

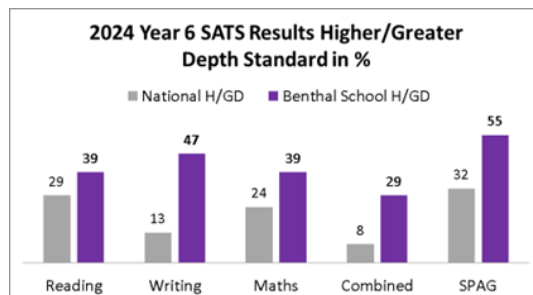
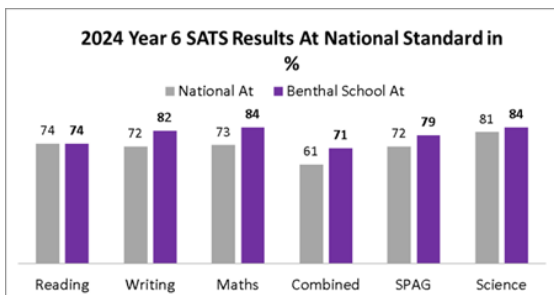


Message from Ms Drew

It certainly has been very cold these last few days. Thankfully there has been some sunshine too making the frost sparkle and these wintery mornings a bit more bearable. The snowdrops at the front of the school are not fully out yet; I think I need to wait a bit longer before seeing these early signs of spring.

The children have completed their third week of block teaching for science. Walking around the school I have seen the children busy learning scientific knowledge, setting out and conducting experiments. The children have been able to evaluate and make conclusions with their findings. Well done to the all the teachers for truly 'creating irresistible learning' for our children.

I am really pleased that I can now share our Key Stage 2 SATS results from summer 2024, with you. As you can see from the data tables Benthal School is either 'At' or 'Above' the national average outcomes with schools in the UK in all subjects. Ms Oz and the year 6 team along with myself were thrilled with these outcomes for our Benthal children, who are now in Year 7. But we had to wait until the DFE released final outcome data for all schools in the UK in January before we could share it with you. I am so very proud of the children and the staff that contributed to each child's learning journey through Benthal. We have shown again that academic achievement along with creativity and pupil well-being is possible and will always remain at the very heart of the high quality education on offer at Benthal.



Have a great week,
Ms Drew

Cherry Class celebrates 1st Birthday!

Wow! It has been one year since we introduced our 2 year old nursery provision, Cherry Class, at Benthal. We have welcomed numerous new children in that time who have all settled in wonderfully, and made some firm friends. We currently have full and part time spaces available, please do contact the School Office for more information.



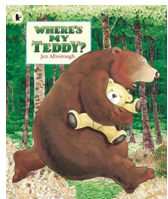
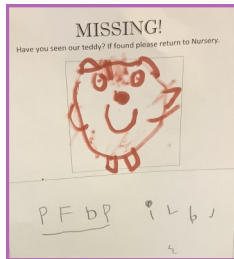
Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you to all the year 6 parents/carers who attended the SATS meeting on Thursday morning. It was great to see you all and I hope you found it informative and useful. I know that some parents/carers were unable to attend, so we have emailed the SATS Powerpoint presentation with all the information to you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to either speak to Ms Drew or Ms Oz.



Curriculum News

Nursery were reading *Where's my Teddy* by Jez Alborough, when something mysterious happened. Our class bear went missing! So we made missing bear posters and searched all over school. We asked different classes if they had seen our bear. We used describing words like big, soft and brown. We were very excited to find our bear reading in the library. We are very good bear detectives!



Year 5 In our Science lesson, we had great fun blowing bubbles to investigate how forces can make things change direction, speed up, slow down, start or stop moving. We can use force arrows to represent these movements.



Year 6 have been exploring the concept of reflection by creating their own periscopes! This hands-on activity allowed them to discover how light bounces off surfaces, helping them better understand the principles of reflection.



Reminders:

- Curriculum letters have been sent to all parents last week; if you have any further questions, please speak with your child's class teacher.
- We have a wide variety of the afterschool clubs this term, please encourage your child to attend a free taster session if they are interested.
- We are very excited to taste new dishes from the new Spring menu, designed by our Chef Alex. The menu was circulated to all parents, but if you would like a hard copy, please ask the School Office for one.
- Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated.
- Please check your child's Scopay account and pay any outstanding fees. Please be reminded that **all** school services must be paid for in advance of using the service.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 6 Junior Citizenship Workshop

Thursday 30th January

Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly

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

Year 5 Stoke Newington Common Planting Project

Friday 7th of February

Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course

Monday 24th - Friday 28th February

Monday 3rd - Friday 8th March

Year 3 Trip to Petrie Museum

Wednesday 26th February

Year 1 Trip to Clissold Park

Thursday 27th February

Year 6 Arbutus Class Assembly

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

Year 2 Trip to The Tower of London

Friday 7th March

Year 3 Trip to Science Museum

Friday 14th March

Year 1 Juniper and Magnolia Class Assembly

Thursday 27th March 9:15-9:30am **UPDATED!**

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 of June 2025

TERM DATES

Half Term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

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**

After School Clubs for Spring 2025

Spaces available, sign up here:

[After School Clubs Sign Up Form](#)

