

21st March 2025

# FRIDAY NEWS

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## Message from Mrs Pearson

This week has brought with it glorious weather. Whilst there may still have been a 'nip' in the air, the sun was shining almost every-day and the Oyster Catchers appear to have returned to our school roof! The Oyster Catchers nested on the mound of soil that was left by the builders on what is now our school field back in 2015. They have returned every year and now nest on the school roof.

On two separate visits this week children in years 2 and 3 have been challenged with a walk-up Gummers How, one of the famous 'Wainwrights'. All of those children taking part in the activity thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor experience, with every child successfully reaching the summit with a smile on their face. WELL DONE. Hopefully, this outing will have inspired children to get outdoors and enjoy some more walks with their families and friends.

On Wednesday, children in Year 5 went on a caving visit to Thistle and Runscar caves. Whilst 'underground' children learnt all about Speleothems, and formations such as Stalactites and Stalagmites.

On Tuesday, Mrs Nelson and Miss Mulligan accompanied a team of children from years 3,4,5 and 6 to a cluster schools TAG Rugby Event at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club. All of our children showed excellent sportsmanship and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to our team of year 5/6 children who finished joint 2<sup>nd</sup>. BE PROUD.

Our Scholastic Book Fair which, this week, ran after school from Monday to Thursday was a resounding success! Thank you to everyone who popped into school and supported this fundraiser and either purchased a book or some stationery.

A number of families joined in with the family Yoga and Soundbath evening organised by Mrs Naylor on Wednesday night. We hope everyone that took part went home relaxed and inspired. I have no doubt Mrs

Naylor will be organising more health and wellbeing events over the coming months. Thank you Mrs Naylor.

On Thursday Bobby, Teddy, Freddie and Harry represented the school at the North Yorkshire Cross Country finals. What an amazing achievement. We cannot wait to hear how the boys did at this event.

Thank you to everyone who has today supported the Friends of Bentham School with their Easter Bingo fundraising by coming into school either wearing their pyjamas or their own clothes, in return for a donation of chocolate! If you would like to make a further donation, or simply forgot a donation earlier today, there is still time! Donations can be dropped off at the School Office at pick-up time later today. Thank you for your support.

Next week, on Monday, children in Reception and Year 6 will be involved in the national Height and Weight Measurement Programme. Any questions need to be directed to HDFT Children's Services on 0300 303 0916.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March children in Year 6 will be taking part in a Caving visit to Long Churn Cave in Selside, with children in year 4 venturing to Thistle and Runscar Caves on the 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information about what clothing and equipment children will need on the day, please see the letter previously sent home.

All of our outdoor activity days are being heavily subsidised by the school; we would encourage parents/carers to consider making a small voluntary contribution towards the cost of their child's activity. Payment can be made via Parentpay, or cash handed into the School Office.

Also, next week, children in years 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in some Easter Craft Activities led by Mrs Judith Johnson, who many children will know from St John's Church in Low Bentham. Thank you to Mrs

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Johnson for spending time with our children. Our final visit of the week will involve children in Years 3 and 4 when they take part in the Lancaster and District Schools' Singing Festival (The Big Sing) at Ashton Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Have a FABULOUS time! Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising this lovely opportunity.

To help parents/carers with planning, there are a couple of events that children will be involved in over the coming weeks, and which we would love parents/carers to come along to and support!

At 2.45pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April children in Years 5 and 6 will be showcasing their musical talent in the School Hall, supported by Mr Hills who has been teaching children music this term. Please do come along and watch our talented children showcase their newly acquired musical skills.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April children in years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will be involved in an Easter Service at St John's Church in Low Bentham. Again, parents/carers are welcome to join children at the Service which will start at 1.30pm. Before joining in with the Easter Service, all our children will be given the opportunity to join in with a very special celebration Easter Extravaganza lunch here at the school. More information to follow.

Finally, can I please remind everyone to take care when out and about and think about road safety. It has been brought to my attention this week, that families are crossing the roads on route to school in what could be considered dangerous places. Please set a good example to children, and support road safety practices. If possible, please use our Crossing Patrol Service.

Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the big, beautiful outdoors.

Mrs C Pearson  
Headteacher

## **Monday 24th March 2025**

Battered Fish  
Veggie Sausage Roll (v)  
Jacket Potato

Rabbit Class PE  
Badger Class PE

National Height and Weight Measurement (Reception and Year 6)

## **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Pasta Bolognese  
Sweet Potato and Lentil Bake (v)  
Jacket Potato

Fox Class PE  
Owl Class PE

3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club

## **Wednesday 26th March 2025**

Chicken and Tomato Bake  
Crispy Topped Summer Veg (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.00am Year 6 Caving Visit to Long Churn Caves, Selside

1.00pm Easter Crafts (Year 4)

1.00pm Year 1 (Hedgehog Class) Forest School

Rabbit Class PE

Butterfly Class and Hedgehog Reception : PE

3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club

## **Thursday 27th March 2025**

All day Breakfast  
Veggie All Day Breakfast (v)  
Jacket Potato (v)

9.00am Year 4 Caving Visit to Thistle and Runscar Caves

1.00pm Easter Crafts (Year 5)

1.00pm Forest School (Badger Class)

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Hedgehog Class (Year 1) : PE  
2.15pm Easter Crafts (Year 6)  
3.30pm Maths SATs Club (Invited children)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

***Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try a school lunch!***

Pizza (v)  
Curry Topped Naan (v)  
Jacket Potato

9.00am Lancaster and District Schools' Singing Festival  
(Years 3 and 4)

1.00pm Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6  
children)

Owl Class PE

**3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers  
welcome)**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**As a school we cannot emphasise enough the  
importance of good attendance.**

**Attendance at our school NEEDS TO IMPROVE. If  
you need any support with your child around either  
attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch  
with the School.**

## Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Streamers.

# Your dog and your new baby

**If you've a baby on the way, now's the time to start preparing your dog.  
Gradually introduce changes in your home and routines, using rewards  
your dog enjoys, to help them cope well with the new arrival.**



### Things to start early

- Think about how your walking times or routes might differ and start to introduce changes
- Get your dog used to being by themselves in another room, either with the door closed or with a safety gate
- You could make them their own quiet space away from the main living room.



### When you have baby things

- If you've been given or bought any baby things, set them up as soon as you have them so your dog can sniff and get used to them
- If you have a pram, you could practice with your dog walking alongside it
- Try using a doll as a pretend baby. Praise your dog or give treats when they keep their paws on the ground around the doll
- If you have a phone to play baby sounds on, this can help your dog get used to new noises



### Baby's arrival

- Ask a family member to walk the dog before you bring the baby home, so they're relaxed
- Say hello to your dog first. Then introduce the baby in a quiet room
- Give your dog lots of treats for good behaviour.



### At home with your baby

- Always stay with your baby when your dog is there
- Avoid putting your baby down on the floor or in a Moses basket on the floor
- If you have a crib downstairs, use a safety gate or keep it where your dog won't be able to knock it over.



### Still worried?

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the [Animal Behaviour and Training Council](#) website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.



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