



26th September 2025

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.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festivals will be taking place on Friday 3rd October at St. Peter's Church, Bentley which we would love families to join us for. All children will be learning songs to perform on the day. We will be sending times for each key stage's festivals at the beginning of next week.

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, from Monday 29th September, that will go to Bentley foodbank.

Menu changes w/c 29th September

Wed 1st Oct - Is now Fish and Chips

Thur 2nd Oct - Census day, Special Fakeaway menu

Fri 3rd Oct - Special Harvest Festival menu

Please make sure you pre-book the dinners again, because due to the changes, your original booking would have been cancelled.

EYFS

We are developing our construction areas and home learning areas in Early Years. If you have any of the following at home that you are looking to donate, we would be very grateful - any donations can be brought to the early years team.

- real crockery (plates, bowls, cups and sauces)
- real knives and forks (not too sharp)
- Kitchen utensils
- Tea pot
- Out of date cans and empty spice jars (Thinks harvest festival but things that are no longer edible)
- Table cloth
- Adult clothes, handbags, dress up
- old mobile phones
- duplo
- magna tiles
- playmobile
- construction dress up
- dinosaurs



- toy cars

Invites to achievement assemblies

Every week, each teacher gives out a 'learner of the week' certificate to a child who has shown excellent learning behaviours. From next week, we will be inviting families in to assembly if their child will receive a certificate. This week we have also launched school houses and we will be sending out more information about this soon.

Reading

Learning with parents has the most families linked in all the years we have been using it - thank you. We only have 10 families left to get on Learning with Parents. If you are having technical issues, please contact the school and we will help you.

We are impressed that 187 children read at home last week and 122 children reached the target of at least 3 times a week. It would be great to see as many children reading at home as possible.

Don't forget children earn tokens to spend at the reward shop for reading at home 3 times a week.

Congratulations to Reuben in 5FW for reading the most words this week and to Hope in 3B for completing the most accelerated reader quizzes this week.

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

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is Tuesday 18th October 9 - 10am. This is a great opportunity to meet with our SENCOs, family support worker and mental health lead to discuss any queries or concerns.

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)



October	8.10.25	Arithmetic What an EYFS child looks like (Reception only)
November	12.11.25	Antibullying week
December	10.12.25	Christmas Crafts

Attendance

Please ensure you contact the office to report your child's absence. This prevents us from doing home visits. We aim for 96% attendance. You can find out more about our approach to attendance [here](#). Our half term attendance incentive has also been launched this week:

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