

BENTHAL NEWS



Message from Ms Drew



We've been back from the half term for a couple of weeks now- I hope you all had a good break.

The children looked very smart in their uniforms. I can see that all the children have made an excellent effort to wear the correct Benthal uniform. Well done please keep it up. Year 6 also look smart wearing their leavers' hoodies as part of their uniform for the last part of the year. Thank you to the PTA: Friends of Benthal for funding the hoodies for each child in year 6.

It has been a busy start to this part of the term, with Year 2 visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum, Year 3 and 4 visiting London Zoo and the British Museum and Year 6 to Hackney Empire. All linked to our high quality curriculum and creating opportunities for 'irresistible learning' to take place for our children. This week Year 6 defied gravity on some of the rides at Chessington today! This was an end of year treat for all their hard work this year. I joined the year 6 team too! It was a great, but tiring day.

Now, as we approach the last few weeks of the summer term, like always there will be a lot going on. With, KS1 and KS2 Sport's Day next week and Infant Singing Festival at Hackney Round Chapel next week too.

Secondary transition for Year 6 and 'Meet your new teacher' session will take place on Thursday 2nd July. Please look out for the letter with the teacher information for next academic year soon.

The excitement continues with the PTA: Friends of Benthal Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July 3.30pm-6.00pm in the court yard at the front of the school. We need lots of parent/carer volunteers to help run stalls, so we can have a good range of things to do to raise money for the school and our children. If you are able to help please let the school office staff know.

Please also remember the year hasn't ended yet, it is vital that all the children continue to attend school every day throughout this term to keep their attendance up.

Have a good weekend and stay sun safe, when it appears!

Ms Drew

Attendance

Good attendance plays an important role in every child's learning, confidence, and progress at school. We kindly ask all families to continue supporting regular attendance and punctuality wherever possible, as every school day provides valuable learning opportunities and helps children stay connected with their classmates and routines.

If your child is absent for any reason, please ensure the school is informed as soon as possible.

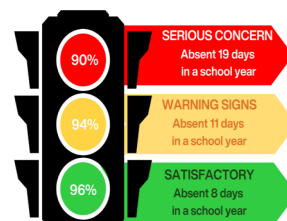
Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson and each day builds on another. If your child is absent for lessons that include demonstrations, discussions, experiments and other participation activities as part of the daily learning activities, they are missing learning that cannot be made up.



Benefits of Good Attendance

- Pupils with good attendance generally achieve higher grades.
- Pupils with good attendance generally enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Good school attendance helps to develop other responsible patterns of behaviour.

Some Risks of Poor Attendance !

- Pupils are likely to miss learning activities that their classmates have taken part in, which could mean they fall behind.
- They miss out on social interaction with friends/classmates - this can have a negative effect on the wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Low attendance is associated with anti-social behaviour and poor learning behaviours

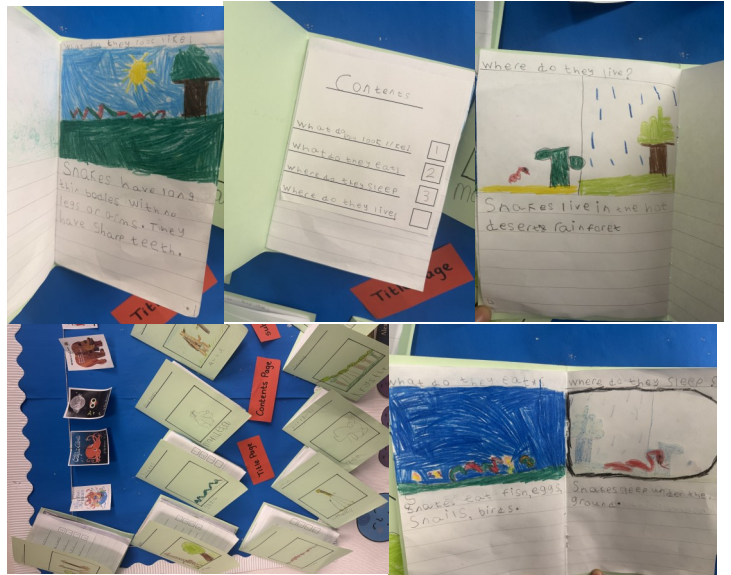


Year 1 Magnolia Class

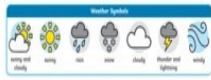
In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We explored quarters and learned that a quarter means one of four equal parts. We used counters to share amounts into four equal groups and made sure each group had the same number –

no greedy groups allowed! Then we looked at one group to find one quarter. We now know that to find a quarter, we share a quantity into four equal parts and take one part. We were quarter experts by the end of the lesson!

