



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good half term break.

The weather has certainly been changeable these last few weeks however; the signs of spring are definitely with us. I have seen many of the Benthal daffodils starting to flower; it is lovely to see bright yellow colours everywhere after the darkness of winter. I have also started to see blossom on trees. Have a look on your way to school or home. What signs of spring do you see out and about?

The children are well and truly fully immersed in their BCC (Benthal Creative Curriculum) topic block. I have seen lots of historical and geographical skills being taught, teaching in this way is helping the children to know more and remember more. You will be able to see your child's 'irresistible learning' in their books at Parents Evening on Thursday 13th March. Please look out for the link to book your slot to meet with your child's class teacher; it will be lovely to see you.

Have a great weekend,
Ms Drew



World Book Day

Thursday 6th March 2025

*Let's celebrate the magic
of reading together!*

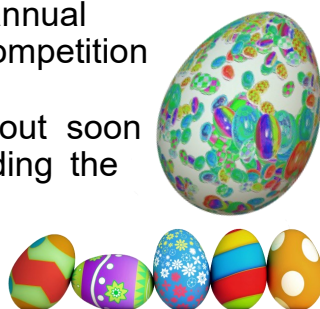


Dress up as your **favourite book character** or wear your cosiest pyjamas and dressing gown to enjoy a day filled with stories, adventures and fun activities!

Decorated Egg Competition 2025

It is that time again – the annual Benthal Decorated Egg Competition is back for 2025!

Information will be sent out soon with all the details, including the date of when you will need to enter your egg. Look out for it!



Healthy Snacks at School

We have noticed a sudden increase in children bringing unhealthy snacks to eat at break time. Please be reminded that as a Healthy School, fruit is the only snack allowed. Teachers will be monitoring this over the next few weeks, as fruit is a much healthier option.



Curriculum News

Year 3 As part of their BCC topic this term, Serrula Class went to the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, a University College London museum, on Wednesday. They have been studying how the Ancient Egyptians lived and worked. The class thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and exploring all the artefacts on display.



KS2 Science Fair

Following last year's success, we will be hosting the KS2 Science Fair 2025 on **Tuesday 18th March 3:30-4:30pm in the Small Hall.**

The children taking part from Years 3 to 6 have already been working hard on devising and writing up their experiments, as well as creating engaging displays of their findings. We're very excited to see what's in store! We hope you can join us - all welcome!



Bench Project Feedback

We wanted to share some of the thoughts from Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Hackney parklet programme to improve public spaces, and built a seating area on Rendlesham Road:

"I think the project really made us come together. Re-using wood reduces pollution and creates a healthier neighbourhood." Freya

"It's very relaxing. It's cool that I'm painting wood. I hope people will love the bench." Levi

"We are recycling by using pieces of wood which causes less pollution, and less littering in the area where we are placing the bench. I think it is a good idea because parents and carers who pick up their children, and other people who live in the area or who are passing by, will have a nice place to sit down." Mason

"This project is an amazing idea because instead of the wood being wasted, it is being re-used to decorate Hackney. This might have an impact because it would teach everyone to recycle at all times."



DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course

Monday 3rd - Friday 8th March

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March



Year 6 Arbutus Class Assembly

Thursday 6th March 9:15-9:30am

Year 2 Trip to The Tower of London

Friday 7th March

Friends of Benthal Annual General Meeting

Friday 14th March 9:00-10:00am **UPDATED**

Year 3 Trip to Science Museum

Friday 14th March

Year 4 Apollo Music Pre-Concert Visit

Monday 17th March 11:30am

KS2 Science Fair

Tuesday 18th March 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Year 1 Juniper & Magnolia Class Assembly

Thursday 27th March 9:15-9:30am

Year 4 Trip to Natural History Museum

Thursday 3rd April

Year 4 Residential Trip to Kench Hill

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th May 2025

Year 2 to Florence Nightingale museum

Friday 6th June 2025

TERM DATES

Spring Term ends

Friday 4th April at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**

Easter Break

Monday 7th - Monday 21st April

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May

INSET Day

Monday 2nd June **No pupils attend**

Summer Term ends

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