

Newsletter

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individuals matter.



Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

Dear Bents Green School Community,

As we near the end of another school year, we're excited to share all the great things happening across our school sites. We've been busy with lots of activities and achievements that really show what Bents Green School is all about.

We've been working hard to help our new Year 6 pupils feel welcome. They've been visiting all our sites to get to know their new school. This helps them feel more comfortable and part of our community before they start in September.

At Ringinglow, we've had some fantastic events. We held another Religious Studies Day, helping our pupils learn about different beliefs. Our Year 10s went on a trip to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre, where they worked on teamwork and leadership skills. We also celebrated Languages Day, focusing on Arabic this time.

Enterprise Works has been buzzing with activity. Our Post 16 students have just finished their work experience placements. They've spent 12 days over 12 weeks in different workplaces, growing in confidence and skills. A big thank you to Crystal Peaks, the British Heart Foundation, Meadowhall, and Nexus for supporting our students. These experiences are so valuable for their future.

Our Post 16 students have also been working hard on their English and math's skills, taking Functional Skills assessments. They've started an exciting allotment project too, working together to create a new outdoor learning space.

At Gleadless, students have been busy with our new school allotment. They've shown great teamwork, clearing the area and getting rid of weeds. After half term, they'll start planting trees and plants in new compost beds. This project is teaching them about sustainability and healthy living, and they're really proud of what they're achieving.

Our Year 11s have now started their GCSE exams. We're so proud of how mature and focused they've been. Our staff are supporting them with revision and wellbeing during this important time.

At Westfield Hub, our students have handled their exams really well. Everyone's excited about moving to our new site at Handsworth Grange soon – it's going to be a great new chapter for us.

We're also thrilled to share some amazing achievements from our pupils who entered The Windrush Poetry Competition. Daemon Jones won a Gold award, Will Otter and Chad Ivy-Cooke won Silver, and Amber Rodgers got Bronze. Well done to all of them, and thanks to the staff who helped them learn about this important part of history.

We've got some fun events coming up in the last half term. There's our Health and Wellbeing Day, Sports Day, and the Year 11 Prom to look forward to.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone – pupils, parents, staff, and our partners – for all your support. You all help make Bents Green School such a great place. Let's keep working together to help every pupil do their best.

