

# Newsletter

## Summer 2

individuals matter.



### Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

Dear Bents Green School Community,

As we wrap up another brilliant year at Bents Green, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Your contributions have been instrumental in making this year a remarkable success. The 2024–25 academic year has been filled with memorable moments, from welcoming new faces to celebrating growth and creativity. Here are some of the highlights:

- Launch of the Read Write Inc Phonics Scheme
- Creative Drop-Down Days and Festive Drama Sessions
- A Joyful Christmas Season with Performances and a Staff Pantomime
- World Book Day Celebrations and Inspiring Trips to Magna and Sheffield Cathedral
- Themed Learning Across Pathways and Exciting Allotment Projects
- Post-16 Students Thriving in Preparation for Adulthood, Gaining Confidence through Work Placements, College Visits, and Life Skills Development

We also celebrated our wonderful Year 11 leavers. Your resilience and positivity have been truly inspiring, and we wish you every success in the future.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce:

- Expansion of Post-16 Provision to the Ringinglow Site from September 2025
- Westfield Hub Students Moving to the New Handsworth Grange Site—an Exciting New Chapter

To our entire community—thank you. Your energy, care, and commitment make Bents Green a truly special place.

Aileen and Laura

Co-Headteachers

#### A message from Laura:

I would like to extend a heartfelt farewell to Aileen as she embarks on new adventures. We are deeply grateful for her leadership and compassion throughout her time with us. Aileen has made a significant impact on our school community, and her presence will be greatly missed. As we move forward together, I am dedicated to leading our school with strength and vision in the year ahead. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful summer.

#### Important dates for Students Retuning in September

Ringinglow	Gleadless & Enterprise Works	Handsworth Hub	Westfield Hub
Mon 1 Sept—No students	Mon 1 Sept —No students	Mon 1 Sept —No students	Mon 1 Sept—No students
Tues 2 Sept—No students	Tues 2 Sept —No students	Tues 2 Sept No Students	Tues 2 Sept—No students
Wed 3 Sept— No students	Wed 3 Sept—No Students	Wed 3 Sept – Y7 students only Transition Day	Wed 3 Sept—All Students return to school
Thurs 4 Sept – Y7 students only Transition Day	Thurs 4 Sept— Y7 students only Transition Day	Thurs 4 Sept – Y7 students only Transition Day	
Fri 5 Sept —Y7 students only Transition Day	Fri 5 Sept —Y7 students only Transition Day	Fri 5 Sept – Y8-Y10 students Re- turn to school	

### Important News - all Annual Review paperwork will be sent via the App from September

From September 2025, we will be using our communication app to send all Annual Review paperwork to Parents/Carers. If you aren't already using the app, please use the following guide to set it up or go to our website where you can follow the easy links to set up and get started.

Using the app supports an overall move towards a more sustainable school.'

### Message from the Governors

#### Welcome to summer!

First, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Co-Headteacher Aileen Hosty. Aileen's unwavering dedication, values-driven leadership, and tireless work leave a lasting legacy and an imprint on our hearts. She has strengthened our culture, helped build a resilient and capable senior leadership team, and championed the needs of our students every step of the way. We're deeply grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in her next chapter.



We're equally excited to continue our journey under the leadership of Laura Rzepinski, who steps into the role of Headteacher this September. With Laura at the helm and her strong SLT behind her, we're excited and confident about the future.

We're also pleased to welcome Mark Stanley as our newest Parent Governor. With a background in IT consulting and a parent's perspective (his son attends Gleadless), Mark brings valuable skills and insight to the board. He's already hit the ground running!

Finally, we're closing out the term with the return of our Governor Profile series with our talented Vice-Chair and Safeguarding Lead, Natalie Brownell. Watch this space to learn more about the people helping guide our school forward...and when we're finished meeting the Gobs, we'll meet BGS alumni and find out about their further adventures.

Natalie is the Vice-Chair and Safeguarding Lead of the Governing Board, where she has served as a governor for over 10 years, originally as a parent governor. She has 21-year-old twins, one of whom, Matthew, attended Bents Green. Her governor duties include chairing meetings, liaising with senior staff, and conducting Learning Walks focused on areas like attendance. Natalie is actively involved in Sheffield's SEND strategy and helped develop the Local Offer in 2015. Professionally, she works at Sheffield Hallam University in events management and academic support, ensuring accessibility of resources. She also serves on South Yorkshire Police's external scrutiny panel for stop and search, advocating for inclusive practices for individuals with SEND.

In her personal time, she enjoys fitness, countryside walks, scooter riding (working toward a motorbike license), traveling, and attending gigs. her favourite band is The Prodigy!

