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# SPRING NEWSLETTER 25-26

## Message from Executive Headteacher and Heads of School

As we step into this new term, we're delighted to reflect on some of the experiences our students have had recently. We are incredibly proud of the energy, resilience and achievements across our school community. This issue celebrates the moments, big and small, that make our school such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn and grow. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we've enjoyed seeing these stories unfold!

Laura, Emma and El



## KEY DATES:

26/03/26  
Expressive Arts Day  
Gleadless

30/03/26-10/04/26  
Easter Holiday  
All Sites

14/04/2026  
RS Day  
Ringinglow



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## MCAS



Just a reminder that all of our communications are moving over to the My Child at School App, so make sure to download the app and enrol at Bents Green School to activate your account.

To allow for smooth communication between the school and parents/carers, make sure to inform the school of any changes to phone numbers, home addresses and email addresses using the Data Collection function in the MCAS app

## KEY DATES

16/04/26  
Y7 Parents Evening  
Handsworth

01/05/26  
Expressive Arts Day  
Gleadless

04/05/26  
Bank Holiday  
All Sites

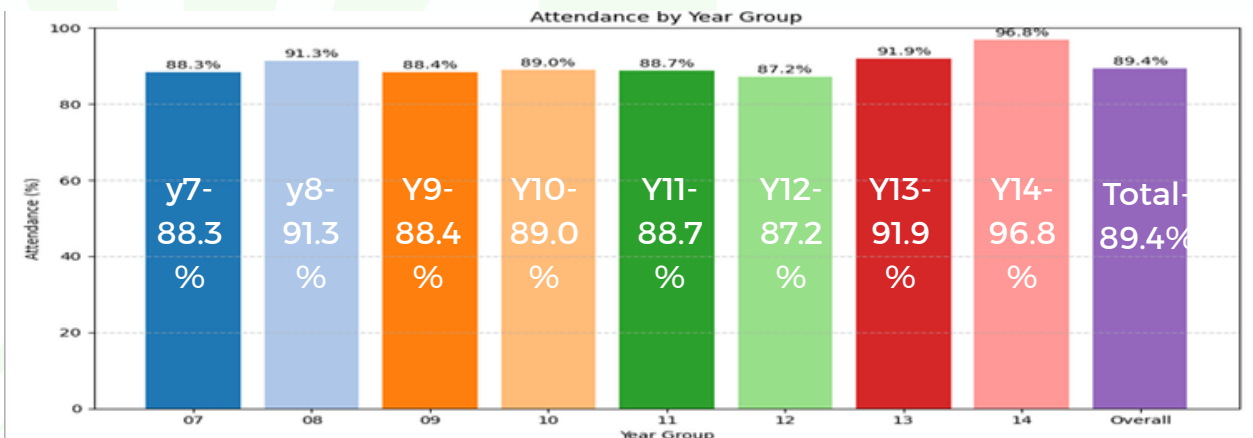
## KEY DATES

12/05/26  
GCSE Biology Exam  
Gleadless

14/05/26  
GCSE Mathematics  
Exam  
Gleadless

21/05/2026  
GCSE English Exam  
Gleadless

## Attendance Report 23.02.26-25.03.26





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## A Note from the Governors

Where has the year gone? Here we are at the Easter break already! I hope everyone is looking forward to some spring sunshine, a well-earned rest, and maybe a hot cross bun (or two).

It's just a short note from me this time. Much of this year has been spent talking about transitions: supporting students moving on to new stages, completing assessments, and planning for what comes next. As a Bents Green parent myself, with my own student preparing to leave at the end of this year, I know how complex and emotional these transitions can feel.

One of the things I value most about our community is the support that parents and carers offer each other. We all know how difficult it can be to find time for a chat, yet those conversations are often the most meaningful.

With that in mind, we are holding a Parent and Carer Coffee & Chat on Monday 14 April, from 12:30 – 2:00 at Longley 4G Centre (S5 7NN).

Please join us for tea, coffee, biscuits, probably some extremely nice cakes and definitely good company. Members of the senior leadership and safeguarding teams will be there, as well as other parents from across all our sites, and of course the odd governor. See you there!

I hope everyone enjoys a happy and relaxing Easter break with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you again in April.

School's out!

On behalf of the Local Governing Board,  
Shannon O'Donnell Provatas



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## Class News

### Beech Class

Beech class enjoyed the topic on Polar Regions. We even got to play in the snow! We explored ice, and interacted with different sensory, small world and art activities.

We engaged in some whole class art for Valentine's Day, creating a collaborative piece of art with different shades of red and different textures.

During our current topic on Water we have been engaging in different experiences, even sitting under an umbrella while water was splashed on the top. We created collage pieces based on The Wave by Hokusai, and of course we loved playing with bubbles. Some of us even put our feet in the bubbly foot spa!

In our daily phonics sessions we are getting really good at recognising and matching phonemes, and words beginning with our key initial sounds.

In our daily maths sessions we have been finding different ways to partition numbers, and practising forming numerals, and we are currently working on patterns.

We love to share stories, and we will choose books to be read to us from the selection in class. We can also choose to play with and explore lots of different resources in the continuous provision.

