

Newsletter

Autumn 1

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Message from Executive Headteacher Laura Rzepinski & Heads of School

Hello Bents Green School Community,

As we wrap up the first half term, we're celebrating a fantastic start to the academic year! It's been a joy welcoming new students and staff into our vibrant school community — and seeing everyone settle in so confidently.

Fresh Faces, Bright Beginnings

Our new students have embraced school life with enthusiasm and resilience, quickly becoming part of the Bents Green family. We're so proud of how well they've integrated into their classes.

New staff have brought fresh energy and ideas, enriching our teaching and support across all sites. Their impact is already being felt, and we're excited for what's ahead.

Learning in Action

From RS drop-down days at Ringinglow to a creative Expressive Arts day at Gleadless, students have been diving into activities that build skills and confidence. Our allotment has also flourished thanks to amazing support from local volunteers and businesses — a true community effort!

At Enterprise Works, our Post-16 students are thriving, and we're thrilled to have opened a brand-new Post-16 provision at Ringinglow. Meanwhile, Westfield students are settling into mainstream lessons and enjoying a range of enrichment opportunities.

Looking Ahead

Next half term brings new opportunities, and we remain committed to nurturing every student's journey. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued support — together, we're continuously building something special.

Warm regards,

Laura (Executive Headteacher), El & Emma (Co-Headteachers)



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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.'

The Local Authority are also now operating as a paperless service with all EHCP's being sent electronically from now on.

Message from the Governors

We're back! The first half term has flown by, and your governors are busy as always.

We are happy to finally have Nexus on board, and after a long process we are finally academy-official. The only noteworthy change to how our governing board operates under Nexus is we are now called a Local Governing Board, or LGB.

Our new entrance area at the Ringinglow site is complete, giving it a totally different look and most importantly, added security. Our hub at Handsworth Grange is settling in nicely, and we have a Post-16 class at Ringinglow, meaning a shuffle that has opened up space to help make the Gleadless site more spacious. Enterprise Works is in its second year and going strong!

We are working on improvements to our school website as well, you may have noticed an updated calendar and some other helpful information is easier to access, and more is planned. You can find this newsletter there, as well as all Governor contact details.

Our school is continually expanding and we are still hoping to add more Parent Governors. The parent/carer viewpoint is unlike any other in education, and we value it immensely. With academisation we have switched to a semi-monthly meeting, making it even more accessible for busy parents and carers (grandparents included!) to join in. We will return next half term with another Governor Profile...so far you've met me, our co-head chairs Laura Gillespie and Natalie Brownell...and now it's time to get acquainted with our distinguished gentlemen, John Plant, Mark Rayner and our newest Parent Governor Mark Stanley.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break, Happy Halloween to those who haunt...and we'll see you back in the festive season!

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

Oct 24th—Westfield Inset Day
 Oct 27th—31st—Half Term—All Sites
 Nov 5th—RS Day Ringinglow Site
 Nov 10-14—Y11 Mock Exams—Gleadless Site
 Nov 10th—14th—Anti Bullying Week—All Sites
 Nov 13th—SEND Parents Evening—Handsworth Site
 Nov 14th—Children in Need—All Sites
 Nov 17th—21st Mock Exams—Handsworth & Gleadless
 Nov 17th—Exam & Assessment Information Evening
 Y10-P16—All Sites
 Nov 24th—28th—Year 11 Mock Exams—Handsworth Site
 Nov 24th—Exam Celebration Evening All Sites— Gleadless
 Nov 26th—Y7 Data Collection—Handsworth Site
 Nov 28th—Year 7—Year 10 Destinations Fair— Handsworth
 Dec 1st—Inset Day—Handsworth Site
 Dec 3rd—Parents Evening Years 7,8,9—All Sites
 Dec 3rd—Parent Tours—Ringinglow Site only
 Dec 4th—Parent Tours—Gleadless Site only
 Dec 4th— Future Bound Trip Y11's —Westfield Site Only
 Dec 8th—Inset Day—Westfield Site Only
 Dec 9th—Expressive Arts Day—Gleadless Site Only
 Dec 10th—Year 9 Data Collection & Y9 Option Evening—Handsworth Site
 Dec 11th—Christmas Jumper Day All Sites
 Dec 11th—Christmas Concert—Handsworth Site
 Dec 16th— Year 10 Data Collection—Handsworth Site
 Dec 19th— Christmas Holidays—All Sites
 Jan 5th—Inset day—All Sites
 Jan 6th—All students return to school— All Sites

