# Beacon



Dear families,

It's really beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here at Beacon! The sound of children singing fills our corridors, rehearsals are in full swing, and the excitement among the children is simply infectious.

Every day, our pupils eagerly await the next surprise behind the doors of our Living Advent Calendar. This week has been packed with festive fun, a Christmas polytunnel disco, a cheerful Christmas quiz, beautiful carol singing, a whole-school flashmob dance, and today, every class created their very own *Elf Yourself* film! Seeing the whole school waiting to see what each day will bring has been wonderful.

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#### Top story this week



On Tuesday, our choir gave a truly sensational performance at St Petroc's Church. We couldn't have been prouder; the harmonies and quality were outstanding. A huge well done to all involved!

It was also fantastic to welcome so many families to our craft workshops. This Beacon tradition never fails to get us all into the Christmas spirit, and the school hall was buzzing with laughter, and festive cheer.

Yesterday our nursery families enjoyed a delightful *Sing and Sign* event, and today our Cosmonaut families joined us for a festive picnic and craft session. What a magical week it has been!

Looking ahead, next week is the final week of the autumn term and we're going out with a bang! Starting Monday, we'll be hosting a series of wonderful festive performances. We can't wait to see you there and watch your children Shine Brightly on stage.

Thursday is Christmas Dinner Day and as always, we're inviting children to wear their festive jumpers and accessories. There will be plenty of treats, a very special visitor, and some surprise friends popping in to spread the joy.

And of course, the excitement continues as we open more doors on our Living Advent Calendar. This time of year, is truly magical at Beacon, and we're so grateful to share it with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and a joyful festive season!

Kaye















	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Reception	Christmas performance in the afternoon.	Christmas performance in the morning.	What are we going to be gifted today from our living advent calender?	Christmas lunch and party!	Christmas celebration assembly!	
Year 1	What are we going to be gifted today from our living advent calendar?	Christmas Performance (in the afternoon)	Christmas Performance (in the morning)	Christmas Lunch and Party!	Christmas celebration assembly!	
Year 2	What gift will we have from our living advent calendar today?	Christmas performance pm.	Christmas performance am.	Christmas lunch.	Christmas celebration assembly!	



















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Year 3	Year 3 Christmas Singing practice		Christmas crafts	Christmas jumpers, lunch and parities	Christmas assembly	
Year 4	Christmas Singing practice	Christmas Concert Tonight!	Christmas Crafts	Christmas jumpers, lunch and parities	MEGA Christmas Assembly	
Year 5	What will be behind our advent calendar today?	Planning our Innovated Biography	RE – What is the impact of the Christmas Story?	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Class Rewards	
Year 6	Christmas Singing practice	Christmas Concert Tonight!	Finishing our tales of fear	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Class Treat	
Cosmonauts	Christmas activities	Christmas activities	Christmas activities	Christmas lunch Christmas parties	Last day of term	

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EYFS 'Highlight of the Week'





#### Nursery

We have all enjoyed learning to sing and sign our Christmas songs. It was great to see so many parents and to share this with you all at the festive sing and sign workshop on Thursday.

#### Pre-School

This week in Pre-school we have been creating snowmen by painting and finger printing. We also made a large snowman to decorate our advent door. We have enjoyed watching the advent videos together each morning.





#### Reception

This week in Reception we have continued to enjoy lots of Christmas activities and practising our nativity which we are really excited to share with all our families next week.

All the children have worked so hard in phonics this half term and have impressed the adults with the progress they have made, we are all very proud!





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KS1 'Highlight of the Week'





#### Year 1

We've had a busy and exciting week! In science, we've been exploring autumn and how people, animals, plants, and the weather change at this time of year. The children really enjoyed observing the signs of autumn outdoors.

We're also busy preparing for our Christmas show with the Year 2's. The children have been practising their songs and are getting very excited for the festive season.

#### Year 2

Over the past two weeks, Spaceships and Rockets have been learning how to make glove puppets using felt fabric and thread.

The children have designed their puppets and practised techniques they need to use in the creation of their very own puppet. The children made stick puppets and finger puppets to put on their own puppet show.









