

9th May 2025

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson

What another glorious week of sunshine, which brings with it lots of outdoor adventures at playtimes and lots of outdoor learning opportunities.

Our youngest children in Butterfly Class have really enjoyed exploring their outdoor area, using lots of new resources that have recently been purchased. Activities involving water appear to be very popular! Children have also really enjoyed reading the ever-popular children's book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' together as well as keeping an eye on some quickly growing tadpoles!

In Hedgehog Class children have been looking at their new class book 'Extraordinary Gardener' and writing letters to Joe (a character in the book) advising him on how to brighten up his world.

Children in Rabbit Class have also been busy writing a letter, this time to some scientists! As part of science lessons children have really enjoyed looking at and learning about marvellous magnets.

Meanwhile, in Badger Class, children have been busy engaging in role play and making up dialogue between characters based in new class book 'Sparky!'.

In Fox Class children have been writing poems and also writing a Biography all about American abolitionist and social activist, Harriet Tuckman. As part of Forest School activities, children have enjoyed learning all about different types of plants and germination.

For children in Owl Class, it has been practice, practice, practice ready for SATs week. Can I once again, please encourage parents to read the information sent home under separate cover about SATs week. Thank you.

On Thursday, children in Fox and Owl Class enjoyed their Beach School experience where they learnt all

about coasts. Children also experienced a sculpture trail at Lytham Hall, where they used their artistic talents and engaged in drawing a still life.

Also, this week children in Years 4 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor climbing days. By way of a reminder children in Year 6 will be taking part in a climbing day on the 21st May with children in Year 1 visiting the Norber Erratics on the 3rd June. Please remember to complete electronic consent forms and consider making a contribution via Parentpay for these visits. Cash can also be handed into the School Office.

Rumour has it that our older children have been busy practising rounders; this might just be in readiness for an inter-school rounders competition taking place at Ingleton Primary School during June, or it might just be practice for the annual Year 6 -v- Staff rounders competition. I will let you make your mind up on this one!!

Did you know that the week commencing 19th May 2025 is 'Walk to School Week'. We will be sending home information leaflets about this incentive, but are also encouraging parents and children to visit :

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week/>

Mr Frankland who many will know from Bentham Library, has been into school seeking volunteers to help with **the** Lego Club, which will be taking place every Wednesday, term-time only, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm at Bentham Library. The Club is open to all 6-children aged between 6 - 11. All children taking part in the club must be supervised by a responsible adult. If you are interested in helping Mr Frankland with this marvellous initiative, which relies on the help of volunteers, please do get in touch by e-mailing : office@pioneerprojects.org.uk

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A little while ago, children in Year 1 from Hedgehog Class took on the challenge of completing a sponsored walk around Bentham raising all important funds for the Wildlife Trusts Hedgehog Walk and our outdoor area. All of our children completed the challenge, and raised an amazing amount of money which has been shared between wildlife projects at Bentham School (night-vision camera, hedgehog houses, vegetable patch seeds and wildflower seeds) and The Wildlife Trust. Thank you to everyone for their support and donations.

Finally, do not forget our special Celebration Lunch day next Thursday! No need to pre-order.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

SATs WEEK : Year 6

Monday 12th May 2025

Italian Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato

2.30pm Governors' Meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2025

Minced Beef Loaded Wedges
Veggie Sausage (v)
Jacket Potato

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Sausage and Mash
Pea-ter-Croquette (v)
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Forest School (Fox Class)

3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club (Years 1 -4)

Thursday 15th May 2025

Celebration Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Veggie Nuggets
Jacket Potato

1.00pm Forest School (Owl Class)

Friday 16th May 2025

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

Fish Fingers (v)
Cheese Whirl (v)
Jacket Potato

Owl Class : watching the film 'Wicked'. If not happy for your child to watch this film contact Mrs Coyle by NO LATER than 3.30pm **today**.

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

3.00pm Celebration Assembly in the School Hall

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

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Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Fostering a sense of Belonging.

Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill. Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- small remote controls
- car key fobs or key finders
- musical cards and books
- light-up toys and novelty items
- nightlights
- digital scales
- thermometers
- old toys in the toy box.

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack. Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

Check your home

- Hunt around your home for button batteries
- Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily.

Has your child swallowed one?

- Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick
- There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.

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

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.