News from Arts Class

During our preparation for adulthood lessons we have been exploring healthy living. This has included inclusivity and team work as seen in the pathfinder game played today. We have also explored using green spaces as the winter gardens for our physical and emotional health and outdoor spaces. We have also been practising mindfulness activities as well being as part of healthy living as both physical and mental health have equal importance.



Notice to ALL Parents

Please ensure we have your correct contact information –ie email addresses, mobile phone numbers and address details



Flu Clinic

If your child missed their flu vaccination in school you can attend one of the community clinics listed below:

25/Oct/2025	9.30-12.30	Concord Sports Centre S5 6AE
27/Oct/2025	09.30-15.00	Gleadless Scout S12 2LG
28/Oct/2025	09.30-15.00	Totley Methodist Church S17 4DJ
29/Oct/2025	09.30-15.30	St James Chruch Norton S8 8JQ
30/10/2025	09.30-15.00	Leisure United Woodburn road S9 3HL
31/Oct/2025	09.30-15.00	The Burton Street Foundation S6 2HH

Plus, every Thursday, Fir Vale Community Hub, S4 8GU 15.30-17.15.

You do not need an appointment to attend these clinics.

For more dates and info, please follow the link and visit our website:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service/>

Or contact our office 0114 3053291/0114 3053230

School Age Immunisation Service



Sheffield Children's University centres have come together to publish the Autumn 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: [October 2025 Holiday Activity Newsletter - Compressed.pdf](#)

News From Peaks

Year 11 Peaks Class Mum art topic this half term is Architecture.

The students have designed and made their own towers after studying photos of Gaudi's work. They looked at his most famous work: Sagrada Familia and focussed on his mosaics (represented by paper collage) and the shapes of the buildings he built.



News From Graves Class

Graves have made an excellent start to life at Bents green at Gleadless. They have settled really well and have enjoyed getting to know their new staff and build friendships, both old and new. The students have enjoyed lessons such as cooking, sensory, trying different activities as part of Wednesday club and preparation for adulthood, where they have been exploring local parks.



News From Wentworth Class

In Construction we have been creating paper model crafts. This is helping students with their fine motor skills, accuracy and patience. So far this half term students have created Minecraft and paper vehicles.

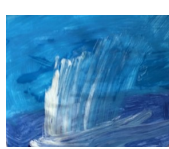
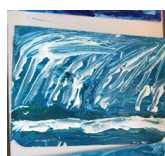
News From Olive Class

Olive class have had a busy first half term. We have been enjoying our learning around 'Water, Ice and Fire'. Highlights of this have included making boats to see if they could float, watching jelly turn from liquid into solid, watching what happens to chocolate when it gets warm and making our own pom-pom ice creams



We have been learning about Oceans and Seas around the world and as part of this, we have painted our own water pictures inspired by other artists who paint water.

We think they are fantastic!



News from Birch Class

Birch class have had a great start to the new school year; everybody has settled in really well and are enjoying being back at school.

We have had some lovely trips out to Whirlow farm in Independence skills and have been to Tesco to do some supermarket shopping. We have been reading a book called Ice Boy, all about the adventures of an ice cube that melts, evaporates, condenses and then finally freezes again. We chose this book as it fits in well with our topic of ice, water and fire. In My world we are studying Iceland. The Land of Ice and Fire. So far, we have found out about all the things to see and do there, we have learned how to say Hellow in Icelandic (hae hae) and looked at the weather and what you might wear in Iceland.

It's been a very busy first half term and we're all looking forward to the holidays!