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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Autumn Term 2

Welcome back after the October half-term! I hope that everyone had the chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some special family time. I hear that many of our children had fun taking part in 'Trick or Treat' activities and the Bentham Bonfire celebrations—what a wonderful way to start the term.

As we begin the second half of the Autumn Term, and dare I say it, the run-up to Christmas, I would like to share a few key dates and activities that we have planned in our school diary.

Over the coming weeks, all children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of festive activities alongside their friends, including crafting, performances, and singing. We are looking forward to celebrating this special time of year with the whole school community.

## PE and Outdoor Activities

- Children's PE lesson days will remain the same as before half-term.
- Our popular '**Welly Walk Wednesday**' will continue on a two-weekly cycle for children in Butterfly Class, with their first **Great Outdoors Exploration** taking place on **Wednesday 12th November**. Please ensure children come dressed in appropriate outdoor clothing and wellies on the day.

## Swimming

- Owl Class children will take part in their **final swimming lesson on Thursday 13th November 2025**.
- Children who may benefit from additional lessons will be invited to join Fox Class sessions starting on **Thursday 8th January 2026**.

## Building more Clubs and Activities at the School

We are excited to expand the range of clubs and activities at our school. This includes plans for **tag rugby** and **football clubs**, giving our children even more opportunities to be active, have fun, and develop new skills. The rugby sessions have been on hold partly due to the recent poor weather and also to allow new staff time to settle in, giving me the capacity to run the club consistently.

With the weather being unpredictable, and following feedback from the children, I have decided to start a **Chess Club** for the time being and pick up the rugby in the New Year. New chess sets have now arrived, and I will share full details with parents and carers very soon about this new club.



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In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome a **new football coach Cameron Askew**, to the school, who will be running football sessions during the school day this term for boys and girls across all year groups. Keep an eye out for further details coming to you in the next week! Once the evenings get lighter and the weather improves, we hope to offer after-school football classes.

In the coming weeks, we also hope to run a **Multi Skills Event** at the school for Year 1/2 children on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**, in collaboration with staff and students from Settle College and invite children from across the cluster to take part at Bentham Primary School.

We also look forward to welcoming **GB athlete and Judo coach Danny Harper** (from DNA Judo, based at Ingleton I-Centre) to deliver some taster judo lessons at the school—an opportunity I am sure many of our children will enjoy. Dates to be confirmed!

If there are any DBS approved, qualified coaches out there or if you know someone who might be interested in setting up a club, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would be lovely to build up more sporting opportunities at the school.

### Festive Activities

- Mrs Nelson, Miss Mulligan, Mrs Green, and Miss Harrison are busy planning another **Film Club evening**, this time with a special **Christmas twist**. More details will be shared with parents and carers soon.
- Our beloved **'Christmas Crafts' evening**, kindly organised by Mrs Nelson, will also take place again this year. Look out for details in your child's book bag about how they can join in. While we usually ask for a small contribution from parents/carers, we understand the current financial pressures that many families are facing. If you would like your child to take part but are unable to make a payment, please do come and have a chat with me.

We are looking forward to a wonderful half-term full of learning, laughter, and festive cheer. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Bentham Primary a warm, welcoming, and nurturing place for every child.

Date	Activity	Class
06/11/2025	Stay and Learn 9.00am to 10.30am	Butterfly Class
07/11/2025	Bonfire Apple Sale Fundraising activity by EYFS Children 3.30pm – 3.45pm	Everyone invited to purchase a 'Bonfire Apple' after school.
11/11/2025	Remembrance Service at School Hill	Owl Class
11/11/2025	PTFA Fundraising Jumble Sale Meeting 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Everyone welcome
12/11/2025	Lantern Making Workshop	Fox Class
12/11/2025	Welly Walk Wednesday	Butterfly Class
13/11/2025	Final Swimming Lesson	Owl Class
13/11/2025	Stay and Learn 2.00pm to 3.30pm	Owl Class
14/11/2025	Non-Uniform Day Come to school in non-uniform in return for a Raffle Prize Donation	All Children



18/11/2025	Flu Immunisation 9.00am to Midday	Children in Reception to Year 6
19/11/2025	Lantern Making Workshop	Year 3 children in Rabbit Class
20/11/2025	Year 2 Multi-Skills Event at Bentham C P School	Year 2
21/11/2025	New Parent and Toddler Group Begins! Led by Mrs Lola Tyrer Every FRIDAY Term-Time Only in the SCHOOL HALL	All local families welcome 9.15-11.00am
21/11/2025	Special Praise Assembly – Parents Welcome to join us!	2.30pm
24/11/2025	Toys of the Past Workshop	Hedgehog Class
26/11/2025	Welly Walk Wednesday	Butterfly Class
28/11/2025	INSET DAY : SCHOOL CLOSED	ALL
29/11/2025	Fundraising Jumble Sale at Ingleton Community Centre 2.00pm to 4.00pm Please drop any jumble at school before this date, or at the Community Centre from 9.30am on the day.	Please come along and show your support
04/12/2025	Christmas Crafts (Thank you Mrs Nelson) 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Reception to Year 6
05/12/2025	Parent and Toddler Group with Mrs Tyrer in the School Hall 9.15am to 11.00am	All local families welcome.
10/12/2025	Welly Walk Wednesday	Butterfly Class
10/12/2025	Carols at Low Bentham Institute 1.20pm to 2.20pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Choir
10/12/2025	Film Club with a Christmas Theme 3.30pm to 4.15pm : Reception Children 4.20pm to 6.30pm : Years 1-6	Children in Reception to Year 6 (See times)
11/12/2025	Auction Mart Carol Service (Year 1 to Year 6) 10.30am – 11.30am	Families Welcome to join in at Bentham Auction Mart
12/12/2025	Parent and Toddler Group with Mrs Tyrer in the School Hall 9.15am to 11.00am	All local families welcome
12/12/2025	Lantern Parade (Winter Walk of Light) Meet at school for 4.30pm	Community Event all invited.
15/12/2025	EYFS Nativity and Crafts 9.30am to 10.30am	Butterfly Class Parents/Carers invited
16/12/2025	Christmas Performance (Matinee) 2.00pm to 3.00pm Christmas Performance (Evening) 6.00pm to 7.00pm	Years 1 to 3 Parents/Carers invited
18/12/2025	Christmas Singing at Bentham Golf Club 1.00pm Christmas Singing at Bowland View 2.30pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Choir
19/12/2025	Parent and Toddler Group with Mrs Tyrer in the School Hall 9.15am – 11.00am	All local families welcome



19/12/2025	Christmas Celebration Assembly in the School Hall 2.30pm to 3.15pm	All parents/carers welcome
19/12/2025	Last Day of Term	School CLOSES at 3.30pm
School re-opens on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026		

I hope this information helps with your planning and gives the children plenty of exciting activities to look forward to! Please also remember that the school will be **closed on Friday 28th November for staff training**.

Finally, I'd like to warmly remind all parents and carers that our school operates an **'open door' policy**. We truly welcome your questions, ideas, and concerns—no matter how big or small. Every member of staff, including myself, is always happy to listen, offer support, and work with you to ensure the very best for your child.

Best wishes

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