

Welcome to Bentley Church of England Primary School Report 2023



Head Pupils

Thank you for inviting us to share our school report this evening. We are the Head Pupils of Bentley Primary School and we are going to give you an update on school life this year.

As Head Pupils, Noah and I play a big role in supporting Mrs Austin to review life in school. This year we have delivered assemblies to the whole school about anti-bullying and staying safe online. We have welcomed new parents to our Open Events and supported the organisation of several school activities.

A more formal part of our role has been working alongside the Local Authority and Governing Body to review what is working well and where we can improve our school provision. It has been really interesting observing learning in lessons and feeding back to teachers. More recently, we created a questionnaire to find out what the children enjoyed doing during their break and lunchtimes, and how they would like to see the outdoor spaces improved. We attended a meeting with the Governors to feed back our findings. They have shared written reports with the Governors.

Pupil Leadership

School Council

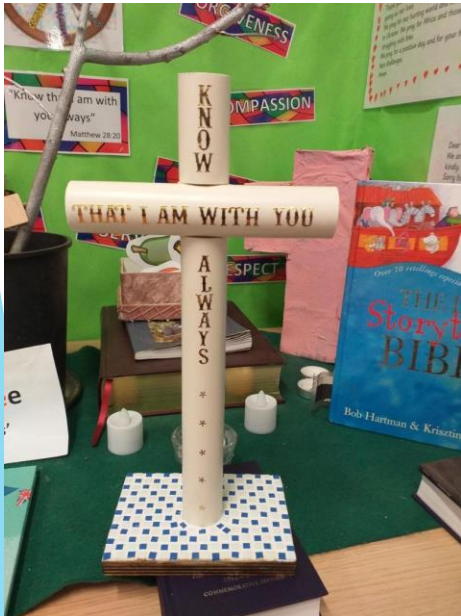
Our School Council have helped to support a number of charity fundraising events again this year, such as Macmillan, Comic Relief, Autism Awareness. It has been good to see them running snack shop once again too.

Prayer Space and Worship

Every year we welcome children of all ages to join our Worship Group. This has been well attended again at our lunchtime picnics. Children have the opportunity to plan, deliver and evaluate our half termly worship events, as well as spend time reflecting on the current value from our collective worship.



Epiphany Prayer Space at school, followed by Service at St Mary's Church



Following a visit to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral to explore The Lord's Prayer, children were asked to be creative as part of their homework. This is one of the crosses the children made at home for our worship table. It is extra special as it has our Christian Ethos statement on it.



Outside Spaces

Our Active Hub

It has been wonderful having an extra space to support our learning and activities this year. The older children have been leading lots of lunchtime clubs in this space such as art club, chess, comic club, dance sessions and nurture activities. We have just reviewed what the children would like to see this term and will be launching our new activities after Easter, such as a computer club.



We have had our playground resurfaced this year and new basketball posts secured into the grounds. We are hoping to develop the use of the woodland area and outdoor prayer space in the coming weeks.

Our Wonderful PTA

Our PTA are a fantastic asset to our school and have raised lots of money to support us once again this year. A number of new events have taken place, including a hot chocolate and sweets sale. The usual Easter hunt, cake sales, Christmas fete all went well and our most recent event, Mothers Day Afternoon Tea was well attended once again. After Easter, we will be holding a Beetle Drive. The PTA is very important to our school and we wouldn't be able to plan events without them. Their funding supports transport for key events, gifts for children, trips and curriculum resources.

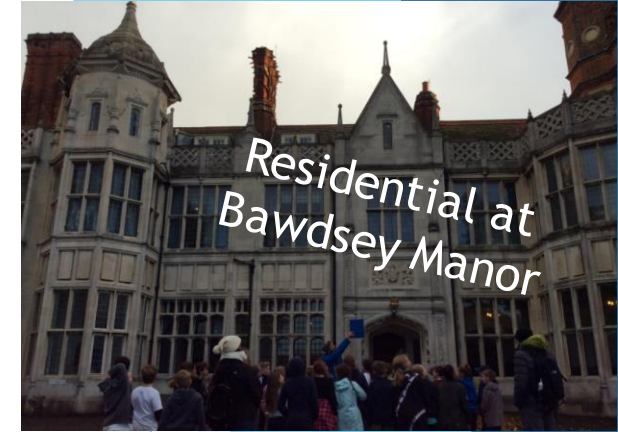




Sailing at Alton Water



STEM Day at Copdock Village Hall

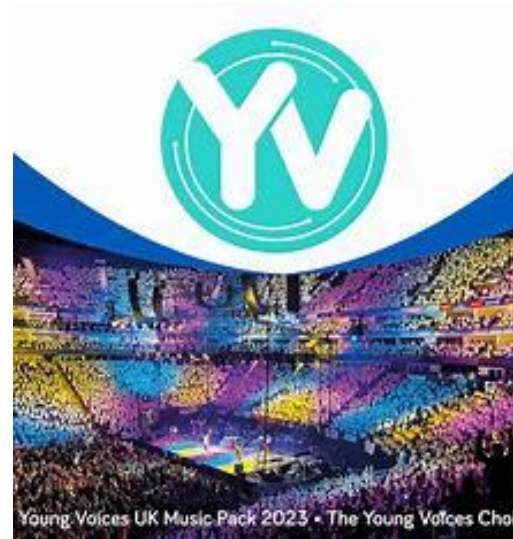


Residential at Bawdsey Manor

Curriculum Events

Working with Copdock School, we are lucky to experience many exciting events which support our curriculum learning as well as developing the skills of confidence, success and responsibility. It was fantastic singing at Wembley as part of Young Voices.

Our most recent event was our STEM day, where we had a visit from a Suffolk inventor, John Parnum, who inspired us to be creative.



Year 4 Sleepover

Sporting tournaments such as dodgeball, cross country, basketball



What next?

Some new things are happening at our school soon...

- Developing our outdoor areas so children can use the woodland during lunchtimes for den building and quiet activities.
- Training the younger children in cycle training and road safety ready for Bikeability when they reach Year 5 and 6.
- This term we will be welcoming our new bunnies to our school ready for September.
- We can't wait to get involved in more tournaments. The next event is Quad Kids which is an athletics challenge.
- In the summer we will be holding a talent show to give us all a chance to shine!

Thank you for listening to 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.