

Be the best you can be.

'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 2026

A Look Back at the Year

It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. Looking back over the past three years since joining the Trust, we feel incredibly proud of the journey Benhall has been on. It has been a time of great growth, development and exciting opportunities, made possible by the commitment of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the continued support of our wonderful community. While we know there is always more to achieve and we remain ambitious for the future, we can take great pride in the progress we have made and the many positive changes that have taken place. The increased range of opportunities and experiences now available to our children has enriched their learning and helped them to thrive and we look forward to continuing to build on this strong foundation in the year ahead. Highlights include:

- ❖ We have continued to broaden our children's horizons through a fantastic range of trips, visits and experiences. Highlights this year have included (but not limited to) visits to the Art Station, Sizewell C, UEA, Leiston Steam Festival, Snape Maltings, Pipers Vale and our UKS2 residential, providing memorable opportunities beyond the classroom.
- ❖ Academic outcomes have continued to improve, with KS2 results strengthening for the third year in a row. We are incredibly proud of the hard work of our pupils and staff and remain committed to ensuring every child is challenged and supported to achieve their best.
- ❖ We were delighted to achieve the Gold School Games Mark for the second consecutive year. Pupils across KS1 and KS2 have enjoyed a wide range of sporting opportunities, including football, rugby, cross country and swimming galas, developing teamwork, resilience and a love of sport.
- ❖ Mrs. Robson and Mr. Williams have continued to enhance our SEND provision, increasing funding and expanding the range of interventions available to support our children.
- ❖ Our SIAMS inspection was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strengths of our school, with positive feedback highlighting our strong values, care for pupils and the quality of our RE provision.
- ❖ Behaviour across the school continues to improve, with incidents reducing for the third year in a row. We are proud of the respect, kindness and responsibility shown by our pupils.
- ❖ Our phonics provision has continued to strengthen thanks to Miss Nicholas' hard work and dedication, helping children to develop confidence and success in reading.
- ❖ Miss Doubleday has worked incredibly hard to raise standards in English across KS2, providing greater challenge and supporting pupils to become confident and enthusiastic readers and writers.



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Farewells, Welcomes and Congratulations

This term, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Jarman as she leaves us after more than 20 years of dedicated service as a teaching assistant. Her kindness, commitment and unwavering support have made a lasting impact on generations of children, and we are incredibly grateful for all she has done for our school community.

We are delighted to celebrate the arrival of Luna Robson, who was welcomed into the world by Mrs Courtney Robson on Friday 26th June.

Mrs Woodroffe will be reducing her time with us from four days a week to two as she takes on an exciting new role at another school within our Trust. While we are delighted that she has this wonderful opportunity to share her expertise across the Trust, she will certainly be missed on the days she isn't with us.

We also look forward to welcoming Miss Abi Kemp, who will be joining us as the new teacher in Acorns. Abi brings fresh ideas, enthusiasm and a real passion for supporting young children's learning, and we are excited to see her begin her teaching journey with us.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Amie Weston to our support staff team. Amie brings a wealth of experience from primary school settings and will be a valued addition to our staff.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Miss Doubleday, who will be getting married over the summer and will be known as Mrs Doubleday from the new term. We wish her every happiness for this exciting new chapter.

KS2 Summer Performance

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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STEAM Festival

Over the last few weeks, the children have been taking part in STEAM activities, provided by kindly by Cimone and the team at the Leiston Education Partnership.

Teachers selected some pupils to present their work at the STEAM festival at the Sizewell C visitor centre. Our KS2 pupils won the oracy award for confidently talking about their project. We also played West African drums with wooden roots, made sea defences and created some amazing 'sound art'!



Visit from a Humanist

This month, Tom Selby visited pupils in Woodlands to speak about Humanism as part of our RE learning. We explored the Golden Rule, what happiness means and how our beliefs and values can shape the way we treat others.



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PTA Colour Run

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising our Colour Run this month. It was a fantastic afternoon of fun, laughter and colour, bringing our school community together and creating wonderful memories for our children.



Year 6's Visit to Sizewell

Year 6 had an amazing time at Sizewell C, taking part in a pilot activity for their new outreach programme. Pupils enjoyed a range of exciting STEM activities, including building circuits, carrying out scientific experiments and planning where different energy sources could be located. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their problem-solving skills, explore the world of engineering and learn more about the future of energy.



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Alde Valley Performance

What an amazing afternoon at Leiston Theatre watching Alde Valley Academy's fantastic performance of Matilda! It was especially lovely to see so many of our former pupils shining on stage.



Leavers Trip

Our Year 6 children had an amazing trip to Norwich, where they took part in a diving taster session and enjoyed a tour of the UEA. It was a fantastic day full of new experiences, fun and inspiration for the future.



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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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We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school on Thursday 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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