Anyone who is a parent of a BGS student can serve as a Parent Governor...grandparents as well! If you've ever considered joining us, the upcoming school year is the ideal time to jump in. Is this something you're interested in? Send an email to Laura Gillespie at ; [lgillespie@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:lgillespie@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk)

And that's a wrap on the 2024/25 school year! We wish everyone a sunny, brilliant summer holiday

Kindest Regards, on behalf of the Governing Board  
Shannon O'Donnell Provatas

### School Gateway Login details

#### How to activate your account

Download the Android or iPhone app.



Press 'Sign Up' then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first.

Press 'Send PIN'. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN.

You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.

If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, you can set up your account using [the web version](#) of School Gateway.



#### How to log in

Once you have your PIN, go ahead and launch the School Gateway app on your smartphone or tablet.

Enter the email you have registered with your school and the PIN you received. If you didn't get a PIN, it is likely because your school doesn't have the right contact info. Get in touch with them to check.

If both the email and PIN are entered correctly, hit 'Login' and you're ready to start engaging with your school.

You can also access School Gateway [on the web](#)

**Go to Bents Green School Website if you require further help**

### Upcoming Dates

Mon 21—Wed 23 July—Inset days All Sites  
Thurs 24 July — 30 Aug—Summer Holiday

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Fri 5 Sept Y7 Transition Day	Fri 5 Sept Y7 Transition Day	Fri 5 Sept – Years 8 -10 Return to school	

Mon 8 Sept—All Students in on all sites  
Fri 19 Sept—Training Day Westfield Site Only  
Tues 23 Sept—Flu Vaccine Y7 to Y11 Ringinglow and Handsworth  
Mon 27 Oct—Fri 31 Oct—Half Term All Sites

### School Meal Price Rise September 2025

Please note that Student School meal price will rise to **£3.00** per meal from September 2025

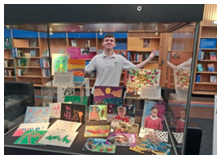


Thursday 21st August 2025



### Year 10 Arts Award Project

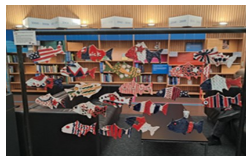
This year, our incredible Year 10 students at Gleadless have been taking part in Arts Award programme, made possible through the generous support and sponsorship of the National Fairground and Circus Archive at the University of Sheffield.



To mark the end of this inspiring journey, the National Fairground and Circus Archive has organised a special exhibition showcasing the students' creativity, dedication, and hard work. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their achievements and share their talents with the wider community.

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students!

You've shown exceptional commitment, perseverance and passion—embodying our school's values every step of the way. We couldn't be prouder of everything you've accomplished. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this project and helped bring it to life—your contribution has made a real difference.



The exhibition is open Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 17.00pm. Simply let reception know that you are visiting the Bents Green Exhibition. **Western Bank Library, University of Sheffield Western Bank**



Tesco and our partner easyfundraising have come together again to give a little help to our schools and settings raising for SEND and other community-based causes across the UK.

**Your school or setting could receive one of five £1,000 funding pots to put towards SEND.**

This month, if staff, parents and other supporters shop with Tesco via the easyfundraising website or app, your school or setting will receive free donations AND will be in the draw to receive a £1,000 funding pot!

To enter the Tesco Community Pledge draw: Firstly, make sure you have registered your school or setting with easyfundraising at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/nasen/>

Ask parents and staff to sign up to support your school or setting.

Encourage them to shop with Tesco via easyfundraising by May 31st. Each time one of them does so, your school or setting has a better chance of receiving £1,000 worth of funding.

Plus, when your supporters shop with Tesco in May, they'll raise £10 for you if it's their first online shop with Tesco, and 50p for each subsequent shop they do\* at no extra cost, all courtesy of Tesco!



Sheffield Children's University centres have come together to publish the Spring 2025 edition, full of activities happening in the Spring half term holidays right across South Yorkshire!

Click here to download your copy of the Holiday Activity Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/SYCUActivityNewsletter-Summer2025>

## News From Maple Class

This term Maple class have had a really good day out at Thornbridge Outdoors.

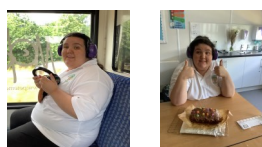
They took part in a wide range of physical activities which involved them using their great strength to independently climb up large trees and cargo nets. Molly was able to climb all the way up to the top of the tree! Well done Molly for being so brave!



The children had a great time using their knowledge and skills to use a range of equipment to create a small fire by striking two metal rods together to create a spark against cotton wool and twigs. They also learnt a lot of bush craft and survival skills.