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Lower KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





#### Year 3

Year 3 have had an incredibly fun week, celebrating Christmas as well as learning all about the reasons we celebrate Christmas. We have enjoyed watching and taking part in the live advent calendar and cannot wait to see what our final week of 2025 brings. As well as all the Christmas chaos, we have finished our writing unit, explaining 'How to stay safe in the sun'. We have also been practising for our Christmas concert.

We are very excited for the final week. Have a lovely restful weekend. See you for more festive fun on Monday.



#### <u>Year 4</u>

The children have been working hard on their own 'defeating a monster' tales, focusing on describing characters clearly and creatively. They should all feel very proud of their efforts. In maths, they have been completing their learning on addition and subtraction and are now excited to begin multiplication next week!

In the afternoons, the class have been exploring symbols that hold special meaning—especially at Christmas—and even made their own Christingles.



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Upper KS2 'Highlight of the Week'





#### Year 5

We have had a fantastic week, and the children have been amazing in learning our two songs for the church next Tuesday. Alongside this, children have loved learning about Neil Armstrong in our writing lessons and have made a fantastic start to long multiplication in maths.

Next week gives us so many amazing things to look forward to including Christmas performances, Christmas dinner, Christmas parties and class treats.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.





#### Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been very busy indeed. We have been beginning to write our tale of fear with a focus on suspense – some of our stories really are terrifying! We have also moved onto our fractions unit in maths and everyone has been working incredibly hard so far.

We have also continued to enjoy our Beacon advent calendar, which this week has seen us complete Christmas quizzes, elf ourselves and enjoy our lucky dip prizes.





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Cosmonauts 'Highlight of the Week'

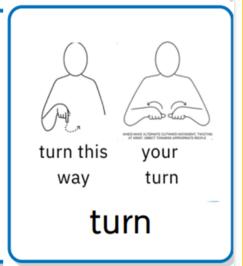




This week in Cosmonauts we have been finishing off our innovated 'The Night Pirate' stories and exploring the core words in English. We explored a Christmas magic milk science experiment where we had fun turning the milk into different colored Christmas patterns and in cooking, we made Grinch fruit skewers using grapes, strawberries and bananas.

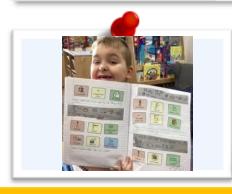
#### Core word of the week











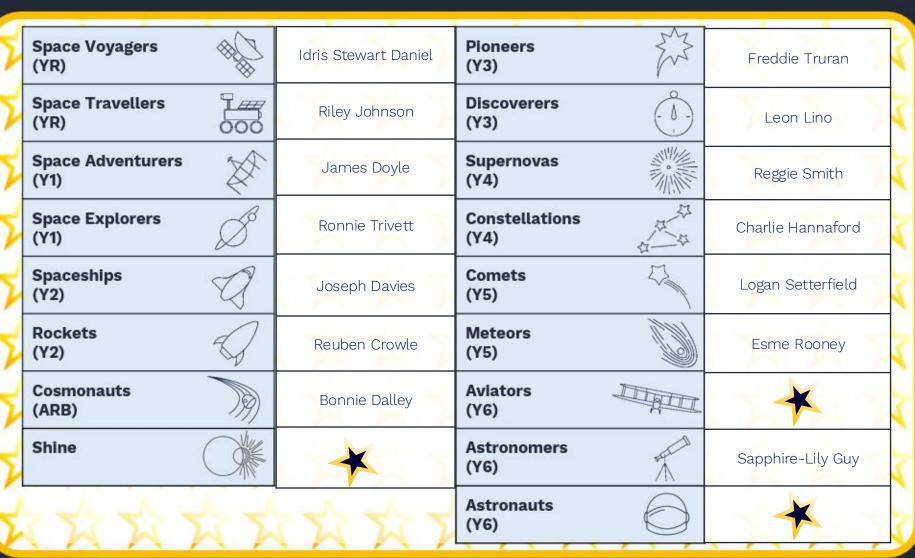


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Who has SHONE BRIGHTLY this week?