Aileen and Laura

Co-Headteachers

Upcoming Dates

Mon 26 May— Fri 30 May—Half Term—All Sites

Mon 2 June—Back to School—all sites

Mon 2—6 June Y11 GCSE— Westfield

Tues 3 June - Oak Class- Wigfield Farm - Ringinglow

Tues 3 June—Holly & Hazel Class Trip NVM - Ringinglow

Wed 4 June—RS Day— Ringinglow

Wed 4 June—AQA GCSE Maths—Gleadless Site

Thurs 5 June—Immunisation Team Mop up session

Thurs 5 June—Parental Tours—Gleadless

Fri 6 June—GCSE English Language—Gleadless

Mon 9 - 13 June—Y11 GCSE—Westfield

Mon 9 June—AQA GCSE Biology paper 2—Gleadless

Wed 11 June—AQA GCSE Mathematics

Wed 11 June—Y10 Trip to Cinema—Westfield

Thurs 12 June— Cedar & Elm Class Trip to YSP—Ringinglow

Mon 16—20 June- Y10 Mocks—Westfield

Mon 16—18 June—Y11 GCSEs—Westfield

Tues 17 June—Sports Day—Gleadless

Wed 18 June—Parents Evening—Gleadless & Ringinglow

Wed 18 June—Willow Class Wigfield Farm—Ringinglow

Thurs 19 June—Fir Class Wigfield Farm - Ringinglow

Thurs 19 June—Expressive Arts—Gleadless

Fri 20 June—Sports Day—Ringinglow

Mon 23—Fri 27 June—Y10 Mocks -Westfield

Tues 24 June—Mulberry Class Wigfield Farm - Ringinglow

Wed 25 June—Apple Class Wigfield Farm - Ringinglow

Wed 25 June—Year 11 School Prom—Ringinglow

Thurs 26 June - Year 11 School Prom—Gleadless

Fri 27 June—Year 11 & Year 14- Last Day

Mon 30 June—Fri 3 July—Westfield -Work Experience

Tues 1 July—Year 9 Cinema Trip—Westfield

Wed 2 - Thurs 3 July—Handsworth Transition Day - Westfield

Wed 2 July Cherry Class—Wigfield Farm

Thurs 3 July Juniper Class—Wigfield Farm

Upcoming Dates

Fri 4 July—Health and Wellbeing Day—Gleadless

Fri 4 July— Extraordinary Inset Day—Westfield

Mon 7 July—11 July -Work Experience—Westfield

Tues 8 July—9 July— Y6 Transition—Westfield

Thurs 10 July—Y11 School Prom—Westfield

Mon 14- Fri 18 July—Bikeability—Ringinglow

Mon 14- Tues 15 - July—Sports Day -Westfield

Mon 14—Tues 15 July—Trips Day -Westfield

Mon 14 July—Boss your future—Westfield

Thurs 17 July—Celebration Eve —Westfield

Fri 18 July—AQA Maths—Gleadless

Mon 21—Wed 24 July—Inset days All Sites

Thurs 24— 30 Aug—Summer Holiday

Mon 1 Sept—Return to school



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!

Message from the Governors

We began the half term with news of our co-headteacher, Aileen Hosty, moving on to her new position. While we are sorry to see her go, we are deeply proud of her, and appreciate her hard work, vision and dedication. Upon careful and thoughtful consideration, it was decided that in September, current co-head Laura Repcynski will take over as headteacher. We are extremely happy to support Laura and her fantastic leadership team going forward. In addition to the usual Governor's meetings, which have covered Safeguarding & Inclusion, Strategy, and Resources, Governor Natalie Brownell carried out a detailed safeguarding enquiry/learning walk. I personally spent several eventful days at Ringinglow working with Aileen and assistant headteacher El Drayson, interviewing for teaching staff. These days are a great opportunity to get snapshots of how our school functions on a "normal" day. We have such an extraordinary group of people working at Bents Green, at every level of staff, and their dedication to our students never fails to inspire and energise us in our work as Governors. We hope you enjoy a lovely week off...may the weather remain fair, and we'll see you back for the home stretch!

Kindest regards on behalf of the Governing Board,

Shannon O'Donnell Provatas

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.'

News from Westfield Hub

It's been a brilliant time at school with lots to celebrate! Our Year 11 students have been working really hard and showing great maturity as they complete their GCSEs – we're very proud of them. Year 7 to 9 had a fun and successful trip to Hillsborough Park, where they behaved brilliantly and showed they're learning important life skills. Year 10 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to see Macbeth at the theatre, helping bring their learning to life – and they did the school proud! Well done, everyone

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 downloading the App

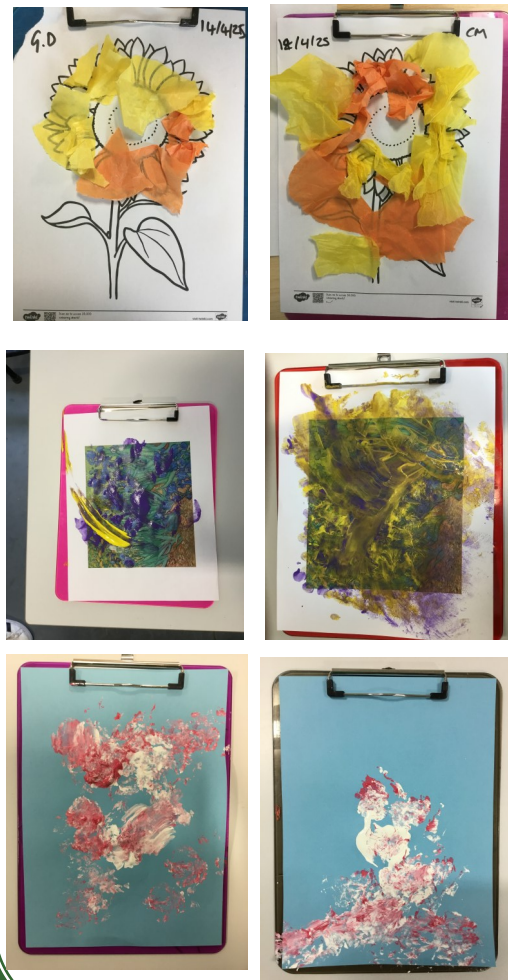
News From Arena Class

As part of our Preparation for Adulthood work, students took a trip to Weston Park Museum to build confidence and life skills. They had the chance to explore a range of exciting exhibitions, including natural history, ancient Egypt, and local Sheffield history. It was a great way to learn outside the classroom and practise things like following a schedule and talking to others in different situations. The students really enjoyed the visit and took away lots of useful experiences to help them become more independent and ready for adult life.



