



16th January

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

Dates for families

Please find attached dates for families for this term.

This is subject to change but any changes or updates will be shared.

SAVE THE DATE - curriculum showcase. 12th March 2026 from 3:30pm

This term our curriculum theme is Inspirational Leadership. Check out our facebook page for more details about this and the topics that different year groups are learning about. On the 12th March, when you pick your children up, you are invited into the hall from 3:30pm to see a showcase of all our learning from this term. We hope to see you there.

Thank you!

A huge thank you from Mrs Davey, Mrs Saunders and all of the gardening club for the fantastic donations! They have made a huge difference. We've never seen so many children having fun weeding!

Reading

It was wonderful to see lots of children reading over the Christmas period and logging this on learning with parents.

Our school target is for every child to read at least **3 times a week**.

- **Rewards:** Children earn tokens for meeting their targets. These can be used at our reward shop or saved for a mystery prize.
- **Quizzes:** We use "Accelerated Reader" to check how well children understand their books. You can help them take these quizzes at home.

Login Details:



- **Site Code:** BHSPS-85YG
- **Username:** First letter of their first name + first four letters of their last name (Example: Joe Bloggs = jblog).
- **Password:** abc



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Compliments box

In the school office, we have a compliments box for parents and visitors to add to. Please feel free to add something when you next visit! We also have a compliments email address for you to send in to. The email address is

compliments@bentleyhighst.elp.org.uk

Forest Schools

The first group of EYFS children had a great session in the forest this week. They enjoyed exploring the environment, collecting sticks, drawing and digging in the mud and playing hide and seek. Their behaviour was amazing and it was lovely to see children from all year groups playing together. We are looking forward to seeing where their imaginations take them in their next session.



Stay and learn

Parents and carers are invited into school to spend some time learning with their child.

This is a chance to have a chat with class teachers and find out how to support your child's learning at home.

Each session is linked to a different subject or theme!

Reception to year 6 - 8:45 - 9:15

(Nursery stay and learn will start after half term when the children have settled into routines)



Stay and Learn Dates 2025-26

Month	Date	Theme
February	25.2.26	Chinese New Year Activities

Attendance

for a reading age of 11

Why Attendance Matters: The 96% Goal

When a pupil's attendance drops below 96%, it starts to have a real impact on their learning and school life. While 96% might sound like a high score on a test, in school attendance, it actually means a child has missed about 10 days of school—that's two full weeks of lessons!

Because teachers often build today's lesson on what was taught yesterday, missing even a few days can feel like trying to build a LEGO set with several key pieces missing. Research shows that Year 6 pupils who are in school at least 95% of the time are one-third more likely to reach the expected standards in reading, writing, and maths compared to those who drop below that mark.

Beyond grades, being at school every day helps with:

Friendships: It is much easier to stay part of a friendship group when you are there for the jokes, the games at break time, and the shared projects.

Confidence: Walking into a classroom when you've missed a few days can feel confusing. Being there consistently means you always know what's going on.



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Future Habits: Showing up and being ready to learn is a skill that will help you all the way through secondary school and into your future career.

Parking Reminder

Please can we again remind parents about parking near the school site. As a school we are concerned about how cars park on the road adjacent to the school car park. You may have noticed that we have added a tyre barrier to prevent cars blocking the pathway.

We do not advise any children leaving school to walk to cars parked on the roadside. This is due to the amount of cars and the lack of visibility. Please take care if you drive and park here. Please also drive with caution and go slowly. Pupils should only enter the rear carpark or go near the road if accompanied by the adult collecting them

You can now enter our carpark at the back and drop pupils off there. They can walk onto the KS2 playground. Please note that this is a one way system and parking is for drop off only.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
Executive Principal