

# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



## MARCH 2023

Dates  
for your



**W/C 6th March** — National Careers Week

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

**Friday 10th March** — Y6 School Trip

**W/C 13th March** — Book Fair

**Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March** —  
MTWTFSS Parents Evening

**Friday 31st March** — Year 6 'The Schools Festival Show' at Dance City

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

**Monday 17th April** — National Offer Day (Primary)

**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—Please note: doors will close at 9am prompt.

**Y3**      **Friday 10th March**

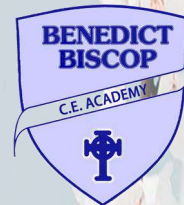
**Y5**      **Friday 17th March**

**Y2**      **Friday 24th March**

**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**



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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).

Reminder that we have the above forms available in digital format via our school website, rather than paper format. 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 child's records accordingly.



### 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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Children in Reception are so excited to begin Beach School this Term!

In this weeks session, Mrs Whelam-Tate's group implemented the benefit risk assessment,

reinforcing rules and discussing how to keep safe during the session. The children were given time to explore their surroundings and create castles using resources from our natural world. The

children enjoyed using mathematical concepts to compare their towers in size, shape and number of rocks used. The children also loved collecting a variety of sea glass to bring back to school to show their friends and talk about their experience.



We are looking to set up an OPAL ranger community team made up of staff members, parents, family members and people from our local community who would be willing to give up a little of their time to help us create, plan and build some of the projects that have been suggested by the children.

If you're confident using a saw, drill, screwdriver or paintbrush and think you could help then please let us know. If you are able to support or develop OPAL in a different way then we'd love to hear from you too!





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As part of our Theme curriculum, Year 3 went on to The Great North Museum to visit the Ancient Egyptian gallery.

The children explored the gallery

looking at all the historical artefacts on display— we also had our own workshop where children learned more about the mummification process. They explored images and x-rays of the two mummified people at the museum. Year 3 had a



wonderful day and really impressed the staff at the museum at how knowledgeable they were!



## DISCO

We are excited that our PTFA will be holding a School Disco on Thursday 9th March for children in Reception—Year 6.

Entry and collection will be at the Key Stage 1 door, via the front gate—£2 entry. Tuck, hotdogs and drinks will be available for children to buy!

**Reception/ KS1: 4pm—5:15pm**

**KS2: 5:30pm—7pm**



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Year 6 are taking part in a STEM project called Children Challenging Industry. They have been paired up with BP and for the sessions were



investigating gas and controlling it. The children were challenged to generate enough gas from a fizzy liquid to pop the container lid off at exactly 30 seconds. They applied what they know from Maths and Science to calculate the perfect recipe.



Year 1 Class 2 have been inspired by William Morris in their artwork. The children have been looking at Victorian art and different wallpaper designs,



understanding how to repeat patterns and printings. The children have created their final pieces by painting their final designs and printing them. They have particularly focused on which tones and colours work well together.



Year 5 have enjoyed investigating properties of materials—they carried out a number of experiments to explore electrical conductivity, magnetism, transparency

and solubility. We have also enjoyed exploring methods of separation.





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## Rainbow Award

Our February Rainbow Award winners are...

### Nursery

Lucy F  
Rosie L  
Ella B  
Freya S

Myla S  
Harry L  
Hudson Mc  
Evalyn C

Henry M

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### Year 1—Class 1

Alice M  
Phoebe H

Will H  
Joe B

Mollie B  
Leo Mc

7 8 9 10 12 13

11 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

28 29 30 31

### Year 2

Skye B  
Isaac C

James F  
Oscar H

Eleanor T  
Alessandra H

### Year 4

Scarlett C  
Darcey B

Edie T  
Ben A

Oscar H  
Lilianna D

### Year 6

Ethan F  
Rowan W  
Lily W

Harrison K  
Indie H  
Cameron T

### Reception

Harper S  
Theo B  
Elijah B  
Aspen C-H

Zara P  
Miller K  
Cole G  
Ezra W

Abigail H

### Year 1—Class 2

Olive H  
Fraser W

Alicia A  
Jenson W

Georgia G  
Elliot S

### Year 3

Jensen T  
Aaron K

Holly N  
Arielle C

Daniel C  
Zach B

### Year 5

Jack A  
Charlotte D

Flynn C  
Jacob S

Zak Q  
Sophia B



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## Parents Evening Year 1—Year 6

Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March—all appointments will be held in school. You should have received a link sent via text message and email, to book your parents evening appointment in the usual way via Teachers2Parents—if you have not received this, please contact the School Office.



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Year 2 have been exploring digital art this term - linked to the work of Mancunian artist Lee Jeffries. Jeffries takes wonderful photography portraits of homeless people around the world to raise both awareness and funds for their cause. We've explored the art of photography, looking at types of photos and what makes a good picture. We've also looked at the use of colour and digital manipulation, looking at how the colours used in a picture can change the mood of it. We had a go at taking our own portraits and manipulating them using filters and layers.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

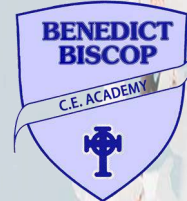
BB PTFA are keen to accept any donations of Christmas Jumpers and any unwanted gifts for future events. We would be really grateful if you could bring any donations to the school office. THANK YOU!





# SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

## KS1



### Cooking Club

In cooking club, children have learnt so much about weighing, combining wet and dry ingredients and staying safe around different foods and equipment.

Take a look at some of our creations!



### Science Club

Children who are attending science club have been exploring a range of scientific concepts by participating in a range of experiments from creating our own potions, testing static electricity and exploring our senses. We have had a lot of fun and look forward to bringing science to life in the next few weeks.



### Mix & Match Club

Children in mix & match club have used junk modelling to create castles and volcanos, using the iPads to help them with their drawings—they followed

instructions and took their time to create some fabulous drawings! We have also loved going outdoors, getting muddy, working together to make water runs, a bug hotel and so much more.



### Arts & Crafts Club

Throughout the term, children have learnt so many new techniques through sketching, building layers with acrylic paint and using pastels. We are currently

designing our own book cover based on their favourite book, inline with World Book Day.





# SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

## KS2



### Karate Club

Key stage 1 have enjoyed their first half term at Karate Club. They have been learning all of the basic routines in karate and really enjoyed punching, blocking and kicking using the pads—we have even been learning to count in Japanese!



Members of Key stage 2 Karate club have progressed really well this half term. Lately, we have been focusing lots on the fighting and self-defence aspect of Karate. Many of the members have been training for a while now and are working towards our club grading in March and our club competition in April.

### Performing Arts Club

The halls are alive with the sound of music! The show has been cast and lines are being learned. Our incredible cast is working hard to prepare a phenomenal end of year performance for you all; remember, sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty!



### Football Club

Children in football club have had another successful half term. We have been focusing on different types of match scenarios, including start striker and looking at defensive tactics.





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This term in Year 4, we have been learning all about the Romans.

As a class, we have explored various different aspects of Roman life, such as the currency, entertainment, clothing and architecture, as well as delving into Roman battles that happened here in Roman Britain.



Year 4 have explored various accounts of Queen Boudicca's resistance and have re-enacted key parts of the battle.

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](#)

If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches, notice must be given half a term in advance for us to inform our kitchen staff.

## 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.