



Message from Ms Drew

The King's Coronation celebrations started early at Benthal, with fantastic dance workshops last week. The children really enjoyed it.

We continued with the Benthal Coronation Traditional Fish & Chip Supper on Thursday, which was very well attended. Chef Alex and Rani prepared a superb fish & chip supper, with homemade tartar sauce and lemon wedges and a beautiful homemade Victoria sponge cake with cream and jam. I prepared a royal themed quiz, enjoyed by all and we even had a raffle! A big thank you to all the families that came to support this Benthal fundraising event. And of course an even bigger thank you to Chef Alex and Rani. I've started to think about the next evening dinner event already, perhaps for late in the summer term. If you have a theme idea, then please let me know!

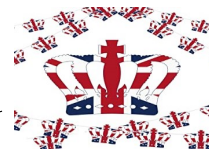
Of course we rounded the week off with everyone dressing up in red, white and blue and a huge cake sale. Thank you to the parents/carers that helped sell the cakes, it was great having so many volunteers as the queue could then move quickly and thank you if you made or donated cakes to sell. All the money raised will be used for our Benthal children.

I wanted to wish all the children in Year 6 good luck for their SATs tests starting on Tuesday. The Year 6 staff team and all the children have worked incredibly hard and now it is the time for them to shine and show all their knowledge and talent in the tests. Once that is over they will have Cuffleys to enjoy and then the Year 6 show rehearsals will begin!

Finally, I hope you all enjoy watching King Charles' coronation; it is a momentous and historical event and will bring the nation together to celebrate.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and I will see you all on Tuesday 9th May,

Ms Drew



Year 4 Kench Hill Residential Trip

We have had yet another successful trip to Kench Hill with our year 4 pupils. They came back to Benthal tired but they thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities organised by the new head of Centre Barney Clarke and his team.

Activities focused on making links with their BCC topic 'Anglo Saxons & Vikings' with a visit to Appledore after their trip to the beach at Camber Sands. There was also a focus on building self confidence and developing teamwork through shelter-building, co-operative games and a special bake-off activity to mark the Coronation of King Charles 3rd! The children enjoyed their labour with an afternoon tea to celebrate.



Orienteering	Campfire
Shelter Building	Coronation Cooking
Soft Archery	The Retreat Animal Centre
Bouldering Wall	Watch Paddington Bear /Coronation themed movie
Trip to Camber Sands	Team challenge and problem solving



Coronation Events

Take a look at pictures of our coronation cake sale and Red, White and Blue fundraising non-uniform day. We collected £186.50 from Non-Uniform Day, and £123.25 from our Coronation Themed Cake Sale.

We would like to say a big "thank you" to all parents who contributed to our fundraising event and helped on the day with the cake sale. The children had a great day and enjoyed the activities we had today to celebrate the coronation.



Reminders:

- Please be reminded that we are cashless school. Please come to the school office if you are having problems to pay online and we will help you to set up the account.
- Please note that all payments for the school services should be made before using the service. Please pay for , extended day services at least one week in advance and afterschool clubs and music lessons require upfront payment for the whole term.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Week Beginning 8th May

Year 6 SATs

Week Beginning 15th May

Bikeability Training for year 5 and year 6

Wednesday 24th — Friday 26th of May

Year 6 residential trip to Cuffley

June

Visit from Raimondo Lulio School

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June

Inset Days—school closed for pupils

Friday 9th June

Year 2 trip to the Tower of London

Saturday 1st of July

Bentham Fundraising Summer Fair

Thursday 13th July

Parents open day to collect school reports

Thursday 20th July

End of year class party for all pupils

Friday 21st July

Last Day of Term—School finish at 1.30pm

SATs

Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their end of Key Stage SATs tests next week from the 9th to 12th May. We have no doubt that they will apply themselves brilliantly and do very well. Please talk to your child at home if they have any anxiety about the tests, and we will support them at school. A healthy breakfast will be provided to all Year 6 children. Remember, Year 6 need to arrive and be in the play-ground at 8.45 sharp every day next week. Our Year 2 children will also be undertaking SATs assessments within the next few weeks. We are sure that you will share the appreciation we have for all school staff who continually go an extra mile to ensure that all pupils are very well supported and prepared for these assessments.



Holiday Vouchers

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please apply as soon as possible via the link online <https://portal.learningtrust.co.uk/Synergy/>

in order to receive the Holiday Vouchers for this May Half Term holiday. The value of the voucher is £15 and they can be used in most supermarkets.