



Welcome back to Benthal- It was lovely to see everyone after the Easter break. There were lots of smiles from all the children, parents and teachers, pleased to be back at Benthal. The children looked very smart in their uniforms and they have settled back into school routines ready for learning extremely well.

We have begun the summer term with our first subject block for science. You will see the topic areas for this terms subject blocks in the curriculum letters which will be emailed to you soon by your child's class teacher.

We had an 'eggcellent' turnout for the Egg Decorating Competition at the end of the Spring Term, before the Easter break. We had a farmyard of animals, bunnies, dinosaurs, a mermaid, a circus, a science professor and much more! Have a look at the pictures overleaf. Well done to everyone that entered the competition, you all did amazingly well. We had 1st prizes and runner up prizes for each year group.

Attendance & Punctuality

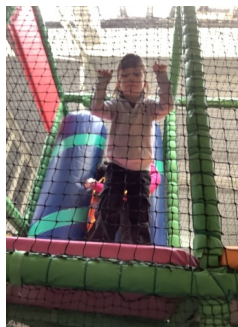
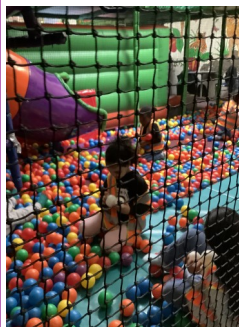
Remember the school is going to have an increased focus on the children's attendance and punctuality this term. Our whole school attendance is stuck around 88% each week, which is not good. The national average is about 95-96%. This means that many children are having a four day week, which as you can imagine will really impact on their learning and social skills, if they are absent from school.

To begin our new initiative the class with the best attendance for that week will not only be announced in our Monday Celebration Assembly and be awarded the Attendance trophy, but will also receive additional playtime on a Friday. The best class for the final week of term was Year 2 Elder class with 96.3% attendance; they were the first class to have extra playtime. The class with the best attendance for the first week back was Serrula class with 96.5%- congratulations Elder class and Mr Ahmed and Serrula class and Ms Mahon.

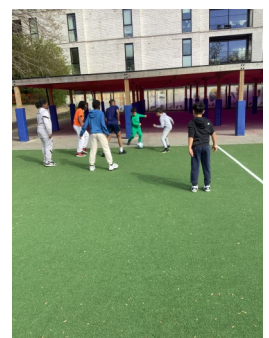
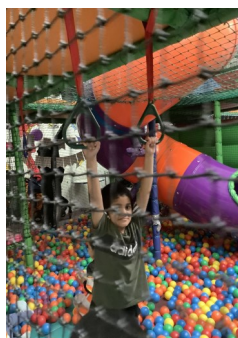
Kind regards,

Ms Drew

Benthal HAF Playscheme 2026



Benthal's March Holiday Playscheme was open to pupils in all year groups and was free of charge for all children entitled to means-tested free school meals. Over the four fun-filled days, children enjoyed a range of activities including football sessions, arts and crafts, an Easter egg hunt for early years, and trips to Lee Valley Ice Centre and Kidzmania. Freshly prepared delicious hot meals were provided each day. We also had a lot of children from other Hackney schools which allowed our children to form friendships.



Curriculum News Y5 & Y6

Year 5 - Trip to Hampton Court Palace



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace during the Spring Term. In preparation for their visit, they explored the events of the Battle of Bosworth, which they particularly loved bringing to life through classroom reenactments. During their time at the palace, the children took part in an engaging session where they examined a range of Tudor-era sources, learning how to evaluate their reliability and usefulness. They then reflected on their findings, making thoughtful connections to their prior knowledge. The visit also included a walk through the beautiful gardens and a fascinating tour of the Tudor kitchens, helping to bring their learning vividly to life.



Year 6 - Arbutus

Year 6 have been exploring the language of Macbeth and using drama to act out scenes from the play. They then wrote a persuasive argument on whether Banquo should live or die, followed by taking part in a class debate to share their ideas.