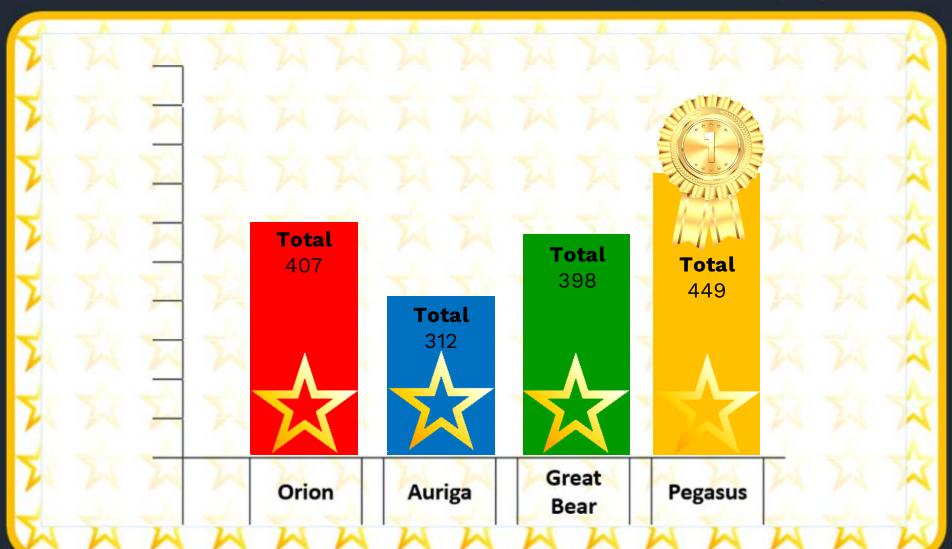


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House Points!





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Arya-Rose Moore







#### This week's golden hoody winners









Brodie - Pioneers



George - Pioneers







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Important Safety Reminder for Families 🔀







We kindly ask that you do not park on the yellow school lines or at the top of the school drive near the school office during drop-off or collection times.







Parking in these areas seriously compromises visibility for children and other pedestrians crossing the road and puts their safety at risk.

Please help us keep all our children safe by parking responsibly and following school guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.







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#### **Attendance Information**







#### **Penalty Notices**

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers





#### **What is a Penalty Notice?**

A Penalty Notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) during term time, without authorisation from the school, for a holiday for example
- Unauthorised absence of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period) of absence from school, either when a parent fails to provide an explanation, or an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise
- Unauthorised lateness of 12 school sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 school session period), resulting from arrival at school after the register has closed

NB A Penalty Notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons, where the unauthorised absence from school results in 12 sessions /6 school days or more (within any 100 session period)

Or, when:

 A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours, in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification

#### Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

#### **How much is a Penalty Notice fine?**

A Penalty Notice carries a fine of £60.00 if paid within 21 days of issue, doubling to £120.00 if paid after 21 but within 28 days.

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#### **Attendance Information**



### Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, for example, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £240.00 if paid within 21 days and £480.00 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

#### Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

**No.** Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

### Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

#### Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on 01872 323400, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

#### **How is a Penalty Notice paid?**

Penalty Notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 323400. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

### What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/ or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

#### **Contact us**

Education Welfare Service

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 323 400

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/families www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall









If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk t: 0300 1234 100



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Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- . Bissoe Trail
- . Seaton Country Park
- . Pentewan Trail

Meet time is 1000 Bike check optional For all ages & abilities

to book!



Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and

2nd Jan

· Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16

CHRISTMAS 2025

. Every session includes a healthy meal for all children

. Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free Scan here school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays on 22nd Dec, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 2nd

Jan



to book!

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk

























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### Extra notifications





### **IMPORTANT**

Polite reminder – There are no staff on duty in the mornings until 8:30am. Children arriving before that time are very welcome to attend our free Breakfast Club but should not be on the grounds otherwise for their own safety.



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### Dates for the diary!

