6th November 2026

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all children, families and staff as we begin a busy and exciting half term together.

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for the weeks ahead. This half term is always one of the most magical times of the year in school and we have lots of wonderful activities planned for our children to enjoy.

Over the coming weeks, we will be preparing for our Christmas Nativities, getting creative during our festive Crafternoon, spreading seasonal cheer through our Carol Concerts, and taking part in our much-anticipated Penny Race. These events provide fantastic opportunities for children to develop their confidence, creativity and sense of community while making special memories with friends and family.

As always, we will keep you updated with dates and further information throughout the half term. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing these exciting experiences with you and making this a memorable end to the year for everyone.

Let's make it a fantastic half term together!

Little City Visit









A huge thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful Little City visit for our Reception children who had a wonderful time exploring different jobs within the Little City.

Odd Socks Day



To celebrate Anti-bullying week, we will be participating in Odd Sock Day on Monday 16th November. Children are invited to wear Odd Socks for this day.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be celebrating Children in Need. All children are welcome to wear something spotty on this day and we ask that a small donation is given to support Children in Need.

Remembrance

A reminder that we have poppies and other items for sale, the Year 6s are doing a wonderful job at bringing items around the classes to give the children a chance to purchase.

Children that attend uniformed clubs i.e., cubs/scouts & brownies/ guides are welcome to wear their uniform to school on this date if they wish.

All children will have an assembly on Wednesday 11th November which will include a minute silence. Year 6 will be accompanied by Mrs Eastbrook in laying their crosses on the Memorial.

Dates for the Diary

09.11.26 – Flu Immunisation
09.11.26 - Parents' Evening
10.11.26-Year 6 Crucial Crew
11.11.26 - Parents' Evening
13.11.26 - Children in Need Day (wear something spotty)
16.11.26 – Odd Sock Day
18.11.26 - Penny Race
21.11.26-EYFS Sept 27/28 Open Morning
25.11.26-EYFS walkaround for Sept 27/28 (3)
27.11.26-Non-pupil day
3.12.26 – CHRISTMAS LUNCH/CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (please note change of date)
7.12.26 - EYFS Nativity – 2:15
8.12.26 - KS1 Crafternoon – 2:00 – 3:00
9.12.26 - KS2 Crafternoon – 2:00 – 3:00
10.12.26 - Key Stage 1 Nativity – 9:30
10.12.26 Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.26- Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2:15
11.12.26-Carol Service 9.30 Yr5-6, 10.30 Yr 3-4 (further details to follow)
14.12.26 - EYFS Nativity – 2:15
14.12.26-Flu Immunisation mop-up
15.12.26-Rec & Yr 6 NHS height & weight (further details to follow)
17.12.26-iRock concert 2.30pm
18.12.26-Last day of term

MENU FOR NEXT WEEK

After half-term we will be on week 2 of the new menu. Please remember to discuss the menu with your child so That they know what they will be ordering at register time each day or whether they have a packed lunch. Meals are charged at £2.49 each for all KS2 children (unless eligible for Free School meals) and payable on Arbor.

Menu - Mon 2nd November 2026 to Fri 26th March 2027

WEEK 2

weeks beginning: - 9th Nov, 30th Nov, 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 22nd Feb, 15th Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Dinner	Pulled pork in a bun & potatoes	Pasta bolognese	Chicken wrap & rice	Sausage & mash and Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian/Vegan Hot Dinner	Veggie burger in a bun & potatoes	Pasta with tomato sauce	Quorn fillet wrap & rice	Quorn sausage & mash and Yorkshire pudding	Veggie fingers & chips
Alternative Option	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Sausage, Quorn sausage or cheese roll with crisps	Jacket potato
Served with	Peas, sweetcorn, baked beans & salad bar	Baked beans, sweetcorn, peas & Salad bar	Sweetcorn, baked beans, spaghetti hoops & salad bar	Seasonal vegetables & salad bar	Sweetcorn, baked beans, peas & salad bar
Dessert	Vanilla cake with orange wedge	Biscuit	Autumn fruit crumble & cream	Fruit cocktail	Iced chocolate cake

All meals are served with apple juice or water

The salad bar is available daily including lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, carrot sticks, peppers, coleslaw, sweetcorn & cold pasta

Fresh fruit is available daily including orange, banana, apple, kiwi & melon

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKING REMINDER

This year our school Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 3rd December. In order for our kitchen to order and prepare, the Christmas lunch must be booked and paid for in advance.

The Christmas Lunch costs £3.75 per child.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (including EYFS & KS1 children) the cost is £1.75 per child, to cover additional costs.

To order and make payment, please go to the School Shop on your Arbor account. Please select your child's lunch option from either: -

· Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch
· Vegetarian Christmas Lunch
· Turkey Roll
· Cheese Roll

Please note that the School Shop will close at 10pm on Wednesday 11th November 2026.
If your child does not wish to have a school lunch, please ensure they bring a packed lunch on the day.
If your child has any dietary requirements or allergies that we are not already aware of, please let the school office know via admin@greatbentleyprimary.net

Please note that the Christmas lunch must be paid for separately via the School Shop and cannot be put onto your child's normal lunch account. Thank you

CELEBRATING WITH YOU

At the weekend Isla Hunter form EYFS attended her very first gymnastics competition. We were super proud as she achieved 2 x 1st place medals and 1 x x1 3rd place medal. Well done Isla!



Well done to Eric Luckie in year 5 who last weekend competed in an elite level national gymnastics competition in Telford placing an incredible 15th place in Great Britain. He also secured a silver medal as part of the East team. We are very proud of you Eric and can't wait to see you progress as you work towards the English championships.