News from Cherry Class

This term Cherry Class have really enjoyed looking at artists who have been inspired by flowers and recreated their work. We have explored collage as well as different ways of applying the paint - it has been lots of fun even if it was very messy!



News From Botanical Class

This half term Botanical has been exploring forced perspective in Art, looking at how it is used in Movies and framing photographs using the techniques they have learnt. We have been learning about Volcanoes in Humanities, and the class were fascinated by Pompeii. We have been exploring our rights and responsibilities and visited the town hall to explore this in practice. In PE lessons the class have been improving their ball skills and have enjoyed playing cricket and tennis.

News from Pine Class

This term Pine class have been practising life skills. We have visited the local shops to find items, made hot drinks, practised washing up and also learned how to phone for help in an emergency.



News from Elm Class



This term in Elm class we have been working hard on our prehistoric topic, one particular topic the student's enjoyed learning about was the history of humans and how cavepeople used to live. To immerse ourselves in the learning experience, we did some outdoor cave paintings using natural materials such as sticks, rocks, and leaves to paint. We are also super proud of one of our students for winning a silver award for their amazing Windrush poem, the student worked hard on this poem over two weeks and the hard work paid off! We have also been on lots of adventures in the local area looking at the differences between old and new and how the world we live in today is different to that in prehistoric times. We've had a number of pupils starting interventions too and we are so proud of how they have engaged with these! What a fantastic half term. Well done Elm Class!

News From Ash Class

A Highlight from the term was our class trip to Thornbridge Outdoors activity centre. We spent the day outside and participated in a low ropes course where we were climbing, jumping, balancing and crawling through different obstacles.

In the afternoon some of us were really brave and attempted climbing a cargo net that was 8 meters high, and a 12 meter long tree climb.

Staff are so proud of Ash class for giving everything a go, working together as a team throughout the day and showing what brilliant friends they are by always supporting others!

At the end of this term Gina will leave Ash Class to begin her maternity leave. Although she is very excited, she will miss the class very much and wishes them all the luck for the remainder of the year and as they continue their journey at Bents Green.

Gina Knows they will have a wonderful time and be well looked after by their new teacher Libby.



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-Spring2025>



Our Award Winning Windrush Poems



Daemon 's Poem

We came over here to start a new chapter.
 Instead, the first few years felt like a disaster.
 Nobody appreciated our help, they demanded that we do better
 Doors were closed in our faces. My Father caught the attention of almost no employers, despite his outstanding set of skills and perfect CV letters.
 Racism and discrimination were lurking around every corner, surely this couldn't get any worse....
 Ultimately, we had enough of London, and we decided to move to a different area, so the discrimination wouldn't be much of a bother
 Sheffield could be a fresh start. With plenty of opportunities for my Father such as steelworks transport, factories & more, surely it'd be a nice place.
 Hope was found, and we finally felt relaxed, knowing that Sheffield is the city that treats everybody equally and fairly, regardless of their Ethnicity or their Race.



Chad's Poem

I was born in St Anne's in Jamaica but me and my family was invited to cross the ocean to sunny England to work hard. While me and my family was crossing the ocean we had no food or drink and we had to starve all day. We needed food and a fellow Jamaican asked if we would like some lunch. The fellow Jamaican let us eat some food with their family and we were very grateful.

England is much colder than we thought it would be. Jamaica is much warmer, but I like England a lot, London is my favourite place because I have friends there and my favourite food is Caribbean food like rice and peas with chicken.



Windrush Acrostic Poem by Will Otter

W—is for the waves that we had to sail on
 I—is for inspiring generations
 N—is for new home
 D—is for difficult journey
 R—is for rebuilding the future
 U—is for being unafraid
 S—is for our strength
 H—is for hope



A Windrush Generation - by Amber Rodgers

W—is for wavy journey
 I—is for interesting
 N—is for never giving up
 D—is for our dreams
 R—is for reaching
 U—is for being unafraid
 S—is for Strength
 H—is for giving us hope

