



9th October 2026 October 2026



Another wonderful week at Great Bentley Primary School. A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who represented the school at a football competition held at Elmstead Primary School this week. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event, making us all incredibly proud.

It was also the first opportunity to showcase our brand-new football kit, and the team looked fantastic. They represented Great Bentley Primary School brilliantly, both on and off the pitch, and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done to everyone who took part!

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Huggett, who has been a valued member of our Year 2 team and the wider school community for the past two and a half years.

During her time at Great Bentley Primary School, Miss Huggett has shown great dedication, care and commitment to our children, and we are incredibly grateful for all that she has contributed. We know that pupils, staff and families will join us in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role.

The good news is that this is not quite a final goodbye, as Miss Huggett will be returning to school on some occasions, so children may still see her around from time to time.

Thank you, Miss Huggett, for everything you have done for our school. You will always be part of the Great Bentley family, and we wish you all the very best for the future.

Mr Wilkinson

Dogs on Site

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school site, unless they are registered assistance dogs.

Unfortunately, we have had an incident this week where staff were required to clean up after a dog. To help keep our school grounds safe, clean and pleasant for all children, we ask that families do not bring dogs onto the premises when dropping off or collecting pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Christmas Cards

Over the coming week, your child's Cauliflower Cards artwork will be sent home, with all forms to be sent home by Friday 16th October.

This is a wonderful opportunity to turn your child's artwork into personalised Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper and a range of festive gifts. If you would like to place an order, this can be done online using the details provided with your child's artwork.

We are always amazed by the creativity and talent displayed by our pupils, and we look forward to seeing their designs transformed into special keepsakes for family and friends.

Forms must be returned to school by **Wednesday 21st October** as we then approach half term when they are being collected.

Harvest Festival Donations

A huge thank you for all of your kindness with the donations for Harvest. See below the certificate we received from Colchester Foodbank.



Dates for the Diary

- 16.10.26 - Show Racism the Red Card/Non Uniform
- 21.10.26- EYFS walkaround for Sept 2027/28 (2)
- 21.10.26-Deadline for Cauliflower Cards artwork to be returned to school.
- 23.11.26 - Last day of half term
- 3.11.26 - Little City visit for Reception
- 09.11.26 – Flu Immunisation
- 09.11.26 - Parents' Evening (Booking information to follow)
- 10.11.26-Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 11.11.26 - Parents' Evening (Booking information to follow)
- 18.11.26 - Penny Race

21.11.26-EYFS Sept 27/28 Open Morning
 25.11.26-EYFS walkaround for Sept 27/28 (3)
 27.11.26-Non-pupil day
 7.12.26 - EYFS Nativity – 2:15
 10.12.26 - Key Stage 1 Nativity – 9:30
 10.12.26-School Christmas Lunch
 11.12.26- Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2:15
 11.12.26-Carol Service 9.30 Yr5-6, 10.30 Yr 3-4 (further details to follow)
 14.12.26 - EYFS Nativity – 2:15
 14.12.26-Flu Immunisation mop-up
 15.12.26-Rec & Yr 6 NHS height & weight (further details to follow)
 17.12.26-iRock concert 2.30pm
 18.12.26-Last day of term

MENU FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week, we will be on week 3 of the current menu. Please remember to discuss the menu with your child so that they know what they will be ordering at register time each day or whether they have a packed lunch. Meals are charged at £2.49 each for all KS2 children (unless eligible for Free School meals) and payable on Arbor.



Menu - Mon 13th April 2026 to Fri 23rd October 2026

WEEK 3

weeks beginning: - 13th Apr, 4th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th July, 21st Sept, 12th Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Dinner	Pasta bolognese	Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna	Sweet & sour chicken and rice	Sausage & mash and Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian/Vegan Hot Dinner	Pasta & rustic tomato sauce	Jacket potato with cheese, beans	Sweet & sour Quorn fillet and rice	Quorn sausage & mash and Yorkshire pudding	Veggie fingers & chips
Alternative Option	Jacket potato	Ham or cheese roll	Jacket potato	Sausage or cheese roll	Jacket potato
Served with	Peas, sweetcorn, baked beans, fresh bread & salad bar	Baked beans, spaghetti hoops, sweetcorn & salad bar	Sweetcorn, peas, baked beans, fresh bread & salad bar	Carrots, peas, sweetcorn, baked beans & salad bar	Sweetcorn, peas, baked beans, fresh bread & salad bar
Dessert	Chocolate cake	Flapjack	Fruit smoothie	Doughnuts	Old school cake

All meals are served with apple juice or water

The salad bar is available daily including lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, carrot sticks, peppers, coleslaw, sweetcorn & cold pasta

Fresh fruit is available daily including orange, banana, apple, kiwi & melon

CELEBRATING WITH YOU

We are very proud of Grace for passing her yellow belt grading in Karate. Well-done Grace!



FRIENDS OF GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The PTA are looking for donations of unwanted wrapping paper. If you have any spare, please leave them in the office foyer. Thank you in advance.

PTA AGM Meeting 22nd October 6pm @ school

Our PTA AGM is coming up! If you've ever thought about getting involved, we'd love for you to come along and find out a little more about what we do. There's no commitment to join, just come along, meet the team, hear about our plans and see how you could get involved in whatever way works for you.

- 16th October 'Show racism the red card' own clothes day, wear something red and bring in a gift for the present room (poster attached)
- 3rd November Little City for Reception classes
- 18th November Penny Race – details to follow
- 8th Dec EYFS & KS1 Crafternoon 2-3pm
- 9th Dec KS2 Crafternoon 2-3pm

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

We are taking part in Show Racism the Red Card to stand up against racism and to celebrate a school community where everyone is valued, respected and included.



Children can come to school in their own clothes on this day, wearing something **red**.

DONATIONS FOR OUR PRESENT ROOM

On the same day, we are also asking for donations of new, unused gifts for our school **Present Room**.

The Present Room is a special PTA event where children can choose a gift for family members at a small cost, helping them experience the joy of giving at Christmas.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- ♥ New, unused gifts
- ♥ Suitable for adults, teenagers and children
- ♥ Toiletries (e.g. shower sets, hand cream, fragrance)
- ♥ Candles
- ♥ Chocolates and treats
- ♥ Mugs, games, toys
- ♥ Stationery and gift sets

Thank you ♥
for your support!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This Weeks Attendance Leader Board

Year 5SB – 98.32%
Year 6FDT – 98.15%
Year 3AC – 98.14%
Year RJG – 98.01%
Year RLH – 95.62%
Year 2MJ – 95.38%
Year 4JK – 95.23%
Year 1EG – 94.91%
Year 2KR – 93.52%
Year 1MO – 92.36%
Whole School – 96.09%

Did you know/Fun Fact for the week?

*Wales has the town with the longest name in the world:
Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch*