

2nd May 2025

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

The weather this week has been absolutely glorious with the sun shining and all our children making the most of their time outdoors. Although hot days are wonderful, they do bring with them their own problems, including concerns about skin damage, and the need to keep hydrated. Earlier in the week, I sent home some information about our policies and procedures around sunscreen this information included details on how to protect skin from sunburn and the importance of keeping hydrated and protected on sunny days. I would encourage all parents/carers to read this information, and to also complete the electronic consent form, confirming that school's procedures around sun safety are understood.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9s3rTS6fJf>

Remember that school will be closed on Monday for May Bank Holiday. When we return on the Tuesday, Children in Year 5 will be heading off on a Climbing Day, with children in year 4 enjoying a climbing visit on Wednesday. On Thursday children in Fox and Owl Class will once again be out and about, this time on a visit to Lytham Hall and enjoying a Beach School experience. **REMEMBER children need to be at school for 8.15am.**

Can I please encourage parents/carers to ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear on the day of school trips and visits. Please also ensure that children always have with them a healthy snack and water bottle.

Earlier this week, I spent some time looking at the school's Parentpay service. Unfortunately, it seems that there are quite a high number of parents/carers who have not yet made a contribution towards their child's trips and visits this academic year. I have to say that this is quite disappointing. This trend can simply not continue. As Headteacher I am continually striving to provide the best educational experience for children, ensuring that children form everlasting memories, and engage in adventurous and

challenging activities whilst at Bentham C P School. I spend a lot of my own time applying for grants and sourcing donations to fund these trips and experiences. Every trip and activity is subsidised by school, albeit from funds secured from external donations, contributions made by our FOBS or out of the already tight school budget. Once again, can I please encourage parents/carers to reconsider making a contribution towards school trips if they have not already done so. Sadly, the trips will not be able to continue if we do not see more parents contributing towards them.

Of particular concern was the lack of contributions towards children's swimming lessons. I have written to parents/carers of children who have engaged in these over the past year in a separate letter. Please do make a payment if you can.

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, the children in school have been finding out about the importance and significance of this day. Please join us in the playground at 3.20pm on Thursday 8th May for a short VE day singing performance by children in Year 1-4, supported by children in Nursery and Reception. (Year 5 and 6 will be on their Beach Trip this day.)

Mrs McGregor and Mrs Tyrer are busy looking for volunteers to help with some garden maintenance and small jobs at our Secret Garden on Saturday 17th May. More information can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

Meanwhile, Mrs Coyle has kindly agreed to once again hold an Art Club on the first three days of the Summer holidays. Places are available to children in Reception onwards (including those children who will be leaving us in September) and are priced at £25.00 per day. More information about how you can secure places is being sent home in a separate letter.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday. See you on Tuesday.

Mrs C Pearson

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Monday 5th May 2025

Bank Holiday : School Closed

3.00pm Celebration Assembly in the School Hall

Tuesday 6th May 2025

Sweet and Sour Pork
Quorn Dippers (v)
Jacket Potato

9.00 Climbing Day (Year 5)

Wednesday 7th May 2025

Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Puddings
Veggie Loaf and Yorkshire Puddings (v)
Jacket Potato

9.00am Climbing Day (Year 4)

1.00pm Forest School (Fox Class)

3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School
Club (Years 1 -4) PLACES STILL AVAILABLE
BOOK VIA PARENTPAY

Thursday 8th May 2025

Mac 'n' Cheese (v)
Cheese and Tomato Pasta (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

8.15am Beach School and Lytham Hall (Fox and Owl
Class)

1.00pm Forest School (Additional session Rabbit
Class)

3.20pm VE Day Singing on the Playground

Friday 9th May 2025

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

Beef Burger in a Bun (v)
Lentil and Veg Burger (v)
Jacket Potato

10.30 Year 4 Children in BADGER Class Swimming
lessons (3/10)

Day	Class
Monday	Rabbit
Tuesday	Rabbit Badger
Wednesday	Butterfly Hedgehog
Thursday	Hedgehog Fox
Friday	Badger (Year 4 Swimming) Owl

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Safety on the Roads.

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.

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.

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

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.



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.



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Bentham Community
Primary School

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.

Secret Garden Maintenance



Saturday 17th May

Can you help? there are a few jobs that need doing in the secret garden, which would be really great if you could help?

- moving rocks
- fencing
- weeding
- digging and moving soil

Please email Sally about it at admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk



NHS

Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Learning Disability Team - Craven

Parent/Carer Workshop

An informal opportunity for you to meet our friendly nursing team. Receive specialist advice and support. Maximum of 10 parents, there is no expectation for you to contribute.



Behaviour strategies and support

Up to 15% of children with special educational needs use behaviour which challenges. Explore the reasons for these behaviours and what they may be communicating, as well as strategies to manage and reduce them.

Friday 25 April 10-12am

Join in person at:

The Place, Settle

11 Commercial Courtyard, Duke Street, BD24 9RH

Or via Microsoft Teams

Book your place today! email:

ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk