

Newsletter

Autumn 1



Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

Hi Bents Green School Community,

As we reach the end of the first half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on the successful start to this new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome both new students and staff to our school community, and we are delighted to see everyone settling in so well.

New Beginnings and Achievements

Our new students have shown incredible adaptability and enthusiasm, quickly becoming a part of the Bents Green family. We are proud of how well they have integrated into their classes and extracurricular activities.

Similarly, our new staff members have brought fresh ideas and energy, enhancing our teaching and support across the school. Their dedication has already made a positive impact, and we look forward to seeing their continued contributions throughout the year.

At all our sites we have introduced a new phonics scheme called Read Write Inc, and this is already proving to be popular with staff and students alike. We look forward to being able to support all our students to develop the crucial literacy skills they need to enjoy books and develop as much independent literary skills as possible.

All students have enjoyed a variety of activities designed to enhance their skills and confidence, including our RS drop down day and a music concert at Ringinglow, at Gleadless we have had our first Expressive Arts drop down day and this was a great success, classes were involved in a greatest showman themed work shop and had the opportunity to perform. These experiences are crucial in helping our students develop independence, and we have already seen fantastic progress.

Our post 16 students at the Enterprise works site have settled in well and are enjoying being on a new site. Westfield students have been busy settling into their mainstream lessons but have also had the opportunity for off site preparation for adulthood activities such as a visit to Whirlow farm.

Looking Forward

As we move into the next half term, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We remain committed to supporting each student in their learning journey and ensuring that Bents Green School continues to be a nurturing and inspiring environment. We can also share some exciting news that the Local Authority have confirmed that Bents Green will be able to offer a Post-16 provision at our Ringinglow site from September 2025. More information about this will be shared over the next few months.

Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for your hard work and support. Together, we are building a vibrant and inclusive school community.

Enjoy your well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Warm regards,

Aileen and Laura Co-Headteachers

Upcoming Dates

Thu 7th Nov — RS Day—Ringinglow

- High Storrs School Orchestra Concert

Mon 11th Nov —GCSE Mock Assessment Week—Gleadless

**Mon 11th Nov— RSE Parents Consultation Evening—Online
16.30-17.15 pm Gleadless site**

Mon 11th – Fri 15th Nov—Anti Bullying Week—All Sites

Fri 15th Nov—Children in Need

Tues 19th Nov—Parent Tours Gleadless Site

Tues 19th Nov—Governors Meeting Gleadless Site

Wed 20th Nov—Enterprise Works P16 Careers Advice meeting

Wed 20th Nov—Parent Tours Ringinglow Site

Mon 25th Nov—23/24 Leavers Celebrations—Gleadless Site

Wed 4th Dec—Parents Evening—All Sites Years 7,8 & 9

Thur 5th Dec—Sheffield Philharmonic carol concert -Ringinglow

Tues 10th Dec—Christmas Show KS3 Ringinglow Site

Wed 10th Dec—Christmas Show KS4 Ringinglow Site

Wed 10th Dec—Westfield Hub Students Flu Vaccinations

Tues 17th Dec—Expressive Arts Day - Gleadless Site

Fri 20th Dec—AQA EL Maths Component Deadline All Sites

Sat 21st Dec-Sun 5th Jan — Christmas Break

News from Graves Class



Students from P4 Graves have been building their confidence by being out and about in the community. They have been either taking the bus or tram paying for their fare and joining into a weekly cycling scheme in Hillsborough Park as part of their Leisure and recreation activity. They confidently have been cycling around the park, using the bell to pre-warn people of their arrival. They have been visiting Crystal Peaks and the City Centre, where they have been enjoying visiting the library, various exhibitions and charity shops. We did a scavenger hunt activity in the Moor market with items on the list, such as electronics, food and clothes. In teams the students had to locate these items and tick them off their list. As part of this activity students had to speak to market stall holders, use good manners and get the names of the items confirmed



Children in Need 2024

November 15th 2024

We will be again supporting Children in Need this year all students are invited to wear non-uniform (no football shirts) and bring an optional £1 donation to the charity.



