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Dear Parents and Carers

School Photographer – Individual and Sibling Photos

On Monday 6th October, Joe Mather Photography will be visiting school and taking individual school photographs of children in all classes. Photographs will be available to purchase directly from the company using the order form provided on the day – making the process of ordering both quick and simple.

ALL children will have individual photographs taken during the day, together with photographs alongside their school aged siblings.

If your child is in our Nursery Provision and does not usually come to school on Monday mornings, then you are more than welcome to come along to school at 9.00am for the purposes of having a School Photograph taken. After pictures have been taken, we will have to ask parents/carers of these children to take them back home with them due to staffing logistics. We hope that this will work for everyone. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Parent Questionnaire – How are things going so far this term?

As we begin the new academic year, I would really value your feedback on how your child is experiencing school.

Your views are important and will help us reflect on what is working well, what could be improved, and how we can make school even better.

A short questionnaire is available for you to complete. We will also be asking children through our newly formed School Council what they enjoy most about school and what changes could make their experience even more positive. Can questionnaires please be completed by Friday 10th October 2025.

Settling In

Thank you so much to all parents, children, and staff who have been so welcoming as I settle into my new role. I am enjoying getting to know families and gradually learning names!

The school has tremendous potential, and I will be working with Governors and the Local Authority to further develop provision for pupils with special educational needs and to explore enhancements to our Early Years provision, including the possibility of welcoming two-year-olds in the future. I look forward to sharing updates with you in the months ahead.



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Staffing and Support

I am keen to strengthen our staffing infrastructure to ensure every child receives the best possible support.

- Recent timetable changes have increased classroom support.
- Additional staff have been appointed in Early Years, Rabbit Class and Hedgehog Class, with a focus on English, reading, and maths. More staff will join us after half term.
- We are also boosting provision to re-establish our **Parent and Toddler group** on Friday mornings and to work more closely with parents/carers to develop this important provision – details to follow soon!

Film Club

We are excited to launch a **Film Club** on **Friday 17th October 2025** in the school hall from **3.30pm to 5.00pm** for children from **Year 1 upwards**.

If your child will be joining in, then we are asking arrangements be made for a responsible adult to collect your child from the School Hall at 5.00pm. Due to the darker evenings, and the later finish time, no child will be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

The film will be *Monsters Inc.*, and tickets will cost **£2.00 per child**, which includes a snack and a drink. If you would like your child to take part, please make payment via Parentpay by no later than 3.30pm on Thursday 16th October 2025. If you are unable to access Parentpay, cash can be deposited at the School Office.

Community Engagement

In the coming days, I will be meeting with the FOBS to discuss social and fundraising activities. I also hope to host a coffee morning event to welcome new parents and share ideas for the year ahead.

Your Feedback Matters

This is a community school, and your feedback really helps guide us. Please do share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions – they make a real difference.

Please use the link provided below to complete the questionnaire. If you are unable to access this link, please see Sally in the School Office.

You can complete the questionnaire here :

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Thank you again for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mr Wright
Headteacher
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