We have different teachers come to class to teach cooking, outdoor learning and PE, and sometimes we go to different areas of the school for these lessons. We are having a great time in our first year at Bents Green, and the staff in Beech class love working with us!





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## Handsworth Hub

This term has been a busy and positive one for our students. As part of their Preparation for Adulthood programme, they enjoyed a visit to Crystal Peaks, developing valuable independence skills.

Our Year 10 students have also been taking part in work experience, gaining important experience of the workplace. Across the school, students have been working hard in their core subjects and exploring their dreams and goals in RSE.

We are very proud of the progress they have made this term.

## Evergreen Class

Post 16 Evergreen students are really enjoying developing their independence skills off site.

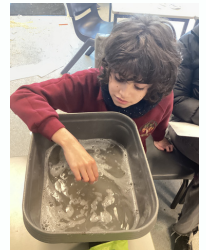
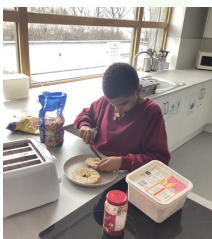
We have visited a variety of locations including woodland, countryside, farms and parks as well as local businesses and attractions such as the garden centre, shops, library and museum.

Post 16 staff are very proud to see the growth in confidence of our students when offsite, the development of road safety skills, the way that they interact appropriately with members of the public and the progress of self-help and awareness skills when out in the community.



## Pear Class

Pear class have been working on our Independence skills, we have practiced washing our hands and the sequence of doing this, dressing for the weather, safe road crossing and even making our own bagels.



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## Millennium Class

### Millennium Class: Gearing Up for the Future!

It's been an action-packed term for Millennium Class as we focus on our Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) journey. We've been busy exploring life after school and developing the skills we need for the next big step.

### Exploring Our Options

To get a feel for what's out there, we've been out and about visiting local P19 providers. We've toured Hillsborough College, Peaks College, and campuses in Rotherham. These visits have been great for helping us see the different courses and environments available to us in the future.

### World of Work

Work experience is officially underway! We are so proud of our students who have started placements at Meadowhall and Crystal Peaks. They are learning the ropes of customer service in a real-world setting, and the feedback has been fantastic.

### Masterchefs in the Making

In Food Tech, we've been honing our independent living skills. From hearty savoury meals to delicious sweet treats, the kitchen has been a hub of activity. We even celebrated Shrove Tuesday by mastering the art of the perfect pancake!

### On the Move

Finally, we are continuing our travel training. Getting around the city confidently is a huge part of being independent, and we are seeing great progress as we practise using public transport to navigate our local community.

## Willow Class

Willow Class had a busy Autumn 2 half term. We enjoyed our topic "Special Stories and Fairy Tales". We really enjoyed reading a range of stories and then learning about the countries that the stories come from as part of 'my world and me'. We especially enjoyed learning about Jack and the Beanstalk and then taking a trip to Bents Green Nurseries to buy our own plants. We have also enjoyed planting our own beans and watching them slowly grow over the term and recording the changes we noticed.





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## Henderson Class

This term has been an inspiring and energetic one for our class, filled with meaningful learning experiences and proud moments for our school community. We began with the excitement of World Book Day, which the students embraced with enthusiasm. Their imaginative costumes, lively discussions about favourite stories and thoughtful reading activities created a wonderful celebration of literature that brought our classrooms to life.

Our history learning became even more vivid during our visit to Sheffield Manor Lodge. The students explored the grounds, discovered local history through interactive activities and gained a deeper understanding of the people and events connected to this important site. Their curiosity and engagement were a pleasure to see.

We also enjoyed a visit to Norfolk Park, where the students explored our local area in greater depth. They observed the environment, discussed the history of the landscape and reflected on how our community has changed over time. This experience supported their learning across several subjects and helped strengthen their understanding of the world around them.

A particular highlight of the term was the series of auditions for a special singing group. Many of our students chose to take part, hoping for the opportunity to enter a competition that could lead to performing with Katherine Jenkins at Disneyland. Each student sang alone in front of others, showing remarkable confidence and courage. We are incredibly proud of the bravery they demonstrated and of the supportive atmosphere they created for one another.

As we look ahead to next term, there is much to be excited about. We are hoping to visit local museums to enrich our new topics and continue building real world connections in our learning. With the arrival of spring, the students will have opportunities to explore seasonal changes, spend more time outdoors and draw inspiration from the natural world. New subjects and fresh experiences await, and we look forward to seeing the students continue to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence.



## Apple Class

Over the last few months Apple class have been having great fun exploring the topics of Polar and Water.

During our Polar topic we read *The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud*; a story of a lonely Polar Bears quest to find a friend in his cold arctic home. To think about the text we explored sensory snow, modelled penguins from playdough and created artwork using coloured ice.

Next, we moved on to Water and began reading *Little Raindrop*. A story detailing a raindrops journey though the water cycles. This time we explored water, mixed paints to create the colours of the rainbow and engaged with *coco Oobleck* and spaghetti worms.

In Maths we have been exploring Composition and Pattern. We have had great fun using colour in Composition to think about how numbers can be made up of many smaller numbers. In Patterns we have really enjoys interactive white board games and as a class guessing what shape or colour is next.

Happy learning from Apple class!

