Pooh Day** with a special themed lunch inspired by everyone's favourite bear.

Enjoy this special
lunchtime menu
with your friends

Pooh's Pizza Lunch

Ham & Cheese Pizza

Or

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)

All served with Wedges &
Sweetcorn from Rabbit's Garden

For Dessert

Hundred Acre Sprinkle Cake

Thursday 16th January

Jacket potato, pasta and sandwich
options will also be available on the
day



Join us this Winnie-The-Pooh Day 2025

Exciting News! Our First Gardening Competition of the Year

We are thrilled to announce that the first gardening competition of the year will be start next week!

On **Thursday**, each class will receive a potted tête-à-tête bulb. It will then be up to the class to care for their bulb, helping it grow and thrive. The challenge? Be the first class to have an open flower and claim the victory!

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!



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Monday 20th January
Paulsgrove Community Centre, 1 - 4pm

Come and join us at our Health Fair to find out more about Portsmouth Hospitals' services, local services and charities that support and benefit our community.

Email patientexperience.team@porthosp.nhs.uk for more information.



How to use online

NHS services

Drop-in session at Paulsgrove Library

Learn how to:

Use the NHS app on your phone, tablet or computer

Get an online consultation

Order prescriptions online

Book an appointment with your GP practice



Patients of Portsdown Group Practice and The Drayton Surgery can get help from staff to get registered on the app. Please bring photo ID if you have it.

When: Wednesday 15 January

Time: 1.30-4.30pm

Where: Paulsgrove Library, Marsden Road, PO6 4JB

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Key Dates For School

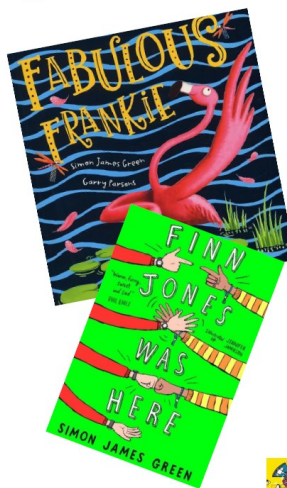
Wednesday 15th January	Year 3 Swimming starts
Thursday 30th January	KS2 Meet the Author
Friday 14th February	Last day of school
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Friday 4th April	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school

Meet the Author – 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.

Meet The Author



Simon James Green

On
Thursday 30th January

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



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