



Message from Ms Drew



As we come to the end of the term and of course the end of 2025, it is good to reflect on the past year, but especially this term. It certainly has been a very busy one including the children out and about on trips, visitors to the school and lots of school community events, with Harvest Festival, Black History Month celebrations and International Dress Up Day and of course more recently the Benthal XMAS lights Switch On, the Winter Fair and Dinner with Santa, which was a fantastic success, the junior Carol Concert and the infant Christmas Story through songs.

A massive thank you to the PTA: Friends of Benthal, parent/carer volunteers and the Benthal Staff that stayed after school to run stalls and activities and stayed to help with Dinner with Santa. We had two Benthal Governors come along and join in the fun, we even had past Benthal pupils come back to help out, which was lovely. Everyone had a great time and once the lights were switched on, it really kicked started the festivities at Benthal. All the money raised will directly benefit our Benthal children. The PTA: Friends of Benthal will be sharing with you in the New Year, how the money raised will be spent.

A further thank you must go to Chef Alex, Rani and the kitchen team for the beautiful two course Christmas dinner served that evening for 'Dinner with Santa'. We had forty-five children and adults join us for dinner and of course the great man himself – Santa! He loved the dinner, it was good that he was able to squeeze us in his busy schedule; we hope to see him again next year.

We must also celebrate our fantastic achievements with our test results, particularly for our Year 6 SATS results last July. Our results showed in all of the subjects we outperformed the national averages, which is amazing.

Of course this success does not happen without the continued hard work of the staff at Benthal. I am so very proud of all the children and the staff. The children have been truly amazing; their behaviour for learning is outstanding. I want to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and to all the support staff who have worked incredibly hard to deliver high quality 'irresistible learning' for the children. Everyone deserves a good rest. Take care.

Miss Drew
(Headteacher)

Benthal Winter Fair

Our annual winter fair was a huge success this year with a great turnout and lots of fun! Santa Grotto, arts and crafts, Christmas cinema, games, trampoline and festive cakes and snacks set the tone for the festive season. We would like to say a big "Thank You" to parents/carers, staff and of course our PTA Friends of Benthal, who helped us to organise activities, run stalls and helped on the day.



Dinner with Santa

As a part of our Benthal annual winter fair we had our traditional Christmas dinner with Santa. Thank you Chef Alex for the amazing Christmas dishes!



Christmas at Benthal



On Tuesday 16th December we had the Christmas Jumper Day.

On this day, Benthal Primary was a sea of sparkles, snowflakes, and smiles as we celebrated **Christmas Jumper Day 2025**! It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils and staff in their most creative festive knits—from traditional reindeer to some truly "outrageous" DIY designs. A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the spirit of the day and helped fill our corridors with laughter and holiday cheer.

Thank you to all the catering staff who worked tirelessly to prepare our delicious lunch.



Guess the Name of the Reindeer

The winner is Poppy from Birch Class who guessed correctly that our Reindeer was called RUBY!



CURRICULUM NEWS- Upper KS2

Year 5

Year 5 kicked off Autumn term with an exciting Science lesson dissecting real flowers. The children identified the key parts and explored the life cycles of a flower, using scientific vocabulary to support their understanding.

During our Destination Reader sessions, the class have been developing their clarifying and inferring skills through rich discussions. They've also been sharing the books they're reading at home, showing great enthusiasm in their journey to become Champion Readers!

In Literacy, we've been bringing stories to life through gestures and memorization. The students have been fully immersed in learning and performing the model texts, helping them build confidence and deepen their understanding of the structure and language associated with the different topics.

Finally, our most recent Science topic explored the properties of materials. The children made predictions and tested whether materials were magnetic, transparent or solid - using key vocabulary to explain their scientific explorations.

It's been a brilliant and busy Autumn term.



Year 5



Year 6

Year 6 has enjoyed a busy and engaging term. The children explored science through a moldy bread experiment, developed their creativity in writing, drama, and art, and studied Gustav Klimt to produce unique pieces of artwork. They also experienced a simulated WWII evacuation, built Anderson shelters in DT, and investigated faith and religion through art in RE. It has been a term full of curiosity, creativity, and memorable learning experiences.



CURRICULUM NEWS- KS1

Year 1 visited St Paul's Cathedral this term



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM DATES 2025/2026



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**

INSET Day

Monday 20th July **No pupils attend**

Reminders

- Please check your child's account and pay if you have any debts for the school services
- If your child has developed a new medical condition or allergy, please let the office know so we can update our records
- Please leave the message if you phone the office and the office staff are on another line and can't answer, we check the messages every hour
- The afterschool clubs will resume w/b 12th of January

Playscheme

Please see below our HAF Playscheme
Winter dates



10am - 2pm Daily

Monday 22nd December

Tuesday 23rd December

Monday 29th December

Tuesday 30th December

Please register your child in advance

<https://eequ.org/book/benthal-haf-winter-playscheme-2025-with-benthal-primary-school-18376>