



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to Benthal - I hope you all had a good Easter break and enjoyed the sunny days. It was lovely to see everyone on Tuesday morning; there were lots of smiles from all the children, parents and teachers, pleased to be back at Benthal. The children looked very smart in their uniforms and they have settled back into school routines ready for learning extremely well.

It was a very busy term for the children and the staff. Everyone completed the Art & DT block in the last two weeks of the term. The children were very busy producing wonderful and creative pieces of art work using a range of media and learned about the processes for DT. Ms Williams and I were impressed with the amount of 'irresistible learning' that children were immersed in and what they had produced. We have begun the summer term with our first subject block for science. You will see the topic areas for this term's subject blocks in the curriculum letters which will be emailed to you soon by your child's class teacher.

The national Victory in Europe Day 80th Anniversary celebrations will be upon us very soon. Benthal will be celebrating this historical event too. The whole nation will be celebrating during the week starting on Monday 5 May. There are lots of events happening in Hackney, in London and across the UK. With special events happening on 8 May 2025 as the official day. At Benthal there will be activities happening in classes and a special assembly. Ending the week on Friday 9th May with a 'Dress Up Day' 1940s style fashion! And a Grand Tea Party in the afternoon outside in the playground.



Finally, I would like to say thank you, to you, our Benthal families, thank you for your continued support, it is always much appreciated.

Ms Drew

After School Clubs for Summer 2025

Clubs resume from Monday 28th April and we are excited to announce some fantastic new clubs for this term: with Cheerleading, Drama and Cricket now available!

Places are allocated on a first-come first served basis, so please return your forms!



Sign up here:
[After School Clubs
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Plant Sale & Free Bike Repairs

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11th
May
1 - 4pm



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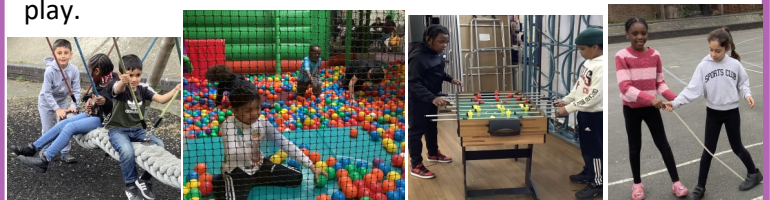
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EASTER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

We had another successful playscheme attended by both Benthal and external pupils. There were lots of games and activities including outings to ice-skating and Kidzmania soft play.



Curriculum News

Nursery Mulberry Class have been reading *Baby Goes to Market* by Atinuke, our author of the term. We looked at the differences between the West African market in the story and Ridley Road Market in Hackney. We counted and recognised different fruits and used our mark-making skills to write shopping lists for Baby.



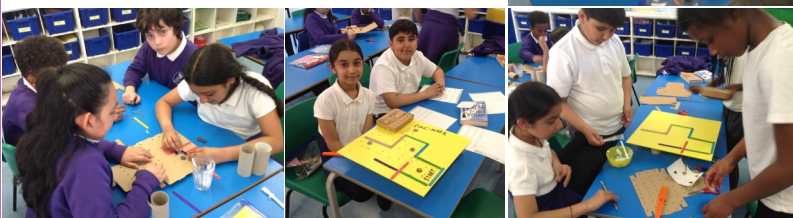
Year 1 have started to learn about the seasons. Today we went on a spring scavenger hunt! We spotted blossom trees, spring flowers, mini beasts and many more.



Year 2 designed and made castles using cardboard cereal boxes, as part of their DT topic just before Easter. This was a great link to their BCC topic on 'Castles', for which they also visited the Tower of London. The prints were inspired by the children's work on William Morris.



Year 5 designed and made magnet games during DT week at the end of last term. The children worked in teams, carefully developing their understanding of magnetic forces, while using their problem-solving and design skills to encourage creativity.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 4 Trip to Apollo Music Performance at Hackney Empire

Tuesday 29th April

Year 3 Serrula Class Assembly

Thursday 1st May 9:15-9:30am



Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Year 4 and 5 Residential Trip to Kench Hill

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th May

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration

Friday 9th May **Dress Up in 1940s fashion!**

Family Support Drop In

Tuesday 6th May (Time TBC) in Library

Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May

Ready for Reception!

New Reception Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Friday 16th May 9:00-10:00am

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May

INSET Day

Monday 2nd June **No pupils to attend**

Year 2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

Friday 6th June

Early Years Singing Festival at Round Chapel

Friday 27th June

Summer Term ends

Friday 18th July at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**

Year 3 enjoyed making their beautiful Matisse inspired prints as part of their Art subject block.



Year 4 made a wonderful Get Well Soon card for Mr Biswell, full of lovely messages. Thank you, we're sure he will love it!



Celebrating 80 Years since VE Day



Friday 9th May 2025

**Dress Up Day - come to school
in 1940s style fashion!**

**There will be a special assembly, themed activities,
and a Grand Tea Party in the afternoon!**



Evacuees



Land Girls

VE Day marks the end of World War II in Europe.

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starting Monday 5 May.**

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the UK, with special events on Thursday 8 May as the official day.**

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