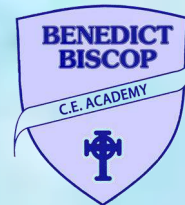


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## FEBRUARY 2023



**W/C 6th February**—Online Safety Week

**Tuesday 14th February**—Y6 School Trip

**Friday 17th February** — School closes for February half-term

**Monday 27th February** — School reopens

**Tuesday 28th February** — Y3 School Trip

**Thursday 2nd March** — World Book Day

**Thursday 9th March** — PTFA Spring Disco

**W/C 13th March** — Book Fair

**Friday 31st March** — School closes for Easter

**Monday 17th April** — School reopens

### Worship Dates

Parents, Carers and the wider community are invited to attend Worship every week, however please see below for each class shared worship date for this term.

**Y6**      **Friday 13th January**

**Y1**      **Friday 20th January**

**Y4**      **Friday 27th January**

**Y3**      **Friday 10th March**

**Y5**      **Friday 17th March**

**Y2**      **Friday 24th March**

Please note: doors will close at 9am prompt.

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This term, Year 4 have made a fantastic start on their new theme, The Romans.

Throughout the term we have been looking at life as a Roman, Roman currency and the Roman invasion of Britain. When

researching the invasion of Britain, we have looked at Boudicca's resistance and how this was described differently in various accounts. Using freeze frames, we have re-enacted Tacitus and Dio Cassius' recounts of Boudicca's resistance and have further been able to explore why these accounts may be so different and what this may mean about our historical understanding of Boudicca's resistance.



Year 5 had the most amazing week at Derwent Hill, exploring the outdoors.

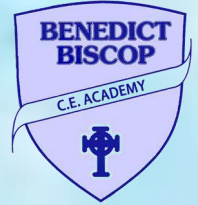
They had a great time: gorge walking, climbing, canoeing, orienteering and completing a range of team building activities.

We were so proud to see how they faced fears, showed resilience and challenged themselves to achieve whatever they set their mind to.





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## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to extend our congratulations to our staff members who have recently been appointed in new roles:

**Mrs Clark** who has been appointed as our new Head of School!

**Mr Allison** who has been appointed as our new Senior Assistant Headteacher!

**Miss Worth** who has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher!

**Mrs Whelam-Tate** who has been seconded in the role of Director of the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub for Northern Lights Learning Trust.

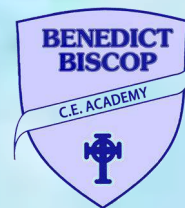
**Mrs Hunt** who will be sadly leaving Benedict Biscop this term, taking on a full-time role with Durham SCITT

### Educare Register



Can we remind parents if your child is staying for a full day in Nursery, bookings must be booked and paid for in advance. You can book this through the SchoolMoney system.

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## Rainbow Award

Our January Rainbow Award winners are...

### Nursery

Leo	Effie	Alby
Sonnie	Avery	Rosalyn
Finn	William	Will
Ava	Isaac	Ada

### Reception

Georgia	Carter	Kitt
Jacob	Ethan	Colton
Elijah	Alfie	Millie
Cole	Sophie	

### Year 1—Class 1

Leo	Isaac	Penelope	Lily
Rosie	Grace	Aaron	Scarlett

### Year 1—Class 2

Onam	Orla	Isla	Zac
Bobby	James	Poppy	Amelie

### Year 2

Ted	Harry	Jack	Isaac
Matthew	Dahliah	Oscar	Anna

### Year 3

Ella	Olivia	Minnie	Aidan
Ife	Aidan	Acacia	Ethan

### Year 4

Reuben	Marley	Fred	Phoebe
Jacob	Lilianna	Robyn	Jasmine

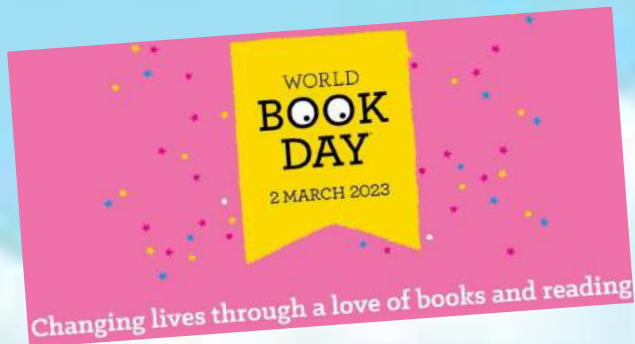
### Year 5

Oliver	Reuben	Paul	FULL
Sasha	Emma	Francine	CLASS

### Year 6

Harrison	Amelie
Ellie	Leah
Connor	Euan
Layla	Ben

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## WORLD BOOK DAY

I would like to thank you for all of your support so far with reading, as we strive to encourage children's love for reading as well as ensuring they are developing their reading skills and understanding.

