



Message from Ms Drew

We are nearly at half term holiday already; I'm not sure where the time has gone.

The days are getting shorter and nights longer. I have seen the Benthal squirrels burying things around the school grounds making sure they are ready for the winter and all the other signs of Autumn are certainly upon us now. What signs of Autumn have you seen on your way to school or back home again?

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers that gave food donations for our Harvest assembly two weeks ago. We had lots donated with a good range of store cupboard items that can be created into filling meals. It will all go to support Hackney families in our local community. This year's prefects enjoyed their first task, in displaying all the donations.

October is Black History Month. We launched the celebrations with a variety of assemblies over the last few weeks. All the children will be learning about significant Black Icons & Pioneers and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. The children will be sharing their learning in a special assembly. We will take lots of photographs and upload them to our X (Twitter) page and put them in the next newsletter.

Like always Benthal has been very busy. The children have had lots of 'irresistible learning' experiences in lessons this half term and the teachers have ensured that every learning opportunity has been filled.

The children are half way through their BCC Humanities topic block and you will be able to look at this learning and all their other fantastic work at Parents Evening on Thursday 23rd October. The children's books show strong knowledge and skills, they look lovely.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers that are remembering to pack their mobile phones away once they come into the playground and the courtyard at drop off and pick up times. I have noticed an increase in families talking to each other about their days at these times, which is really lovely and exactly the purpose of having mobile free zones.

Have a great weekend and take care,

Ms Drew

Headteacher



Benthal School Council

On Thursday, our pupils took to the polls to vote for their School Council Representatives for this year. We saw democracy in practice as pupils from years 2 to 6 chose from their own nominees who they thought would best represent their views and the school's values.

The chosen pupils have now been told the results and the names were announced on Monday's Celebration Assembly.

Well done to all our nominees and winners! We wish you every success in your roles for this year.



Secondary School Applications Deadline **Friday 31st October 2025**

A reminder for all Year 6 parents and carers: applications for Year 7 entry in September 2026 will be closing soon.

Applications must be made via

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

You can find more information from Hackney Education:

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/secondary-before-you-apply?guidebook=189>

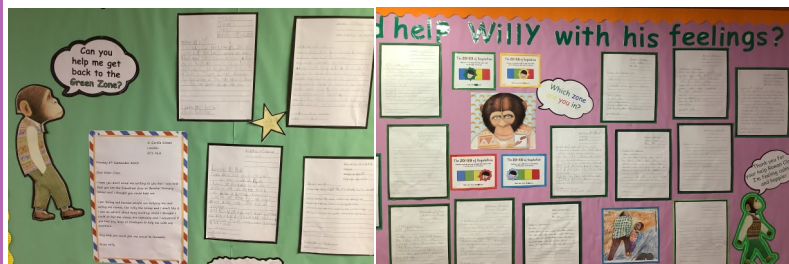
If you need help to apply, please come to the School Office for one of our support sessions on:

Tuesday 21st October 10:30am

Thursday 23rd October 10:30am

CURRICULUM NEWS- KS1

Year 2 Pupils in Rowan and Elder Class have produced some excellent writing linked to their focus author Anthony Browne. Pupils explored the story of 'Willy the Wimp' and provided Willy with some brilliant suggestions on how he could use emotional tools as strategies to help him stay calm and regulated in the Green Zone. Well done Year 2!



Year 1

In Year 1 Magnolia we have been learning about our feelings. We read the story book *The Huge Bag of Worries* and thought about what made us worried. We made worry monsters and wrote about the story. Magnolia class children know that if you share your worries, they may get smaller or even go away altogether!



Apollo Music Workshop

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an exciting workshop with Apollo Music, who bring live classical music to school children who might not otherwise experience it. The aim is to transform children's lives through music, promoting well-being, confidence and creativity.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Black History Month at Benthall

1st - 24th October

Year 4 to London Mithraeum

Wednesday 22nd October

Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October

International Dress Up Day

Friday 24th October

Year 3 and 4 Apollo Music Workshop

Friday 21st November

Year 1 to St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 28th November

IEP Week begins

Monday 1st December

Winter Fair and Xmas Lights Switch On

Friday 5th December

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Autumn Term ends

Friday 19 December at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**

Christmas Break

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

INSET Day

Monday 5th January **No pupils attend**

Spring Term begins

Tuesday 6th January

Half Term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Spring Term ends

Friday 27th March

Easter Break

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Summer Term begins

Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

Half Term

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

INSET Day

Monday 1st June **No pupils attend**

Summer Term ends

Friday 17th July at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**

Reminders:

- Please book your parents' evening slot if you have not done so yet. Please note if your child has an IEP meeting with Miss Joseph, you do not need to book the parents' evening.
- Please update the office about any new medical conditions or allergies your child developed.