

Our School value this half term is Service
Benington Primary School Newsletter



3rd May 2024

Inspiring care, respect and trust for all, in our Christian Community

Enrichment

Y2 took part in a trial of a new assessment led by the NFER. I received this lovely email from them:

'I'd like to send my thanks to all your staff who made my two visits to your school so pleasant and easy this week. Everyone was very friendly and I was made to feel most welcome. Your Y2 children were a credit to the school.'

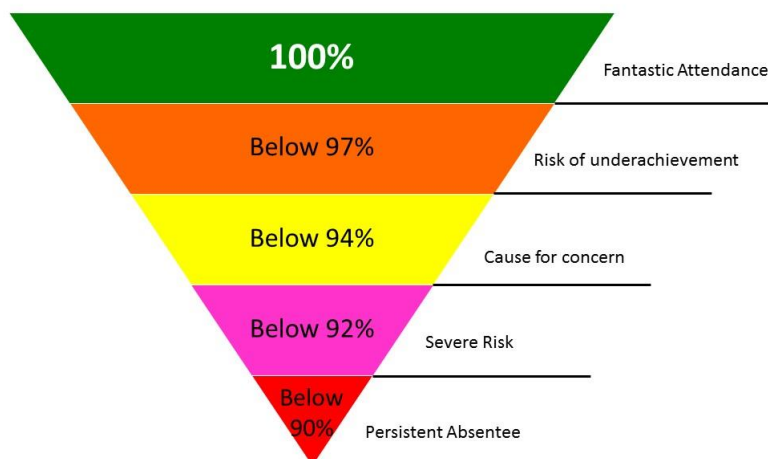
Beech Class had a visit from Cass at the Hitchin Museum about the Egyptians. They also had their first swimming session at Stevenage Pool. FOBs ran a successful family bingo night, ably led by Mr Preston. Don't forget to sign up for the quiz night. Acorn Class got active in Active Mats, led by Stevenage Sporting Futures. We successfully applied for our Silver Sporting Mark.

Reading mornings are every Friday morning from 8:45-9:00. Thank you for supporting this.

Attendance

94.6% overall this week	94% overall this year (94% national average)
3% authorised	15.9% persistent absentees this year
2.4% unauthorised	2.4% late this year – Please note that school starts at 8:45

Please be aware that term time holidays and low attendance could incur a fine this year. Please make routine appointments for the dentist, optician etc outside of school time as this can also have a detrimental effect on your child's attendance. Thank you



Safeguarding & Health and Safety

We now have a new system for reporting bumped heads. Instead of getting a phone call for a minor bump you will be emailed. Information about monitoring your child will be included. We will continue to phone for any serious head bumps. First aid slips are now on coloured paper. Please check your child's book bag.

Emails

Please be aware that if you email staff during the school day it's unlikely they'll respond. If you have an urgent request such as a change as to who is collecting your child, please email admin instead.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason please let the office know by 9:30. Please ensure that you do this even if you've let your child's class teacher know. Our preferred method is Arbor. This saves the office phoning you. If your child is off sick for more than 3 consecutive days we will be asking for medical evidence.

Uniform

We have lots of uniform available free of charge. You can just come to the front of school after drop off and go through to the Sycamore Room and help yourself.

Sports

We have a dedicated sports board in the corridor. We use this to share success in sport such as earning swimming certificates, passing a ballet exam or earning a medal in football. Please send in a photo of your child with an explanation of their achievement and we can add it to the board.

Date	Time	Event	Information
03.05.24	morning	The Hobbit Performance	Children watching a theatre group performing The Hobbit
03.05.24	2:50	Acorn Worship	Parents are invited to school to watch Acorn's class assembly
06.05.24	All day	Bank Holiday	Day off school
10.05.24	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
11.05.24	7:00	FOBS quiz	Adults quiz led by Mr Preston. Raise money for the school and test your general knowledge.
13.05.24	All week	KS2 SATS	SATs breakfast for Y6
14.05.24	All day	Beech Class Trip	Beech Class completing an action filled day at the Edge in Westmill Farm. Parental support will be needed to get there. The day is paid for by Sports Funding
17.05.24	PM	Physical well being workshop	Each class will attend a well being workshop, paid for with Sports funding. PE kit needs to be worn
19.05.24	11:00	Pet's Service	Family service at St Peter's Church. Led by Willow Class
20.05.24	All week	Bikeability	Oak Class are taking part in Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2. Paid for with Sports Funding.

