



18th September 2026

Our Third Week Back

As we enter our third week back at Great Bentley Primary School, the children are now fully settled into the routines of the school day. It has been wonderful to see them arriving each morning ready to learn, growing in confidence and showing such positive attitudes throughout the school.

There is a real buzz in our classrooms, with the children working hard, enjoying their learning and taking pride in everything they do. We are also delighted to be creating a special portrait gallery featuring artwork from all our children. The gallery is a wonderful celebration of the creativity, individuality and artistic talents we have across our school. We can't wait to see all the portraits displayed together and for everyone to enjoy the fantastic work our children have created.

There is even more to look forward to next week as our school clubs begin on Monday 21st September. We hope the children enjoy trying different activities, developing new skills and interests, and having fun with their friends.

We are incredibly proud of how well everyone has settled into the new school year. Well done to all our children for such a fantastic start to September!

Parking

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to please park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Where possible, we encourage families to walk to school, helping to reduce congestion and make the area around our school safer for everyone.

Year 2 Visitor

Year 2 were very lucky this week to have a visit from Mary from the Parish Council to talk to us all about what schools were like in the past. She answered lots of our questions and even showed us some old photos of the school and showed us some things she had at school like the glass milk bottles and a quill and ink pot! We are looking forward to learning more about schools in the past during our history lessons this half term.



SEND SPOTLIGHT

www.themazegroup.co.uk

Join the Essex MAZE course and gain valuable knowledge, practical tools and specialist support to help you on your journey. Participants can also access free monthly drop-in sessions, a specialist weekly programme and a range of additional workshops, providing continued guidance every step of the way.

Invitation to SEND Coffee morning

All parents welcome!

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Free Workshop!

SUPPORTING SEND CHILDREN at Home & School

PRACTICAL TIPS • REAL LIFE STRATEGIES • SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Anxiety
- Social Communication
- Masking
- School Related Distress (EBSA)
- Practical Strategies
- Parent Wellbeing

Friday 25th September
9:45am – 10:30am

Great Bentley Primary School

Practical tips you can actually use!

First 15 minutes with Kirsty
Practical tips to support your child – anxiety, masking, communication, regulation and school-related distress.

Last 15 minutes with Ken
Practical tips to support yourself as a parent or carer – managing stress, looking after your wellbeing and feeling more supported at home.

Plus...
A short introduction to our IFSN services and time for questions at the end.

Small steps can make a big difference

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Working together. Supporting every step.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

25.09.26 - Coffee Morning (see poster)

30.09.26-EYFS walkaround for Sept 2026/27 (1)

01.10.26-Autumn School Census - we would encourage all EYFS/KS1 to take a school dinner on this day as numbers taken are used by the Government to set school budgets.

02.10.26-Harvest Festival Yrs 3-6
 06.10.26 - AJS whole school individual pupil photos
 21.10.26- EYFS walkaround for Sept 2026/27 (2)
 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)

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

This Weeks Attendance Leader Board

Year 5SB – 99.24%
Year 3AC – 98.88%
Year RJG – 98.21%
Year RLH – 98.12%
Year 4JK – 97.85%
Year 6FDT – 97.36%
Year 2MJ – 96.72%
Year 1EG – 94.57%
Year 2KR – 92.36%
Year 1MO – 91.10%
Whole School – 96.66%

ST MARYS CHURCH

Thank you to Florence and Jessica in Year 6 who helped Chair of Governors Jo Herbert with flower arranging for the display at St Marys Church festival this weekend.



St Marys Church Great Bentley
welcomes you to our

FLOWER FESTIVAL

**WORLD OF
STAGE &
SCREEN**



SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

10AM TO 4PM

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

11AM TO 4PM

HISTORY DISPLAYS

Lunches Refreshments

Cake and Produce Stall

Raffle and Tombola

Entrance Adults £2 Children Free

CELEBRATING WITH YOU

Isaac Leader in year 6 has now graduated onto Hard Ball with Great Bentley Cricket Club. He has worked very hard all season and has gone from softball to now hardball.

We are all very proud of Isaac and his dedication to Cricket



We would also like to congratulate Freya Williamson who passed her Grade 1 piano exam with a Merit!



A very well done to Amelia in Reception who received 3 first prizes in the Great Bentley village show earlier this month.



MESSAGE FROM GREAT BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

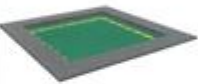
Great Bentley Parish Council are running a competition to design a logo for Greata Bentley Youth Council. If you wish to take part, please collect an application form from the school office. The competition entries must be submitted by the end of October.

Please see below survey for Great Bentley Youth Council.



GREAT BENTLEY PLAY AREA SURVEY

Section 106 funds have been allocated for the provision of new play equipment. We are seeking the views of the community to identify how the play area could be improved.

Scan the code & give us your views!		
		
		
		

This survey is being conducted on behalf of the Great Bentley Youth Council, and we'd love to hear from you!

Did you know/Fun Fact for the week?

Polar bear fur isn't white — it's actually transparent