In Literacy, we have been learning about non-fiction books and their special features, such as headings, labels, and facts. We explored how non-fiction texts help us learn about the world around us. The children then became authors themselves and created their own mini non-fiction books about a chosen animal. They worked hard to include interesting facts and useful features to help their readers learn. We discovered lots of amazing animal facts and some of us might even know more than a zookeeper now!



Shared work



Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

In Science, we have been learning about seasonal changes and how the weather can change from day to day. Over two weeks, we kept a weather chart and observed the weather each day. We discussed different weather symbols and carefully chose the correct one to match the conditions outside. The children enjoyed becoming weather watchers and were very excited to spot sunny, cloudy, rainy, and windy days.



Year 2 Elder Class

On Friday, Elder Class visited the Florence Nightingale Museum, where we met Florence Nightingale and learned about her childhood. This visit linked closely to our BBC lessons, in which we have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how their work helped shape modern nursing.

Year 5 'proud Eco-action'

We have recently started an eco-action linked to the school's work on the Zero Carbon Schools project. In an effort to reduce the school's carbon footprint, the children have been collecting and recording data during lunchtime around plate waste in the dining hall, working closely with Chef Alex. They have been measuring and discussing the amount of food waste produced, identifying patterns, and beginning to think about practical ways we can reduce this as a school community. This has also supported discussions around sustainability and responsible choices.



Benthal is hosting SUMMER PLAYScheme 2026!

Age
4-16 years



Free
for pupils on
Free School Meals
(Hackney and
out of borough)

SUMMER PLAYSCHEME

TUES 21 JULY - TUES 11 AUGUST
OPEN EACH DAY 10AM - 2PM



ART & CRAFTS
DANCE, COOKING CLUB
SPORTS & GAMES
EXCITING TRIPS!
and a nutritious lunch
cooked fresh every day

Plus
Food Boxes
for
Families

VENUE:
BENTHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
BENTHAL ROAD LONDON N16 7AU

BOOK ONLINE NOW

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

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Donate Your Hidden Treasures!

As we prepare for our Summer Fair, we are looking for donations of good quality bric-a-brac, unwanted or unused gifts, toys, books, and other new or pre-loved treasures. If you have items that are no longer needed, we would be very grateful for your support. We also require donations of old (but not broken) pots, pans and cutlery for our mud kitchen in Early Years Playground.

Please bring donations into school before Friday 3rd July.

Thank you for helping make our Summer Fair a fantastic community event!

TERM DATES 2025/2026



Sports Day

KS1 - Tuesday 23rd June
KS2 - Wednesday 24th June
Nursery & Reception - Date TBC

Infant Singing Festival at Hackney Round Chapel

Wednesday 24th June - 10am

Year 6 - Secondary Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

Benthal Summer Fair

Friday 3rd July - 3:30 - 6:00pm

Early Years End of Year Treat (play activity at school)

Monday 6th July - 9:30-10:30

Year 6 End of Year Show

Tuesday 7th July - 2:15pm

Parents Evening (please book your time slot)

Thursday 9th July - 4:00 - 7:00pm

Year 6 Graduation

Monday 13th July - 2:15pm

End of year Trip to Clacton-on-Sea for Years 2-6

Wednesday 15th of July

Summer Term Ends

Friday 17th July at 1:30pm - No Playcentre

Inset Day

Monday 20th July - No pupils attending school

Benthal HAF Playscheme

Tuesday 21st July - Tuesday 11th August

PTA FRIENDS OF BENTHAL
PRESENT THE
2026

SUMMER FAIR



FRIDAY 3RD
JULY
3.30 - 6.00PM

Bouncy Castle, Glitter/Henna
Tattoos, Tombola, Bake Sale,
Games and much more!

ENTRY VIA
BENTHAL ROAD GATE

Parent/carer volunteers needed!
Email us on friendsofbenthal@gmail.com

We Need YOU! Join the Fun at the School Fair! Volunteer and Make Magic Happen!

Hey Parents and Carers!

The annual Benthal School Summer Fair is right around the corner – and we can't do it without YOU!

Why Volunteer?

- Create memories for our kids
- Connect with other parents
- Make your child proud to see you involved!

No experience needed – just a smile and a helping hand!

Whether you can give an hour or a whole day, every little bit helps.
Help us with:

• Bake sale (by baking (no nuts! or helping on the stall)

• Tombola

• Bouncy castle

• Ticket sales

• Setup & cleanup

• Date: FRIDAY 3RD JULY 3.30PM - 6.30 PM

• Location: BENTHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
• Sign Up by giving your name to the school office,
or email friendsofbenthal@gmail.com

