



Bentfield Primary School

Issue 1

Friday 12th
September

Messages from Mr Rogers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone has had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed the summer break. On behalf of all members of staff I'd like to say a big thank you for the many cards, gifts and positive praise we received at the end of the summer term; it was very kind and most appreciated. The children have started the new academic year with great energy and enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to catch up with them about their adventures over the summer holidays and see the positive, hardworking approach across the school. It has also been most pleasing to see everyone looking smart and wearing the correct school uniform, and I hope this continues throughout the year.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned that our newly created school allotment had been entered into the Stansted in Bloom competition. I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded Winner of the Best Young People's Project (under 12 yrs)! Here is the judges' report:

"Our tour guides told us that 'next stop will be Bentfield School' so we were rather surprised to be driven through a modern housing estate, no school in sight. We turned a corner - and wow! A fenced area with so many children working in an allotment plot. We walked through the gate and were invited to go and speak to the young people, all of whom had smiles on their faces. We were impressed that older children were helping the younger ones and those with different abilities were being attended to by three or four children who obviously knew of their special needs and were prepared to adapt their working to suit. We heard of plans to extend the variety of crops that are being grown and noted the areas set aside for composting and for water harvesting. We were very, very impressed with this project and look forward to visiting again in the future. Bentfield School is very worthy of the award of Best Young People's Project (under 12 yrs). Well done!"



We are obviously delighted with this news and it is testament to the hard work of Nicola and Debbie, their families, the pupils, and everyone in the school community who has supported this project.

B Our Allotment
Bentfield School & Nursery

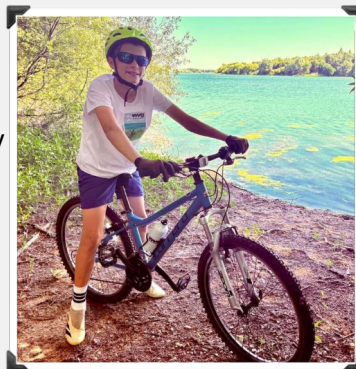
Congratulations also go to Mr Winstanley who successfully completed walking the fifty highest peaks in Wales over the summer holidays (completing it in 12 days, beating the 14 days he set himself)! At the time of writing, he has raised an incredible £2270 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. A huge well done to Mr Winstanley for this outstanding feat and a massive thank you to everyone who donated.



[More information can be found on the just giving page.](#)

In other amazing news, congratulations to Isaac in Year 6 who, during the summer holidays, cycled 55km (34 miles) over three days to raise more than £1,700 for Viva, a global children's charity. Isaac took on three different routes, pedalling for 24km (15 miles) along the Flitch Way, 18km (11 miles) through Thetford Forest and 13km (8 miles) around Alton Water in Ipswich. This is a tremendous achievement, and we are all very proud of him. If you'd like to read more about his endeavour, Isaac was recently featured in the Bishops Stortford Independent:

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article



Please join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Miss Pankiewicz, who was married during the summer holiday. We wish her all the best as she begins this exciting new chapter as Mrs Nicgorska.

Congratulations!

Reminders!

Name Labels

Please name all school uniform (including PE kits), water bottles and snack pots.



There is NO SCOOTERING OR CYCLING allowed on school grounds. Please make sure that, if these are brought into school, that pupils dismount and walk their scooter or bike into school (this includes the back path). Please also remember that there should be NO dogs on school grounds.



Annual Consent

Please complete the annual consent on



Arbor

Annual consent includes all visits which take place during normal school hours



- adventure activities at any time
- off-site sporting fixtures during the school day
- all off-site activities for nursery



A Photographer is coming to take individual School Photographs on **Monday the 22nd of September.**

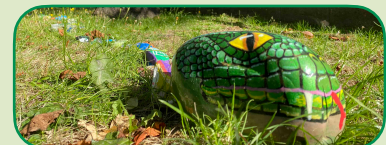
You will be able to order the photographs online using the order form that will be sent home with your child.

The deadline for applications for reception pupils for September 2026 is January 15th, 2026. Once again, we will be holding open days for prospective pupils and parents to visit the school to have a pupil led tour and the opportunity to ask any questions. We are holding five open days this term: Wednesday 15th October, Tuesday 4th November, Friday 14th November, Monday 17th November and Wednesday 26th November. Information on how to book appointments, as well as further information about our school, can be found on our website:

<https://www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/school-tours-for-new-reception-intake/>



Claude the rock snake is looking really good, please keep adding your beautiful stones to him.



Year 6 → **Year 7**

Don't forget that the new secondary school admission round opened on **Thursday, 12th September 2025** for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2025.**

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Dates For your Diary

September

WC 15th	Cherry Class stay all day
14th to the 17th	Oak Class Residential
Monday 22nd	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 23rd	Willow Class visit to Young Mariners
Friday 26th	Teddy Bear Run for Cherry, Pine and Birch Class
Friday 26th	Flu Immunisations

October

1st to the 3rd	Maple Class Residential
WC 13th	Parents Evenings
WC 27th	Half Term Break

November

Monday 3rd	Non Pupil Day
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Class Emails for Bentfield

Apple Class - Nursery	apple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Chestnut Class - Year 3	chestnut@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Cherry Class - Reception	cherry@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Willow Class - Year 4	willow@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Pine Class - Year 1	pine@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Maple Class - Year 5	maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Birch Class - Year 2	birch@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Oak Class - Year 6	oak@bentfield.essex.sch.uk

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