## News From Graves Class

We have had a busy term in Graves class. Daphne has been doing some great work, she has been enjoying learning outside the classroom and preparation for adulthood lessons. She has walked to the tram, practised using public transport and enjoyed shopping. She also wins out star baker award for her yummy chocolate cake.



Adam enjoyed exhibiting his work earlier in the month when he held an art exhibition for students and staff, he worked really hard to get it ready and enjoyed the exhibition, thank you to everyone who came.



We celebrated our leavers as well, we had a leavers party in class and wish all our leavers the best of luck for the next chapter.

## News From Liam Fitzpatrick

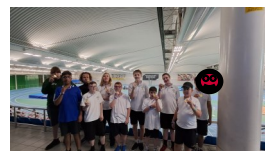
As part of an exciting digital learning initiative, students were recently given the opportunity to trial a new piece of programming software with Catherine Elliot of Learn Sheffield, with a particular focus on how learners with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) needs engage with it. The session allowed pupils to explore the software's features and evaluate its potential for use in the classroom. Students were encouraged to offer feedback, including ideas for how the program could be developed further to better support a range of learning needs. When asked for their thoughts, one student described the experience as "like Scratch mixed with Minecraft," highlighting its creative and engaging appeal. Another added, "I liked exploring a 3D world," reflecting the immersive nature of the software. Catherine commented "I really enjoyed working with the students on the new programming software. They were all keen to see what it could do, and they had lots of great ideas for making it even better".

Liam Fitzpatrick

Teacher—Gleadless site

## Nexus EIS Olympics 2025

Students at Gleadless took part in the Nexus EIS Olympics at the EIS in June.



Brad Jones

## Musical News July 2025

Our wonderful, talented students have been busy, playing and singing this half term. We have been learning about some instruments of the orchestra through Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', a charming piece which has its characters portrayed by different instruments, for example, the Bird is played by the flute.

Some of our students have been learning songs about food, 'Who took the Cookie?' and 'Are you Hungry?'; great for learning and practising Makaton signs, as well as singing.



As part of our Religious Studies Day, we learned about some Jewish instruments. Here are some of our students trying them.



Finally, we were lucky enough to have a concert from two members of the Hallam Sinfonia; Tony, who played piano, and Sue, who played 'cello. Our students responded with their usual appreciation; lots of singing, dancing and clapping along with the music.

Have a lovely musical summer!  
Jan Copley—Music Department



## Taw Kwon Do Success for Harry Stanley in Moor Class

In April Harry competed in the Welsh Open TAGB tournament in Cardiff and achieved a Bronze medal in Boys Tag Team Sparring. On 9 June Harry competed in the British Tae Kwon Do Council annual competition in Worcester and achieved a Silver in the Boys Individual Sparring.

Harry is a little shy about these fantastic achievements but as a school we are extremely proud of him and look forward to hearing about his continued success.

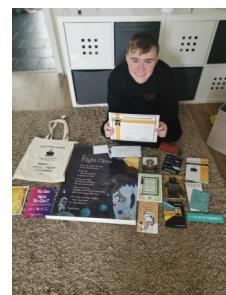
Well Done Harry





## News from the Windrush Prize Giving

Daemon Jones who won the Windrush Poetry competition which was organised by Learn Sheffield attended a Prize Giving event at the Town Hall where he was awarded his prize and met the Mayor. Will Otter also won a prize for his poem both of which were published in the last newsletter.



## News from Ringinglow Health and Wellbeing Day

There was great enthusiasm again for the Health and Well-being Day at the beginning of July.

It was so lovely to see everyone doing different activities around school and the picnic had such a lovely atmosphere.



## News from Ringinglow Sports Day

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who took part or attended our sports day on Thursday 10th July.

Although it was extremely hot the students had a fantastic time.



## Football News

Gleadless Year 7 & 8 boys did so well yesterday Played 6 won 3 and drew 2. Losing in the semi's! Finished top of their group and only conceded 2 goals all tournament!



## Health & Wellbeing Summer Programme - Free to attend and open to young people aged 13-17 across Sheffield

We're excited to share details of our Health & Wellbeing Summer Programme, taking place from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August, 1-3pm each day. The programme is free to attend and open to young people aged 13-17 across Sheffield.

This week-long programme is designed to support young people's mental health and personal development through a range of creative, practical, and engaging workshops. It offers a safe, inclusive space where young people can build confidence, try something new, and connect with others.

Each session will explore a different theme, including:

- Movement for emotional regulation and self-expression
- Arts, crafts and crochet to support mindfulness and creativity
- Art therapy taster session
- Healthy friendships and relationships
- Sensory awareness, including understanding sensory differences

Staff from our counselling and employability teams will also be available each day to offer support, guidance, and signposting to their services.

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