



YEAR EIGHT
ACTIVITIES WEEK
2026

Welcome to THE week

Activities Week at Beechen Cliff is a vital aspect of the school year that gives the boys and staff the opportunity to experience a range of activities in a variety of settings undertaking an array of challenges and stepping outside their comfort zone. This year's programme builds upon the success of the past and offers an increased number of opportunities as well as the element of choice.

You will see from the booklet that options include physical and mental aspects as well as competition and camaraderie. Our aim is that the boys get the chance to experience an alternative curriculum to their usual choices and subsequently find out more about themselves and their peers.

We have aimed to include as much variety as possible, whilst also allowing boys to share experiences, ensuring that cost is not prohibitive.

What happens next

- Please read the booklet and view what is on offer for your son during Activities Week 2026, discuss it with him and decide on a rank order of the activities from most preferred to least.
- As we are still awaiting final costs from some suppliers and transport providers, this booklet does not contain costs but the activities are colour coded into three expected cost categories

Green - no cost

Yellow - Under £20

Red - Over £20

- When the Options Choices form is emailed this will contain all costings. Please complete the form with your chosen rank ordering for each day, **you do not need to make any payments at this time**. Please be aware that it is not first come first served but all selection should be complete by **17:00 on Monday 30th March** to allow the allocation process to commence.

- Those that are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding should contact Tracey Layton at tlayton@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk to clarify the level of support for each chosen activity.
- Coordination and allocation will take place the following week and we will endeavour to honour as many first choice activities as possible and ensure a fair and equitable distribution where possible.
- Parents and pupils will be notified of the allocations **by Friday 1st May** and Arbor will be open for the allotted activities for those students.
- All payments must be concluded **by Friday 29th May**.

How to use the booklet

The booklet is sectioned off into days, with the options for that day, the names of the activities and a description of the day, the maximum number of places available, the lunch arrangements, the clothing required as well as the start and end times. This has been designed to ensure that all are aware of the requirements and expectations in advance and not after allocations have been completed.

	Anyone for Tennis?		24	Maximum spaces	
	Bath Tennis Club, Professional Coaching, what's not to 'love'				
Description	Walking from School to Bath Tennis Club and having a whole day of coaching and competition with their professional instructors. Boys will be able to hone all aspects of the game, as well as tactics and strategy. Suitable for beginners and experts alike.				Activity Name
Lunch & Uniform info	Packed Lunch, PE Kit	At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15			Timings and location

If you do have any questions or queries with regards to the week, the activities or the allocation process, please contact Sarah Savidge at ssavidge@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

Here's to a great week full of enjoyment, engagement and memories for all that participate.

Monday 13th July

Bath Sports Centre - Bowling, Puttify and Trampolining

120

For the ultimate day out with your friends, come and jump, play and dive into a whole heap of fun while burning off some energy! Experience Ten-Pin Bowling, Puttify and Trampolining.

Be competitive with Ten-Pin Bowling - these superbly designed LED lit lanes will provide you with a bowling game to keep you all entertained. Then try out the new Puttify course which isn't just another mini-golf experience. It's a fully immersive adventure that combines innovative tech with a beautifully crafted course. And finish the day with a trampolining experience - you can take a swing on the trapeze, play a game of dodgeball, try out your slam dunks or just bounce around!

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Italian Cooking - Beechen Chef's Challenge

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An opportunity to spend time making a variety of dishes to take home and share in order to say 'Thank You' to those that help

Boys will be provided with a list of ingredients that they will need to bring with them for a day of learning and competing. The idea is to deliver repeatable and popular skills.

Refectory Available/Packed Lunch, PE Kit

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Howzat!

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A day in the life of a professional cricketer

Working alongside the coaching team at Bath CC, the boys will get the opportunity to work in their state of the art indoor centre utilising their bowling machines, exploring game scenarios and having 1:1 coaching.

In the afternoon, the boys will get the opportunity to play at North Parade Bridge Road in a version of the game that will undoubtedly have a positive impact on

their confidence and skills.

