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FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

One more week to go... meaning this will be the final Friday News of the academic year. Once again, can I remind parents/carers that school will be closing at 1.30pm on Friday 18th July.

Last Friday School Reports were sent home with children. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have taken the time to complete online feedback forms. If you have not managed to provide feedback yet, there is still time! The feedback form can be accessed by the link provided below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PNmgpQV8zH>

I am very pleased to let you know that the Summer Fair raised a fantastic grand total of £795.38. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It is a super amount of money for a reasonably small school on a very wet Summer's evening. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered their time to organise the event. The money will be used to support all children in school through the purchase of new resources.

This week we had the pleasure of watching children in Years 1-6 perform their end of year performance 'The Wizard of Oz' at The Town Hall. I am sure everyone who was privileged enough to see children perform will agree, this was an absolutely wonderful and amazing production, we certainly have some very talented children. Well done everyone. A massive thank you to staff for supporting this production, and also a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who supported the children. Thank you also to Lila and Carol in the School Kitchen for providing some delicious 'grab bags' on dress rehearsal day. A special mention must go to Mrs Coyle and Mrs Askew, who led every aspect of this performance and did a super job!

Next week as we count-down to Friday, children will continue to be busy in class as well as taking part in some lovely end of year activities.

On Monday, John Frankland from Bentham Library, will be taking a whole school assembly all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. More details on how children and families can get involved in this initiative are available from Bentham Library.

On Wednesday, our annual 'Staff -v- Year 6' rounders match will be taking place on the school field. Rumour has it that Year 6 have been busy practicing with the ultimate aim of defeating our staff team. I have no doubt in my mind that staff will be victorious in their challenge... watch this space!

I have been told to keep my diary free on Thursday, so I am not sure what will be going on in school, but I am sure children will be keen to up-date parents/carers on Thursday evening!

What I have managed to find out is that there will be a special celebration lunch on Thursday 17th July. All children are invited to take part in this celebratory picnic style lunch, which will include some treats and which will hopefully be enjoyed outside weather permitting! There is no need to pre-order, a choice of sandwiches can be ordered on the day during registration.

Next Friday we will also say goodbye to Mrs Shirley who is retiring from her role as MSA. Mrs Shirley is much loved by the children at lunchtime and we wish her well with all her travelling plans.

I am very pleased to let you know that Miss Hards will now be staying at Bentham School 1 day a week from September so you will still see her around and we are very pleased that she will be part of our school community.

On Friday 18th July we are inviting families of children in Year 6 to join in with a special 'Leavers' Assembly' in the School Hall. This is always quite an emotional event, and I would encourage everyone to bring along a supply of tissues! Year 6 parents need to be at school for 10.00am.

We also say goodbye to Florence in Nursery next week as she moves to her new school for Reception.

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We hope she makes lots of new friends and settles in quickly.

Finally, I would like to wish all those children who will be leaving us and moving onto secondary school in September the very best of luck for the future. You have been an amazing year 6 and I have no doubt you will flourish and face all new challenges ahead with enthusiasm and determination.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pearson

Co-Headteacher

School Meals from September

For the start of the new academic year, there will be a new school menu for those children having a school dinner. Can parents/carers please complete meal choices by no later than 9.00am on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 using the link provided below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/r30XpSReQy>

Please remember from the 3rd September, there will be a small increase in the price of school meals, as follows:

Nursery Children day (£13.00 per week)	£2.60 per meal/per day
Reception, years 1 and 2 (Universal Free School Meal)	FREE of Charge
Years 3,4,5 and 6 day (£16.00 per week)	£3.20 per meal/per day

If your financial circumstances have recently changed, or if your child is joining Reception, it may be that you are eligible for some additional financial support from Free School Meal eligibility. This is not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals. To check eligibility please visit (or see information provided below) :-

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Can I please ask that parents of children in Year 6 ensure that any outstanding payments on Parentpay are

deposited by 9.00am on Friday 18th July so that accounts can be closed? Any credit balances will either be transferred to a siblings account or refunded.

ICE-CREAM SALE After school on Tuesday 15th July, Ice-Cream and home-made Lemonade will be for sale in the playground. Please bring along spare change and treat yourself!

