



22 September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

We are excited to make you aware that we have introduced THRIVE into Bentley High Street! THRIVE is an approach that has been developed over many years to help children to flourish. It supports their emotional and social development and helps them to feel happy and secure. In turn this means they will be able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn. Positive relationships are at the heart of THRIVE. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities will support their development as well as having numerous other benefits. If you would like to know more about THRIVE and how it might involve your child then please read the attached parent leaflet for more information.



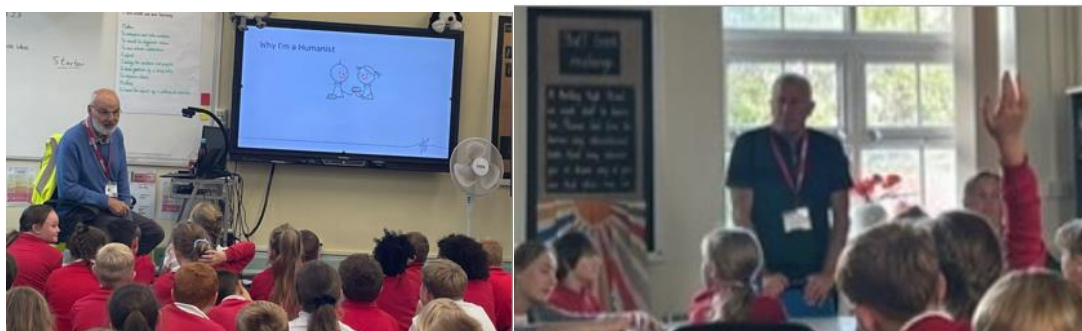
### European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September it is European Day of Languages and we are very excited to celebrate this with our children! Currently there are 14 different languages spoken in our school and we are proud to celebrate the diversity of all our pupils. An email has been sent regarding children bringing a special item into school on this day that reflects their culture or a special family tradition. On this day children will learn more about one another and where different languages are spoken across the world. Children will also have the opportunity to learn some simple phrases in different languages.

### Year 5 News

Year five have been busy this week as they had a visit from Bob -a local Humanist- to conclude their RE unit and share and discuss his beliefs. They also had a blast from the past with our old caretaker, Mo, who retold his experiences of working in local mines in anticipation for their history unit.





## Year 6 News

On Wednesday, Year 6 were treated to a special visitor who came to talk to us. His name was Peter and he was alive in World War II.

Peter had a fascinating story to share. He also had his ID tag and it was a great primary source for us to look at. We found out that the war started when he was only 9. Later on in life, when the war ended, he joined the merchant navy and told us stories about this. We enjoyed his stories and we were all so thankful that he came to share them with us.



(write up by Isabelle and Pavishna in Year 6)

## Reading

This week your child should have received their accelerated reader log on in order to complete any reading quizzes at home. If you are unsure if your child has this then please speak to your class teacher. Like last year, this log in allows children to test their understanding on books they have read and complete to read the most words, or complete the most quizzes each week, in order to win a story in the weekly achievement assembly. A





wonderful well done to year four this week with some children already completing a quiz after reading their first book!

This week we will have hosted additional parent sessions for those who are unsure on how to access **Learning for Parents**, which is what we use as a reading planner now. We will still reach out to assist parents when children are not reading at home.

### **Secondary school admissions for Doncaster are officially open!**

If you have a young person due to start secondary school next September in 2024, you can now apply for a secondary school place for them in Doncaster.

Simply visit the link below and click on the portal link under 'Secondary Year of Entry – September 2024 (Year 7)' to get started.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

The national closing date for secondary admissions is **31 October 2023** – so don't forget to make sure you've completed your application and have a receipt before then! In the meantime, you can always check in with your local secondary school to see when their next open day is and pop in for a visit before making your application.

### **Local Charity support**

We are looking for a new local charity to support this year. We have talked about this in school council and assemblies and the children have decided they want to support a charity that supports those living with or affected by an illness.

If you know of any local charities that support an illness, please pass on any details to the school office.

### **Harvest festival**

Harvest festival will take place on Thursday 5th October.

All children will visit St. Peter's church for a Harvest Service which parents are invited to join!

The service times are:

No.1, Nursery and Reception: 10am

Year 1 and Year 2: 11am

Year 3 & Year 4: 1:30pm

Year 5 & 6: 2:30pm





We will be collecting for the Doncaster and Bentley food banks! Any donations are welcome and can be brought to the school office or to your child's class.

### Smilers

Smilers child care has limited places left this term, if you're interested please phone the school office and ask to speak to our Smilers manager, Paula, for more information.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick  
Principal

### Diary Dates

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

Tuesday 25.09	European day of languages
Monday 02.10	Start of Black History Month
Thursday 05.10	Harvest festival All children will visit St. Peter's church for a Harvest Service which parents are invited to join! The service times are: No.1, Nursery and Reception: 10am Year 1 and Year 2: 11am Year 3 & Year 4: 1:30pm Year 5 & 6: 2:30pm
Friday 06.10	Charity bake sale – please donate any cakes! Children can bring 50p to buy a cake.
Monday 09.10	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 17.10	Parents evening – With me in mind CAMHS drop ins available







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Wednesday 18.10	Year 6 at Eden Camp  EYFS bedtime story reading event Children can come in PJs and bring their favourite book and teddy. Parents invited to join at 9:00 and 2:30 for a drink, snack and a story.  Individual & sibling photos
Thursday 19.10	5F class assembly  Individual & sibling photos
Friday 20.10	<i>Wear it pink (or blue) day 50p donation</i>



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