

Welcome to Bentley Church of England Primary School Report 2026



Our vision is for all children to be...

*confident individuals
successful learners
and responsible citizens*

... who are well equipped for future
life, whatever that may hold.

We know that 'God is with us always'
(Matthew 28:20).

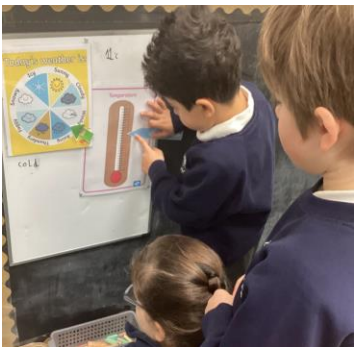


Pupil Leadership

Head Pupils

Thank you for inviting us to share our school report. As Head Pupils of Bentley Primary School, Mario and I play a big role in supporting Mrs Austin to review life in school.

This year Head Pupils have been very busy leading a range of activities in school, including assemblies and fundraising events. We have also encouraged new parents to visit our school by providing tours to see learning in the classrooms.



As part of our school vision, there are many responsibilities for children to take on. These include monitors for collective worship, serving at the salad bar, librarians, digital leaders, weather watchers, time-keepers and many more.

Some children also represent our school attending meetings outside of school and meeting learners from other schools.

School Council

Our School Council has been leading our climate action plan this year, encouraging children in school to reduce energy use and food waste. They have also promoted the walk to school initiative and led road safety sessions on the playground.



This year, once again we sent 12 boxes to the Amen Shoebox Appeal.

Prayer Space and Worship

Worship Group meet every fortnight with Mrs Robinson and they plan and deliver our special celebrations at the church. Mrs Day, one of our Ethos Governors, also attends to have lunch with us. Worship Group enjoy dressing up, sharing prayers and coming together to plan the year ahead.

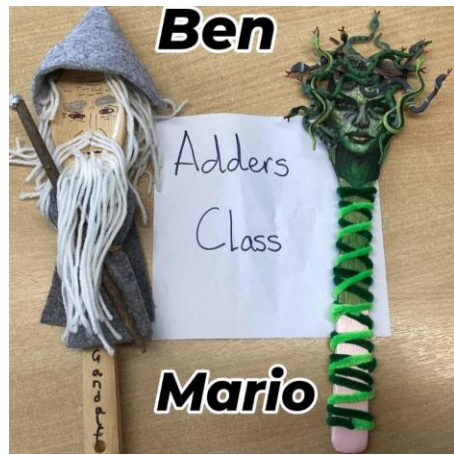


This year we have enjoyed getting to know Rev Chris as he delivers his monthly collective worship in school. We enjoy visiting St Mary's Church for special events like Harvest and Easter. This year we also visited at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth.



Harvest Service





Curriculum Events

Our new library was also opened with so many new books to explore!



Writing Adventures
To celebrate our wonderful writing, we turned the school copse area into a magical world of adventures. It was great to be visited by Lisa Thompson too, who shared her passion for being an author.

World Book Day

This year, we decorated spoons as characters from our favourite books.



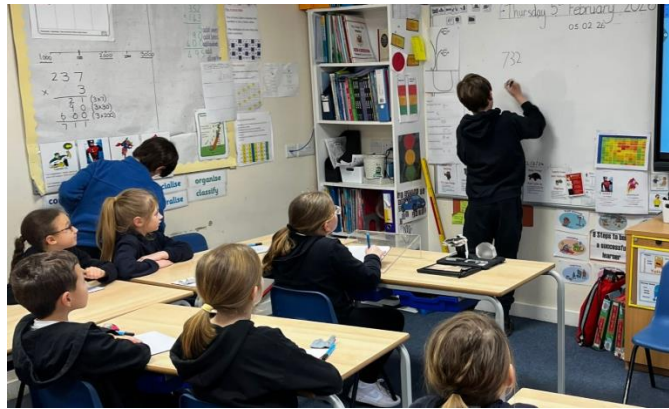
London

We secured a grant through the Blue Spark Foundation which, alongside PTA funds, supported a visit to London as part of our Geography and Design Technology curriculum. Before the day, we were visited by a structural engineer who was part of the design and construction team for the London Eye. We had an amazing day on our boat tour down the Thames and exploring London from above on the Eye.