Monday 14th July 2025

Fish Star

Pizza Pin-Wheel (v)

Jacket Potato (v)

9.10am Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

3.30pm-4.30pm Blue Moose Dance Sessions (Ages 7-11) School Hall

4.30pm-5.15pm Blue Moose Dance Sessions (Ages 4-7) School Hall

Booking via following links :

Minis <https://forms.gle/kBeccYuePZHqal897>

Juniors <https://forms.gle/6nBzU4SMAvwCacDZ7>

Tuesday 15th July 2025

Sweet and Sour Pork

Quorn Dippers (v)

Jacket Potato

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding

Veggie Loaf and Yorkshire Pudding (v)

Jacket Potato

Staff -v- Year 6 Rounders

3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club (Years 1 -4)

Thursday 17th July 2025

Special Celebration Lunch

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Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try

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a school lunch!

- Beef Burger
- Lentil and Veggie Burger (v)
- Jacket Potato

10.00am Leavers' Assembly (Families of children in Year 6 invited)

School CLOSES at 1.30pm for the Summer re-opening on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

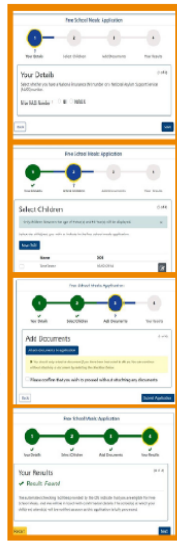
Apply for free school meals online

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, simply login to your [Synergy Parent Portal account](#), and follow the process outlined below. If you have previously applied for school admissions or funding for your two year old you will most likely already have an account. If not, you can easily [create an account here](#).

- STEP 1**
Enter your National Insurance Number/National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number and date of birth.
- STEP 2**
Select the child(ren) you wish to apply for. If you have previously applied for a school place for your child they will already appear on the dropdown list. If your child does not appear automatically, they can easily be added by entering their forename, surname, date of birth and gender.
- STEP 3**
Attach any supporting documentation, if necessary, this could include documents such as a copy of your Universal Credit statement.
- STEP 4**
A message will then be displayed stating that we will be in touch with confirmation details. The school(s) at which your child(ren) attends will be notified as soon as the application has been fully processed by our team (5 working days). Your child(ren) can then begin enjoying free school meals once the school has received this notification.

If your application is unsuccessful you can then move to a further screen to find out why this may be the case.

If you need help or wish to discuss your application please contact us:
Phone: 01509 533 405
Email: schoolwelfare@northyorks.gov.uk



Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about ai-enabled scams.

Free from falls

“A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family. And that’s just very tragic.”

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That’s because babies’ heads are twice as big as ours, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact.

It doesn’t make sense trying to stop all falls. But there are some serious ones you can easily stop once you know how and why.

Cots, beds and changing tables – now I can wriggle and roll!

- Even small babies can wriggle off a bed or changing table – so change their nappies on the floor and avoid leaving them on a raised surface
- As soon as your baby can stand, remove any large toys they might climb on to get out of their cot, preventing serious falls.

Stairs – I can shuffle and I’m off!

- Even before they’re mobile, babies are injured when the person carrying them falls. So keep a hand on the rail going up and down stairs
- As soon as your baby starts moving around, fit safety gates to stop them climbing or falling down the stairs.

Highchairs – is that my drink?

- Children may try to get things that are out of their reach
- They may lean over the side and topple out or push themselves up and try to climb out
- Get into the habit of using the straps on the highchair every time you use it.

Windows – what’s that I can see?

- Small children are curious and want to see what’s happening outside but have no real understanding of danger
- Take care not to put furniture in front of windows, especially in children’s bedrooms
- If you can, get safety catches or locks fitted on your windows
- If you opt for a lock, keep the keys somewhere you can find them, in case there’s a fire and you need to get out.

Trampolines – how high can I bounce?

- The biggest risk from trampolines is having two people with very different weights
- Let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together
- Use a safety net or cage so children can’t be thrown onto the ground.



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St John's, Bentham Parish Church

Thursday Cafe



**Open Thursdays in August,
from 10.30 a.m. to 12 midday.**

At St John's Low Bentham, LA2 5DD,
parking opposite the church.

Come at any time for great coffee
and cake - art and crafts for the
young and young at heart, lego and
play-dough available.



The Diocese of Leeds, The Church of England