FRIENDS OF GREAT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

- 18th November Penny Race – details to follow
- 8th Dec EYFS & KS1 Crafternoon 2-3pm
- 9th Dec KS2 Crafternoon 2-3pm



PREMIER EDUCATION WRAPAROUND UPCOMING EVENTS

Premier Education

WRAPAROUND CARE - PREMIER WAC LEAGUE 2026-27

Showstopper events

Here's what your child can look forward to every month.

FRI 20 NOV	LEAGUE ROUND 1 **Premier WAC Cup: The Ultimate Team Challenge** An action-packed Friday of teamwork, challenges and friendly competition.	WED 16 DEC	SITE EVENT **The Great Festive Face-Off** Big laughs, friendly competition and festive fun.
FRI 15 JAN	LEAGUE ROUND 2 **Premier Tower Takeover** Build high and help your team climb the league leaderboard.	TUE 16 FEB	SITE EVENT **Space Academy: Mission to Mars** Three, two, one... blast off! Little explorers, big adventures.
FRI 19 MAR	LEAGUE ROUND 3 **Premier Target Masters** Aim high, score big. Every point counts!	WED 21 APR	SITE EVENT **Premier Studios: Movie Makers** Lights, camera, action! Imaginations take centre stage.
FRI 21 MAY	LEAGUE ROUND 4 **Premier Puzzle Relay** Think fast, work together and beat the clock.	TUE 15 JUN	SITE EVENT **Premier Superhero Training Academy** Heroic challenges and super-sized fun.
FRI 16 JUL	LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP **Premier WAC Sports Day: The Grand Final** Obstacle races and team challenges. Who will be crowned champions?		**The Premier WAC League** Four league rounds with the same challenges at every site and points for every team, building to the Grand Final on Friday 16 July.

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MINI FRIDAY SHOWSTOPPERS

27 NOV – 16 APR ONE HEADLINE ACTIVITY EVERY FRIDAY - 3:30-4:30PM

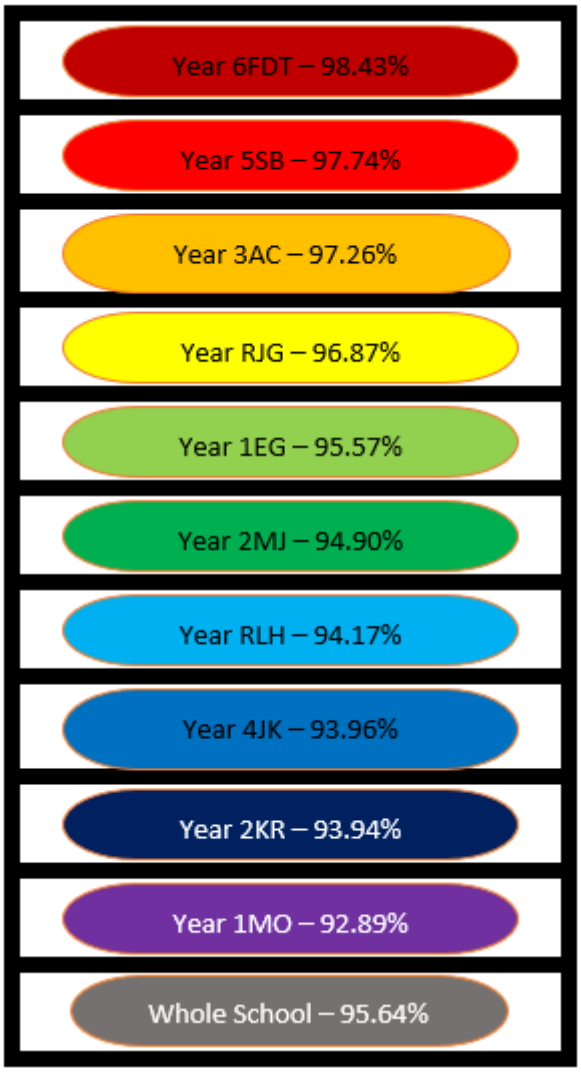
Twelve themed weeks at every Friday Wraparound Care venue: here is what your child can look forward to.

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER THE ULTIMATE OBSTACLE COURSE Can your child conquer our Friday obstacle challenge?	FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER THE GREAT TEAM CHALLENGE Will your team become Friday's challenge champions?
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER TARGET TAKEOVER Can your child hit the Friday jackpot?	FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY PAPER PLANE GRAND PRIX Whose plane will fly the furthest?
FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY THE FRIDAY TREASURE HUNT A mystery is waiting to be solved this Friday...	FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY MEGA TEAM GAMES One club. One team. Can everyone complete the challenge?
FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY INVENTORS' WORKSHOP Can your child invent something amazing?	FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY BEAT THE CLOCK How many challenges can your child beat?
FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY LIFE-SIZE BOARD GAME Step into our giant Friday board game!	FRIDAY 5TH MARCH TOWER OF CHAMPIONS Can your team build the tallest tower?
FRIDAY 12TH MARCH MISSION IMPOSSIBLE Can your child complete the mission before time runs out?	FRIDAY 16TH APRIL FRIDAY CHAMPIONS CUP Who will be crowned our Friday champions?

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This Weeks Attendance Leader Board



Did you know/Fun Fact for the week?

Australia is Wider than the Moon: The diameter of the moon is about 3,400 kilometers (2,113 miles), while Australia's diameter from east to west is almost 4,000 kilometers (2,485 miles)