In Science, we have been learning about the human heart and how it functions.

Reception - Aspen Class Reading Workshop

At Benthall Primary, we have been running workshops for parents and carers called "Jump Into a Book Together," designed to support reading and talk at home. During these sessions, families explored simple, fun ways to share books, talk about stories, and build children's confidence with reading. It has been lovely to see parents and carers getting involved and enjoying activities alongside their children.



Benthal Decorated Easter Egg Competition 2026



Our children had a wonderful time taking part in this year's Decorated Easter Egg Competition. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm, creating a wide range of colourful and imaginative egg-themed masterpieces. From bright spring themes to intricate patterns, every entry reflected the effort and originality of our pupils. Prizes were awarded to the most outstanding creations in each year group. Well done to all who participated, and a special congratulations to our winners for their impressive work!



Benthal - a healthy eating school

We have noticed an increase in children bringing in snacks (chocolate, sweets, biscuits and crisps) to eat during morning playtime that are high in sugar, fats and salt.

These types of snacks are not a healthy eating option.

Only healthy snacks, such as a piece of fruit are allowed. Please ensure that if your child has a mid-morning snack it is a healthy option.

Please remember we are a **nut free school**.

Thank you.



Summer Term After School Clubs

We have an exciting range of new afterschool clubs this term. Please sign your child up if you have not done so already. To support Benthal families, we are offering two free clubs to each child entitled to means-tested free school meals. Please let the office know which clubs your child would like to join.

| DAY | YEAR | CLUB | TUTOR - LOCATION | CAPACITY |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| MONDAY | 1 to 6 | COOKING 3:30 - 4:30pm | Chef Alex / Ms Singh - Large Hall | Max. 20 |
| | 1 to 2 | FOOTBALL 3:30 - 4:30pm | Mr Brown - Playground | Max. 20 |
| | 1 to 6 | TAEKWANDO 3.30-4.30pm | Emek - Small Hall | Max. 20 |
| TUESDAY | 3 to 5 | CODING 3:30 - 4:30pm | Ms O'Shea - Hazel Class | Max. 20 |
| | 2 to 6 | LEGO 3:25 - 4:25pm | Ms Carmichael- Large Hall | Max. 15 |
| | 3 to 4 | FOOTBALL 3:25 - 4:25pm | H - Playground | Max. 20 |
| WEDNESDAY | 2 to 5 | KEYBOARD 3:25 - 4:25pm | Mr Otero - Small Hall | Max. 10 |
| | 3 to 6 | SEWING 3:25 - 4:25pm | Ms Clarkson - Large Hall | Max. 10 |
| | Reception | ART & COOKING 3.30-4.30pm | Ms Raymond and Ms Fardaus - Cherry Class | |
| | 5 to 6 | DODGEBALL 3:25 - 4:25pm | Mr Ahmed - Small Hall | Max. 25 |
| Thursday | 3 to 6 | TABLE TENNIS 3:25 - 4:25pm | Rachel - Small Hall | Max. 20 |
| | 3 to 6 | CRICKET 3:25 - 4:25pm | Mr Brown - Playground | Max. 15 |
| FRIDAY | 5 to 6 | FOOTBALL 3:25 - 4:25pm | H - Playground | Max. 25 |

TERM DATES 2025/2026



Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

Year 6 SATS week

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May

Year 4 and 5 Kench Hill Trip

Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th of May

Half Term

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

INSET Day

Monday 1st June - No pupils attend

British Museum Trip

Tuesday 2nd June - Year 5

Friday 19th June - Year 3

Florence Nightingale Museum

Trip

Friday 5th June - Year 2 Elder Class

Friday 12th June - Year 2 Rowan Class

Summer Term ends

Friday 17th July at 1:30pm - No Play-centre

INSET Day

Monday 20th July - No pupils attend