

'Let your light shine before others; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.' - Matthew 5:16

School Newsletter

July 2025

A Look Back At The Year

It's hard to believe another school year has come to an end. The past two years since joining the Trust have been full of growth and development. As school leaders, we continue to feel incredibly proud of the progress made at Benhall and remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support from our community. While there is always more to do- and we remain ambitious to continue to improve- we can look back with pride on how far we've come. The increased range of opportunities and experiences now available to our children has had a meaningful impact and we are excited to keep building on this strong foundation in the year ahead. Highlights include:

- ❖ Memorable trips included visits to Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Framlingham Castle and Foxburrow Farm. We also ran two successful residentials for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all (other than Mrs. Robson). Our connections with local organisations such as Snape Maltings, the Long Shop Museum and the Art Station have continued to grow offering pupils even more meaningful learning opportunities.
- ❖ Academic success has continued to develop across the school. We are proud of our outcomes in the KS2 and KS1 SATs, as well as the Phonics Screening Check, all of which reflect the hard work of our pupils and staff. We remain committed to raising standards further and building on this year's progress.
- ❖ We were thrilled to achieve the Gold School Games Mark- a recognition of our strong commitment to sport and physical activity. Pupils have taken part in a wide range of events including football, hockey, rugby and cricket tournaments, swimming galas, cross country, and the Panathlon. These opportunities have allowed students to develop teamwork, resilience and a love for sport.
- ❖ We have continued to see improvements in behaviour across the school. Pupils are increasingly showing respect, responsibility and kindness helping to create a positive and productive learning environment for all.
- ❖ The performing arts have been a true highlight this year. Pupils showcased their talents through events such as Poetry By Heart, a stunning performance at Snape Maltings, our Nativity and the brilliant KS2 play.
- ❖ Mrs. Robson has continued to develop our SEND offer by increasing the funding and the range of interventions available for the children
- ❖ We're incredibly proud to have received the WIRE Award- recognising our commitment to a broad and inclusive RE provision. A first for any school in the Trust.
- ❖ Mrs. Nicholas has really enhanced our EYFS curriculum with a robust approach to phonics.



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Farewells, Welcomes and Congratulations

It is with great sadness that Mrs. Chilvers will be leaving us this month- Francesca has been a valued member of the school community for fourteen years. Over the years, she has contributed enormously to the life and learning of the school and she will be greatly missed by all. We are excited to welcome Miss Doubleday who will be the new class teacher of Oaks. We are confident that Ellie will be a fantastic addition to our team and we know you will join us in giving her a very warm Benhall welcome. A massive congratulations to both Mrs. Woodroffe and to Mrs Flowers who both got married earlier this term- we wish both them and their partners a lifetime of happiness.

Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies

The KS2 performance was truly memorable, full of energy, talent and joy! A huge thank you to all the families for your support and to the staff whose hard work and dedication made it such a fantastic success.



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Sports Day

Thank you to all the families who came out and supported the pupils on Sports Day. We were treated to some thrilling races! Congrats to Aldeburgh who were the overall winners.



Bikeability

Many of our pupils in Woodlands successfully completed Levels 1 and 2 of Bikeability this term. They worked hard to develop their cycling skills and road awareness and should feel proud of their achievement and increased confidence on two wheels.



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Year 6 Leavers Trip

Our Year 6 leavers enjoyed a great day out at Bewilderwood. It was a lovely way to mark the end of their primary school journey and to celebrate everything they've accomplished over the years.



Acorns- Norwich trip

Acorns had an amazing trip to Norwich, visiting both the Synagogue and the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The children asked thoughtful questions and really enjoyed learning about different places of worship and the beliefs and traditions within them.



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Visits into school

We recently welcomed two visitors into the school to discuss their world views. The children asked insightful questions and listened with great interest, gaining a deeper understanding of Christian and humanist beliefs. Thank you to Carolyn Glennon and to Tom Selby for taking the time to discuss their viewpoints with the pupils.



Water Fight

The whole school enjoyed a fun-filled water fight, an exciting and much-anticipated way to cool off and celebrate the end of term. There were lots of smiles, laughter and soggy socks all round!



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Kuk Sool Won

A huge thank you to our wonderful TA Miss Slocombe for leading an inspiring assembly on her passion outside of school- Kuk Sool Won! She wowed us with a martial arts demonstration and shared the focus, discipline and dedication it takes to succeed.



Social Media

We want to increase our presence on social media; we want to keep families and the local community more in the know of what we are getting up to in school. We now have active Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and X accounts. Please ensure that you are following the accounts for regular updates of what we are getting up to.



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Uniform Bank

If you would like to access items from the Uniform Bank, you can:

- **Email or call** the school office at office@benhallprimary.org.uk
- **Speak to any member of staff** in confidence



Final Message

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**. We have many exciting plans and developments for the school, but we always want to consider your views. Both Mr. Williams and I are keen to hear from families about how we could further improve the schooling experience for the pupils at Benhall. Please come and speak to either of us at any time to share your ideas and opinions.



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