News from Jan Copley Music

Bents Green recently welcomed a folk/Indian music trio called Mishra.



The students thoroughly enjoyed their interactive music making, playing, clapping and singing along with them. We are soon to welcome High Storrs School Orchestra for a concert in November and Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus for a carol concert in December. Our students are lucky to have such wonderful musical opportunities in addition to weekly music lessons too!

News from Juniper Class

We have had a lovely half term in Juniper Class.



In Maths, we have had a focus on cardinal value and counting. So, we have had lots of sensory play to help us with our counting and number making such as playing with sand, water, playdoh, shaving foam and many more items.

In Communication and Literacy, we have been enjoying phonics work and we have really enjoyed our story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.'

Our Topic has been 'All About Me.' So, we have enjoyed using balloons and paper mache to make our heads. We've also enjoyed using our pictures as jigsaws.

In our independence lessons we have as always, enjoyed trips to local parks and making fruit smoothies in food lessons.



We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward



to welcoming the students back in Autumn 2.

Juniper Class

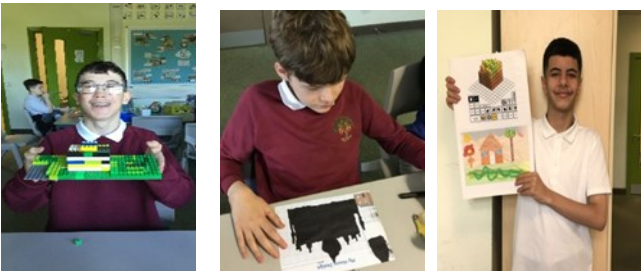
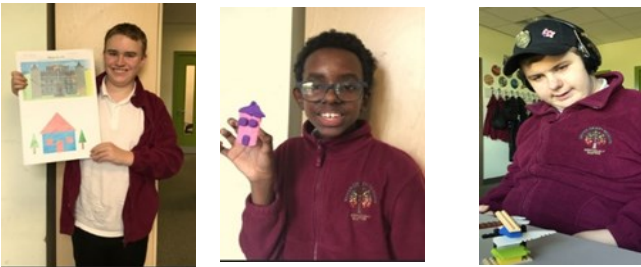
News from Millennium Class

Millennium class have been settling into their new building at enterprise works and dealing with the change of sites really well. This half-term we have been out and about all over Sheffield, exploring future options for when we leave Bents Green. Some highlights have been visiting Peaks college, (where we even saw some ex-Bents Green students) and The Hub in S12 where the pool table and drum-kit were big hits! We have also been exploring Autumn colours in our Enrichment and used Autumn leaves to make beautiful prints. A great start Millennium!



News from Hazel Class

Hazel class have had a great start to Y11. This half term we have been studying Architecture in Art lessons. We have looked at the architecture of different types of buildings and houses around the world and thought about how they have been constructed. We then explored using different materials to draw and construct our own model homes. We made 3D paper models, shape art buildings, Lego sculptures, 3D models out of modelling clay and computer-generated models. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and design various types of home inspired by what we have learnt.



Well done Hazel class; what a creative start to the year!

News from Magna

Y11 Magna have had a busy half term which has included thinking of college options after Bents Green, past trips and our turn to present the school assembly at the Gleadless Site.



On Wednesday 9th October, Magna braved the extremely wet weather to continue their Art topic around Architecture. We took detailed photographs of a variety of buildings and their features which included The Cathedral, The Town Hall and The Central Library. We made a special trip to Sheffield Train Station where a student shared their enthusiasm for railway systems. We were also lucky to catch the old John Lewis building open, which contained a display of exciting future plans from the new owners and a light show which was activated by our voices via microphones.



Last Friday, Jack and Mitchel led our assembly on Harvest, Jack had researched and completed the presentation himself and both students did a fantastic job keeping the school entertained whilst imparting this information. A great achievement!

