



25th September 2026

Another Busy Week

One of the things we really value at Great Bentley is ensuring that our children know that their voice matters and this week has been a great example of this.

Classes have been busy electing their new School Councillors, with children having the opportunity to vote for who they would like to represent them. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm surrounding the elections and the children engaging with the democratic process. Our Eco Council elections will follow shortly, creating further opportunities for pupils to take responsibility and contribute to school life.

We have also been thinking about the future this week. Mr Crane from The Colne Community School visited our Year 6 pupils to talk to them about the next stage of their education. Although secondary school may still feel a little way off, it is important that our children feel informed, confident and excited about the opportunities ahead. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils continue to embrace opportunities to lead, contribute and prepare for their next steps.

To help us keep the start of the school day safe, calm and organised, please can we remind families of the following:

- Classroom doors will open at 8:45am each morning.
- If you arrive before the doors open, children should remain with their parent or carer while waiting on the playground.
- Please ensure that children do not play on the playground equipment before school.
- We also kindly remind families that dogs should not be brought onto the school site, including during drop-off and collection times.

Our School Councillors

1MO – Rory and Isla

1EG – Axel and Heidi

2MJ – Floyd and Rosie

2KR – Oliver and Lyla

Year 3 – Coco and Louis

Year 4 – Imogen and Maxmius

Year 5 – Maxwell M and Lia

Year 6 –

Head Boy: Ethan Deputy Head Boy - Isaac

Head Girl: Poppy Deputy Head Girl – Isla

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival on Friday 2nd October. This year, our Year 3 to Year 6 children will take part in our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church which will be a children-only event. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will also be marking Harvest, with their own celebrations taking place in school. As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would be incredibly grateful for any food donations that families are able to make. All donations will be given to our local foodbank, where they will help support individuals and families within our community.

Useful donations include:

- Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat and fish
- Tinned soups and meals
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Pasta sauces
- Breakfast cereals
- Tea and coffee
- Biscuits and snacks
- Long-life milk and fruit juice
- Toiletries and other essential household items

Please ensure that all donated items are unopened and within their use-by date.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Harvest is a lovely opportunity for our children to think about gratitude, sharing and supporting others in our community.

Dates for the Diary

30.09.26-EYFS walkaround for Sept 2027/28 (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 2027/28 (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)

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

10.12.26-School Christmas Lunch

11.12.26-Carol Service 9.30 Yr5-6, 10.30 Yr 3-4 (further details to follow)

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 1 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 1

weeks beginning: - 20th [Apr](#), 11th [May](#), 8th [Jun](#), 29th [Jun](#), 7th [Sept](#), 28th [Sept](#), 19th [Oct](#)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Dinner	Spaghetti & meatballs	Jacket potato with cheese, beans, tuna	Pizza & pasta	Roast chicken with roast potatoes & Yorkshire pudding	Beef burger & chips
Vegetarian/Vegan Hot Dinner	Spaghetti & Quorn balls	Jacket potato with cheese, beans	Pizza & pasta	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & Yorkshire pudding	Vegetable burger & chips
Alternative Option	Jacket potato	Ham or cheese roll	Jacket potato	Chicken or cheese roll	Jacket potato
Served with	Peas, sweetcorn, baked beans, fresh bread & salad bar	Baked beans, spaghetti hoops, sweetcorn & salad bar	Sweetcorn, baked beans, spaghetti hoops & salad bar	Carrots, peas, sweetcorn, cauliflower cheese & salad bar	Sweetcorn, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, fresh bread & salad bar
Dessert	Fruit jelly	Biscuit	Fruit salad & cream	Ice cream & sauce	Loaded chocolate 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

EYFS/KS1 Government Funded Free School Meals

On Thursday 1st October we are required to run the school census for the Department of Education. We would ask that **all EYFS/KS1** children take the opportunity to have their government funded free school meal on this date. If you have concerns about your child not eating their lunch, please feel free to provide a small pack-up (just in case). School funding, received from the government is based on these dates' figures. Thank you in advance.



CELEBRATING WITH YOU



At the weekend Eric Luckie competed in a national network qualifier. He performed incredibly well securing a place in the national finals at the end of October where he will compete against the very best elite gymnasts in Great Britain. His aim is to finish in the top 6 allowing him an opportunity to trial for the GB gymnastics squad. Well done Eric. We are very proud of you.

We are so proud of Freya Hutchison in y4 for saving this little hedgehog who was wondering about during the day, she made sure she was safe in a box and walked her over to the wildlife rescue where she is now getting the treatment she needed.



THIS WEEKS LEADERBOARD

Year 5SB – 99.08%
Year 3AC – 98.47%
Year 6FDT – 97.78%
Year RJG – 97.70%
Year 4JK – 96.97%
Year 2MJ – 96.30%
Year RLH – 96.22%
Year 1EG – 94.70%
Year 2KR – 93.33%
Year 1MO – 91.84%
Whole School – 96.43%

Did you know/Fun Fact for the week?

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world.