Week commencing 27th February, we will be spending the week looking at stories from our favourite Authors.

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character — we cannot wait to see their costumes!



In Science, Year 6 have been looking at evolution and inheritance. As part of this, they have been looking at their close relatives to identify what

characteristics have been inherited. We have also been looking at the work of Darwin and investigating whether his work in the Galápagos Islands really does show whether adaptation leads to evolution.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

BB PTFA are keen to accept any donations of Christmas Jumpers and any unwanted gifts for future events. We would be really grateful if you could bring any donations to the school office. THANK YOU!





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Year 1 Class 2 have been learning about primary and secondary colours this week, as well as understanding what colours we can mix to make a different colour.

The children created their own colour wheel and were able to explain the ordering of the colours—they knew that we kept the warm colour tones

together, and the cool tones below.

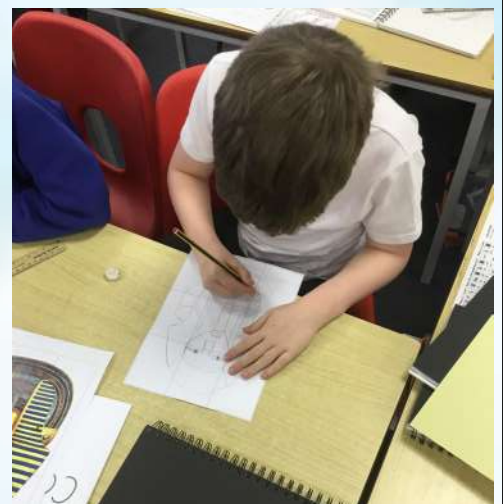
The children took their time to make sure that their painting was sublime!



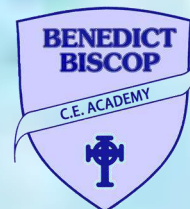
Year 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt this term. We have been learning about pyramids, focusing on the different types of pyramids as well as how and why pyramids were built.

Alongside this, in Art, we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian death masks. We started by exploring what

death masks were and how they were made, learning how to accurately draw the proportions of a face and had a go at sketching our own death mask by using the death mask of Tutankhamun as inspiration.



# ATTENDANCE



Your child's attendance at school is very important and where children's attendance falls below 95% over the course of the school year, research has shown that this amount of absence will have a negative effect on your child's academic achievement and they may not be able to achieve their full potential.

We actively discourage holiday absence during term time as we know that absence can also be effected by illness and unfortunately the school are not able to authorise leave of absences unless for exceptional circumstances.

We would like to thank families who have already started to engage in our new attendance procedures including using our new online forms, however we would like to remind parents that we ask that they share with us any plans to take their child out of school at least two weeks in advance where possible. We would also ask that parents are open and honest with school regarding the purpose of absences.

We aim to keep you updated with your child's current attendance on a half termly basis using our new attendance letters. If you have any queries regarding the accuracy of recorded absences then please notify the main school office immediately.

Our full attendance policy can be found on our school website under the key info tab and 'Policies'.

<b>BLUE</b>	98-100%	You have missed 0 – 4 days of learning	Excellent. Keep it up!
<b>GREEN</b>	96 - 97%	You have missed 5 - 7 days of learning	Having good attendance will help your child progress in all areas of school life and fulfil their potential and ability.
<b>YELLOW</b>	91-95%	You have missed 9 – 17 days of learning	Weak attendance – learning will be impacted We will work in partnership to support the improvement needed. How can we help?
<b>AMBER</b>	Below 90%	You have missed 19+ days of learning	Persistent Absence You must improve We will work directly with you to improve attendance alongside our attendance procedures
<b>RED</b>	Below 80%	You have missed 38+ days of learning	Severe Persistent Absence Absence is a serious, significant concern and is disrupting your child's learning and long-term education outcomes. Direct work will take place with you to improve attendance.

Number of days/weeks are based on the percentage across the year.



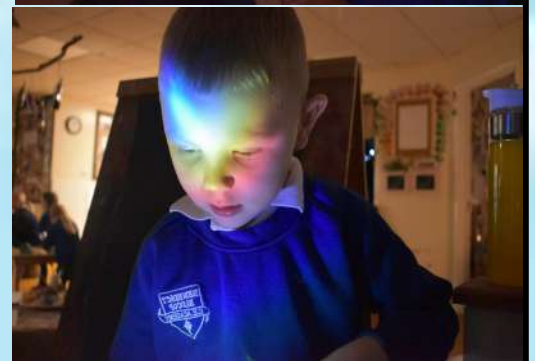
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Early Years children have enjoyed accessing our new light and dark space,

exploring how light travels and can be changed and manipulated into different shapes, colours and forms across the room.

They became inquisitive and intrigued around light and darkness and how it can be transformed into something new.



