



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to Benthal and a Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you and your families have kept safe and well over the festive period.

It was lovely to see all the children at the gate on Wednesday morning. There were lots of smiling faces from children, eager to catch up with their friends, parents/carers & staff. It was definitely an uplifting way to start 2023.

The children look very grown-up and smart in their school uniforms. They have settled quickly into learning routines and like always, the school is calm and focused with lots going on. The children will be starting their new Science topic block next week and very soon the teachers will be sending out curriculum letters for this terms 'irresistible learning' taking place.

The school is also celebrating achieving the Music Mark for Benthal from the UK Association for Music Education. We received it in December, in recognition for providing high quality music education for all pupils. This is a fantastic achievement for the school, thank you to Ms Williams for gathering all the evidence and putting it forward to the Music Education assessors. It was a lovely surprise as Ms Williams had done it in secret! We can add the music mark to our letter headed paper too.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Drew

Baby News Update

Ms Fernandez has had her baby - a little girl. She was born on Christmas Day. Mother and baby are doing very well indeed. We cannot wait to see some pictures of her beautiful bundle of joy.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MUSIC LESSONS resume next week from Tues 10th Jan for Ukelele, Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet, and from Wed 11th Jan for Violin and Cello.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS sign up forms will be sent out today for this term's clubs. Please complete forms and make payment by Monday 9th January to secure club places.

SAILING for Year 5 Birch starts next Friday 13th January. Sessions take place every week up to Friday 10th February.

Class Assemblies

We are very excited to bring class assemblies back for Year 1 to Year 5.

All parents are invited to attend their child's class assembly. It will take place on a Friday morning from 9.15-9.30am in the large hall.

This is a great opportunity for you to see what the children have been learning throughout the term.

Please see the timetable below:

Date	Class
3 rd February	Serrula
10 th February	Hornbeam
24 th February	Beech
3 rd March	Birch
10 th March	Willow
31 st March	Magnolia

We hope to see many of you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunday 15 January

Reception applications deadline

Deadline for Reception place applications

Thursday 12 January

Year 4 trip to Leyton Great Hall

Thursday 12th January

Year 6 trip to Hackney Junior Citizenship

Thursday 19th January

Year 1 trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

Half Term Holiday

Term ends on Friday 31st March

PE Lessons Spring Term 2023

Nursery - Wednesday mornings

Reception - Friday mornings

Year 1 - Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 2 - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 3 - Mondays and Thursdays

Year 4 - Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 5 - Thursdays and Fridays

Year 6 - Wednesdays and Fridays

Friends of Benthall AGM

Friends of Benthall is a group of parents and carers who organise events to raise funds for the School and the children. We try to meet about twice a term to plan events and talk over ideas. We organise Summer and Winter fairs, cake sales and other events. We are always open to new ideas and to try new events.

The next FOB meeting will be held online on Wednesday 25 January via Zoom. We will send a meeting link nearer the time.

Benthall Christmas Holiday Playscheme

*Benthall's Holiday Playscheme was open to pupils in all year groups who received Free School Meals. The scheme was free and included a nutritious lunch. This Christmas holiday, the children had a fun-packed few days including a trip to Little Angel Theatre to see *The Pixie and The Pudding*, and also a play session at Kidzmania!*