Suitable for beginners and experts alike.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

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Fore!

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Range and a round at Cumberwell Park Golf Course

Boys fortunate to be allocated Golf will visit Wiltshire's only 45 hole golf course, which has been awarded 4* by Golf World. After travelling via minibus, the boys will get time on the driving range before being sent out in fourball groups with the opportunity to see who tops the leaderboard at the end of the day.

Please note: This activity is for those who already play and have their own clubs and equipment

Packed Lunch, Appropriate Golf Wear
and Clubs

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Tuesday 14th July

Hamburger Hill Paintballing

120

Move and fire, move and fire, move and fire...

Travelling via coach to their site in Hunstrete, we are off to the UK's premier Outdoor Activities Venue. Our boys are going for a paintball extravaganza with the cost covering transport and their basic package which will include 300 paintballs. If boys do wish to purchase more, this will be possible, but they will need to bring money with them. It promises to be an action packed adventure.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

At school - 08:25; Return - 15:15

Pokemon

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Gotta Catch 'em all

The whole day will be spent battling with opponents to win prize cards and become the ultimate trainer. Boys will be able to bring in their decks and evolve their pokemon as they challenge others in what will be a brilliant opportunity for those that love the game. There could also be a trip to TCG Bath included to see what is available to enhance and develop their game play.

Refectory Available/Packed Lunch, PE
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Warhammer

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Military strategy, arithmetic and spacial awareness all in one game

Boys will use the miniature warriors on a battlefield comprising of buildings, trees, hills, and other terrain. There'll be wizards, dragons, and magical spells as the warriors move across the field of battle in their epic quest. The whole day will be focussed on gameplay, tactics and strategy and those simply learning will have an immersive experience at the hand of our resident Commander Farsight.

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Yu Gi Oh		20
It's time to d-d-d-d-duel!		
<p>Based on the Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Kazuki Takahashi, the boys will have the opportunity to duel throughout the day. The boys will take to the 'field' avoiding trap cards and their opponents monsters whilst saving their life points. With over 35 billion cards sold worldwide, it's pretty popular..... There could also be a trip to TCG Bath included to see what is available to enhance and develop their game play.</p>		
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Wednesday 15th July

Urban Sketchers

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See Bath, from a different angle

Urban sketchers is an art movement all about creating artwork out of doors taking inspiration from the urban environment. Art work is quick and features buildings, architecture and people's everyday lives. This activity will appeal to students with an interest in art, architecture and urban environments.

Packed Lunch, PE Kit

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Bath City Football Club

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Bath City Football Club, Professional Coaching, what's not to 'love'

On the astro pitch at School having a whole day of coaching and competition with their professional coaches. Boys will be able to hone all aspects of the game, as well as tactics and strategy with a mini tournament to finish off the day.

Suitable for beginners and experts alike.

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Aardman Style Animation Nation

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Make your own characters, then make your own movie

After creating their characters in the model making session, boys will be able to storyboard their ideas for adventures and make them come to life using stop motion techniques and a variety of software packages and equipment.

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Paddleboarding		14
Paddletastic		
<p>A minibus trip to Batheaston, then some time on the water - learning your craft on the paddleboards. This activity will open your eyes to the enjoyment that can be had messing about on the water. Try something new or develop your skills. Just be prepared to get wet!</p>		
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Thursday 16th July

Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Wild Things

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Bringing the Outdoors to Us

Outdoor adventure activities, led by highly trained instructors but without the coach costs - perfect. Boys will be split into groups and work around five different activities including Archery, Axe Throwing and WOLT's famous mobile climbing wall. We'll bring out the inner Bear Grylls...

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Friday 17th July

Year End Celebration

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A great end to a great year

The boys will spend time reflecting on their year, working with their tutors, teachers and their peers in a variety of activities including the legendary Beechen Quiz of the Year before a whole school celebratory assembly and after this epic week leaving to start their well earned rest

PE Kit

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