Please can we remind parents that packed lunches brought into school must follow our Packed Lunch Policy, providing children with healthy and nutritious food.

Packed lunches should not include hot food, flasks, pasties or crisps—reminder that we are a nut free school, so packed lunches should also not include nuts.

Our full Packed Lunch Policy can be found selecting the following [link](#)



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations towards our pre-loved uniform stall.



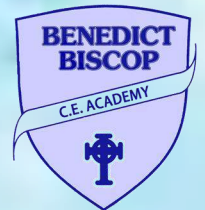
We will have to pause donations for the time being, as we have limited storage.

Once again if anyone would like any uniform, please visit the school office, where all pre-loved uniform is located, to help yourself to.



# LUNCH MENU GUIDE

\*\*\*Menu is subject to change based on food availability\*\*\*



**FAB4**  
A FORCE FOR FOOD!

## WEEK ONE

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 1	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Chow Mein with Noodles	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Chicken Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Veggie Curry with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Cheese Pastry Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Chicken Chow Mein with Noodles	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	
Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans, or Tuna Mayo
Sandwiches	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna Mayo, or Ham Sandwich
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Fresh Carrots	Cauliflower Seasonal Greens	Sweetcorn Carrots & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Vanilla Crunch	Ginger Sponge & Chocolate Sauce or Custard	Ice Cream & Banana	Shortbread Finger & Fruit Wedges	Chocolate Crunch

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## WEEK TWO

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 2	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Turkey Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Arrabbiata Sauce & Mixed Rice	Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Veggie Hot Dog with Onions and Baked Potato Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Half Jacket Potato	Roast Veggie Balls with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Nuggets & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Lamb Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Arrabbiata Sauce & Mixed Rice	
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Vegetables	Sweetcorn Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Oaty Crunchy Biscuit	Fresh Fruit Salad	Jelly & Mandarins	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie

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## WEEK THREE

PRIMARY MENU WEEK 3	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish 1	Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce & Rice	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 2	Cheesy Bean Pitta Pocket with Baby Baked Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Veggie Mince Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Cheese Flan & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Dish 3		Halal Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mashed Potato	Spicy Halal Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Halal Lamb Kofte with Mash or Mixed Rice	
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Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Winter Greens Cauliflower	Green Beans, Carrots & Baked Beans	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Hob Nob Cookie with Apple Smiles	Jelly & Mandarins	Flapjack Finger & Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Frozen Toffee Yoghurt



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In Year 1 Class 1, the children have loved learning about their new theme 'Britain and its Pioneers'.

From top secret deliveries from the museum to Oliver Twist, the children have been immersed in all things Victorian. They have also loved investigating the lives of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell!

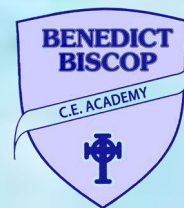


Year 2 have had lots of fun learning about where we live, and what it is like in other countries and continents around the world. Our new topic is all about having a safe place to live, so we've been thinking about our homes and how they're different to homes in the past. We've been especially interested in Dr Barnardo and how he changed the way children lived in the past. We spoke about his impact on our lives today, even though he lived so long ago.





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## Useful Forms



Please find below some useful links to forms which you can complete to notify the school office of any changes etc.

- **Change of Details** – Please click on this link to notify the school office of any changes e.g. Address, telephone number, change of circumstances etc.
- **Change of Lunch Preference Form** – Please use this form to advise us if your child would like to change to school dinners or to packed lunches (please read our school policy on packed lunches)
- **Photographic Permission Form** – Please complete this form if you would like to update the permissions that we hold.
- **Gate Preference (for collection of pupils)** – Please use this form to notify us if you would like to change where you collect your child from after school.
- **Breakfast Club & After School Club Contract** – You will need to complete this form if you are wanting to use our Breakfast/After School Club facilities.
- **Initial Interest in Nursery** – If you would like your child to be included in our Nursery Admission process please complete this form so that we can send you an application form nearer the time.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Leave of Absence from School Application form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of an exceptional leave of absence request for a pupil.
- **Appointment Notification Form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of any appointments that your child may have which requires them to be out of school. (Please note that wherever possible appointments should be made out of school hours).

## USEFUL FORMS

Did you know, we now have some of our most requested forms now available in digital format via our school website.

These can be located under the 'Parents' tab, selecting 'useful forms'.

Once you have submitted the required form, the school office will

be notified via email and will update your records accordingly.



## SCHOOL TRIPS

We aim to send children on as many trips as possible throughout the year to enhance their learning experience.

We ask for contributions for each trip which helps towards the cost of the transport and entry into the venue and/or any cost for participating in workshops.

We do rely on contributions for the trips to be able to go ahead and thank you for your support with this.

**Our Term dates can be found selecting the following [link](#)  
Please note we have updated this to include the extra bank holiday  
for the King's Coronation**