21.05.24	All day	Intervillage selection	PE kit needs to be worn. Rising Stars will work with each class to select children for our intervillage team.
22.05.24	All day	Skipping Workshops	PE kit needs to be worn
24.05.24	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
24.05.24	3:15	Break up for half term	

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5th June	Am	Wymondley Wood	Oak Class attend Wymondley Wood for their 3 day residential
9 th June	All day	Teas in the village hall	FOBs will need lots of help to run this event please
12 th June	1:30-3:00	Seedlings Starts	Our new reception children are invited in to school to meet their class mates and teacher
13 th June	Am	Secret's Room	A chance for children to choose a present for their dad or other male role model. Run by FOBs
13 th June	2:00	Father's day afternoon	Dads or another male role model invited into school for an afternoon of fun.
14 th June	All day	INSET	No school for the children
18 th June	1:15	Sports afternoon	Parents invited in to support their children competing in a variety of events
19 th June	1:30-3:00	Seedlings	Our new reception children are invited in to school to meet their class mates and teacher
20 th June	6:00	Family Reading Evening	Families invited in to share a range of stories read by staff.
21 st June	All day	Oak Class WW2 workshop	A workshop in school for children to learn more about WW2
21 st June	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
22 nd June	Weekend	Camping on the field	FOBs run camping event
24 th June	2-3	Nobel sports transition	Extra session for our Nobel students You will need to transport pupils
26 th June	1:30-3:00	Seedlings	Our new reception children are invited in to school to meet their class mates and teacher
27 th June	All day	Hazard Alley and SnoZone	Oak Class having a morning at Hazard Alley learning about dangers, paid for by ex police officers and an afternoon skiing and sledging paid for with Sports Funding.
29 th June	All weekend	Flower Festival in church	Visit the church to see the amazing displays
30 th June	11:00	St Peter's Day Family Service	Oak Class leading the church service
2 nd July	1:00	Intervillage Sports Day	Local village schools competing with each other. Hosted by us.
3 rd July	All day	Jewish Workshop	Children get the opportunity to learn more about Judaism.
3 rd July	1:30-3:00	Seedlings	Our new reception children are invited in to school to meet their class mates and teacher
5 th July	9:30	Rock Steady Concert	Parents invited in to share their child's learning in their band.

5 th July	2:45	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome to share the children's achievements
10 th July	1:30-3:00	Last Seedlings	Our new reception children are invited in to school to meet their class mates and teacher
10 th July	3:15	Reports go home	Annual reports go home
11 th July	All day	Secondary Transition Day	Y6 go to their new schools Other children spend an hour in their new class
11 th July	Pm	Beech Class last swimming lesson	
12 th July	All day	Hertfordshire Zoo trip	Whole school trip to Hertfordshire Zoo, paid for by FOBs
13 th July	2:00	Benington Summer Fair	Maypole at 2:00 and lots of other lovely activities, bring the family to enjoy an afternoon in Benington
17 th July	2:45	Circus in a day	Parents invited in to watch circus skills learned by children, paid for with sports funding
17 th July	6:00	Oak Class performance	Parents invited in to watch the end of year performance
18 th July	2:00	Y6 Leaver's Service in church	Parents of Y5 and Y6 invited in for a special assembly
18 th July	After school	Y6 bowling	Paid for by FOBs
19 th July	9:00	Final assembly	Parents invited in to celebrate the year's achievements. Non-uniform day
19 th July	1:05	School breaks up Fun on the field	Come and celebrate the end of the year together
19 th August	All week	Summer School	Sign up on Arbor for some special activities