Curriculum Events

We have taken part in many curriculum activities in school and off site which have developed our STEM skills. Spending the day at BT exploring new technologies was very exciting



Jackson, one of our skilled mathematicians, taught a lesson to support Year 3/4 with their times tables. He has been running a lunch club this year too.

World Religion Day

Bentley and Copdock pupils gathered together to share learning about the main religions of the world. KS1 explored Eid, Easter and Rosh Hashana, tasting food for these celebrations too.



Musical Activities

A visit from the Suffolk Music tutors reignited our interest in learning to play an instrument. We look forward to tuition again next year as part of our music lessons.



KNEX challenge



Curriculum Events

Learning Through Livestock

We enjoyed looking after Tallulah the ewe, and her lamb, Quinn before Easter, exploring the importance of farming in our local area.

Our week with Tallulah and Quinn



Forest Schools and cooking



Activity Week

Year 5/6 took part in a week of outdoor fun in October. This included kayaking, hiking from Copdock to Bentley and cooking on a fire as part of forest schools.



We use our school minibus for so many activities like swimming, sports and school trips. Children in both schools help to keep it clean. Now we have two minibuses we can do so many things which save our parents money on transport for trips. Gladwells Mill continue to provide us with 20 litres of fuel every month too.



Out and About

Gardening

We have started our planting again, ready for harvesting as part of our cooking festival at the end of June. First, it began with the weeding, before planting our potatoes. We will be adding onions, beans and tomatoes soon.



Nurture groups at Bentley and Copdock School painted some large eggs to take part in the Easter Trail at Alton Water. Bentley's theme this year was 'bunnies'.



Out and About



Ipswich Minster Top Up Shop (IMTUS)

This year, we have been supporting IMTUS by sharing donations and volunteering each month at the shop. It all began in November with our cereal challenge. We donated 160 boxes of cereal as part of Children in Need. This then led to an Advent Challenge and now we visit each month to give our time and make a difference in our community. If you would like to share any donations, we would be happy to take them along on our next visit in April or May.



Click the links to see our donations.

[Cereal challenge!](#)

[Advent challenge!](#)

Sporting events this year

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Netball
- ▶ Dodgeball
- ▶ Cross-country
- ▶ KS2 football training for KS1
- ▶ Bikes and scooters
- ▶ Cricket + Padel coaching
- ▶ swimming



Wesley Greenidge visited our school to share his sporting journey as the top UK heavy-weight in Judoka and 3 times British champion. We took part in a sponsor circuit to promote physical activity.

Our PTA raise a fantastic amount for our school and we really appreciate it. A number of events have taken place again this year, including ... Easter hunts, Christmas fair, Mothers Day Afternoon Tea, Hallowe'en disco and many more.



Our Wonderful PTA

Thank you so much!!

The PTA is very important to our school and we wouldn't be able to plan events without them. Their funding supports curriculum resources, fun activities and school trips.



This year the PTA have supported our school trips to London and Colchester castle, meaning parents do not have to contribute.

What next?



- School Council will be continuing their action plan to support sustainability and climate change. Next step, find funding for recycling bins in school!
- Source resources for our new outdoor sensory play shed.
- Year 4 look forward to the annual sleepover in the school hall.
- We look forward to welcoming our new 'Bunnies' to school for their induction days.
- Quadkids athletics events for KS2
- Visits to Suffolk One for Y2 and Y6
- New scrapstore playpods will be arriving!
- Year 5/6 will be visiting Pleasurewood Hills and celebrating in style at the end of year BBQ

Thank you for showing an interest in our school report. If anyone is interested in finding out more, check out our social media pages.

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