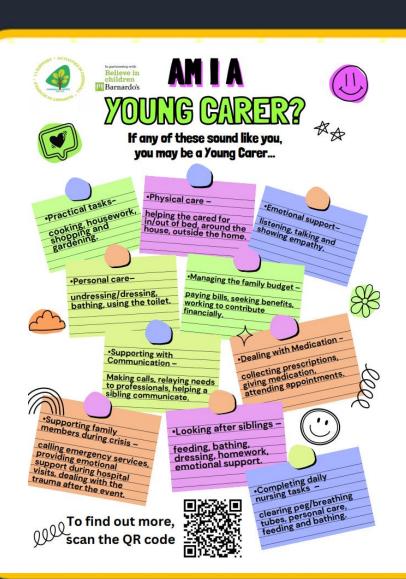
1	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance - 2pm
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul> <li>Preschool and Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am</li> <li>Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance – 2pm</li> <li>KS2 Christmas Concert @ St Petroc's Church – 4:30pm</li> </ul>
V	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	ARB, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am
1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Visitors     Whole School Jumper Day and Class Parties  **Christmas Jumper Day**  **Christmas Jumper Day**  **Christmas Visitors**  **C
J	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Holidays
V	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Children Return to School
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**Young Carers** 





If you believe that your child is a young carer then please speak to our admin team and they will advise you as to how we can help you in school.

Or you can contact Cornwall Young Carers directly on their freephone number 01736 756655, or by emailing <a href="mailto:kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk">kernowyoungcarers@barnardos.org.uk</a>.

Cornwall Young Carers complete great work with the young carers in our county by aiming to support them to self-manage caring responsibilities, providing information, advice and guidance over the phone and working with schools.

They also provide direct 1-1 work with Young Carers and Young Adult Carers as well as offering activities on a regular basis and during the school holidays.



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Open from 8:00 – 8:30 daily

(Booking required)

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available

Our free breakfast club operates during term time and is available to all pupils. Starting at 8:00 AM until the start of school we offer the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, the children a selection of healthy breakfast options such as toast, cereals, fruit, water, and milk. The children will then have the opportunity to enjoy reading games puzzles and other to activities.

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FREE for all children

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Shine brightly







Beacon Academy

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# Nursery



Can we please remind all our Nursery families to be ready at our entrance for your child's start time. When staff have to come out and let people in, it leaves the Nursery understaffed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Start times are 8.30am or 9.00am and 12pm for afternoon sessions.











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#### End of day pickups

We all experience problems from time to time collecting at the end of school day, the long queue, stuck in a traffic jam etc, so if you find the playground empty when collecting your child at the end of the day, please collect them from wraparound - situated in Spaceship class via the Y2 playground.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Please can we remind all parents do not park, during drop off and collection, on the yellow Zigzags outside the school. This is for the safety of your children. Please help us keep our children safe.



#### A Polite Request.



If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please call the main office before 2:30pm to ensure the message is passed on.

#### IMPORTANT REQUEST

Can we please ask parents when collecting children from school that you do not park in the bays above the bungalows. We had one resident today that could not park her car near her bungalow and due to being disabled this caused problems for her. Thank you for being respectful to our neighbours.





ChatHealth Parent Line 0-5

**TEXT 07312 263 423** 

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**ChatHealth** Parent Line 5-19

TEXT 07312 263 499

**ChatHealth Young** People 11-19



TEXT 07312 263 096



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### **IMPORTANT**



For safeguarding purposes children should not be wearing smart watches in school.















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SCHOOL MENU - WEEK COMMENCING

#### Monday 15th December

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	Tuna in a tomato herb pasta bake peas and carrots Tomato and Basil Pasta(v) Fruity yoghurt dessert Allergens: 2,4,5,7,	Chicken Pie with herbed potato's, Carrots and peas Vegetable pie (v) Lemon sponge Allergens: 2,4,7	Roast beef with seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes Vegetable roast (v)  Apple crumble and custard  Allergens: 2,4,7,	Sticky BBQ sauce with chicken, steamed Rice and stir fry vegetables Sticky BBQ sauce with Quorn (v)  Meringues with fruit  Allergens:2,4,7,12,13	Chips and peas Veggie sausage (v)  Various puddings  Allergens: 2,5,7	
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Please ensure you are pre-booking your dinners via the MyEd/PlusPay app.