

Welcome to Bentley Church of England Primary School Report 2025



Pupil Leadership

Head Pupils

Thank you for inviting us to share our school report. As Head Pupils of Bentley Primary School, Jake, Erin and I play a big role in supporting Mrs Austin to review life in school. This year Head Pupils have delivered assemblies to the whole school about anti-bullying, safeguarding and how to stay safe online. We have also welcomed new parents to our Open Events and supported the organisation of several school activities.

School Council

Our School Council have helped to set up events and fundraising for many charities, including Macmillan, Children in Need and Comic Relief. They also planned ideas for world book day.

Worship group meet every fortnight with Mrs Robinson and they plan and deliver our special celebrations at the church. Mrs Day also attends to have lunch with us.



This year, once again we sent 12 boxes to the Amen Shoebox Appeal.

Prayer Space and Worship

Every year we hold important events at St Mary's Church. We enjoy visiting the church and Worship group do a great job preparing for our services. This year we have visited for Harvest, Epiphany and Easter.



We had an amazing visit to Bury Cathedral to take part in the Advent Trail. We were extremely lucky to hear the amazing Organ play 'Bear Necessities' whilst we were there.



Healthy Living



We explored how much sugar is in our daily diet by looking at food packaging and measuring this into a bowl. It was very surprising!



Healthy cooking

We spent some time cooking cakes with reduced sugar ready to share at our Macmillan Event with parents.

We launched this year with a big focus on how to live a healthy lifestyle. Ipswich Town coaches joined us at Copdock Village Hall for a day of fun and fitness.



Agility course



Ready, Steady, Cook

Two teams went head to head to prepare a healthy packed lunch from a range of ingredients on offer. Once they had chosen what to include, they were judged by the children in the audience. It was good fun!



Curriculum Events

Every child in Year 2 to Year 6 have a Moki band to wear. These measure your physical activity during the day. We will be holding some competitions soon to see how we can improve our steps and stay healthier.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 get to attend swimming lessons to ensure they are confident and safe in the water. Nearly all children can swim 25 metres before they leave our school.

We take part in many music events throughout the year. KS2 children have been learning clarinet this year and look forward to performing to their parents soon

KS2 visited RHS for a singing workshop with Dominic Ellis-Peckham

Lots of children have signed up for instrumental lessons in school, learning guitar and keyboard

Year 4 had an inspiring visit to Ipswich School to see the teenage drummer, Nandi Bushell perform. She was amazing!



Curriculum Events

Children have enjoyed many sporting tournaments such as dodgeball, cross country, basketball. We have cricket, netball and football coming up soon.



Adders class went to PGL in October and had a fantastic time.



Search and rescue



Year 2 are looking forward to visiting Suffolk One again in July. Last year they explored Search and Rescue jobs, how electricity is conducted and even had a go at boxing!



conducting electricity



Ipswich

Boxing

Club

We use our school minibus for so many activities like swimming, sports and school trips. Children in both schools help to keep it clean. We have just been very lucky to receive a grant for a new minibus which will save us money with transport for trips. Gladwells Mill continue to provide us with 20 litres of fuel every month too.

Out and About



Nurture groups at Bentley and Copdock School painted some large eggs to take part in the Easter Trail at Alton Water.



The children have enjoyed dancing during lunchtimes, using streamers and pompoms to express themselves!

Our PTA raise a fantastic amount for our school we really appreciate it. A number of new events have taken place again this year, including ... Easter hunts, Christmas fair, Mothers Day Afternoon Tea and many more.



This year the school council and PTA raised money for Smart Sacks to go on the back of our chairs. This helps us to have everything to hand but keep our desks tidy!

Our Wonderful PTA

The PTA is very important to our school and we wouldn't be able to plan events without them. Their funding supports curriculum resources, fun activities and school trips.



What next?

- We will be developing our growing area to use fresh ingredients in our cooking.
- Staff and children will receive training as part of becoming an allergy aware school.
- Year 4 look forward to the annual sleepover in the school hall.
- We will be holding a writing day to celebrate our creative skills and new approach to handwriting.
- School Council will be developing an action plan to support sustainability and climate change.



Thank you for showing an interest in our school report. If anyone is interested in becoming a school Governor, we would be interested in hearing how you could help to make a difference in our school too.