BETHAM NEWS

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1 Corinthians 13:13

All Saints' Day

This week in Collective Worship, we will be exploring our Christian value of compassion through the theme of All Saints' Day. The children will reflect on what makes someone a saint and how goodness can shine through our everyday actions. Inspirational stories of Elizabeth Prout, who cared for the poor, Sister Thea Bowman, who challenged racial injustice, and Julian of Norwich, who shared messages of God's love and hope, will help bring this theme to life. Through these examples, the children will be encouraged to show kindness, stand up for others and recognise how even small acts of compassion can make a positive difference in the world.

Caroline Chamberlain, Headteacher

Our school vision

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1 Corinthians 13:13

With God's love at the heart of all we do, we celebrate the unique gifts of every individual. Rooted in Christian hope, pupils grow academically and in their faith, equipped to live full and happy lives and care for the people and the world around them.

Our school vision is a very important paragraph in my heart. It is not even a paragraph, it is a greatly written message that has lived on. Faith, hope, and love; these three things will last forever, and the greatest of these is love - 1 Corinthians. This will forever be engraved in my heart and forever live on. I believe love and faith are the most significant because love, along with faith, shows emotion, and so can hope, when you show it the right way.
Rushika, 6AD (Worship Ambassador)

Attendance and Punctuality

Every week, the Attendance and Punctuality trophies are presented during Collective Worship. Our winners before half term were: Attendance – RKS and 4AH Punctuality – Nursery, 2SP and 5MO

Week beginning 19th October							
Nursery		**RKS**		**RSA**			
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates		
93.3%	**0 – 0%**	**95.2%**	5 – 3.7%	89.6%	4 – 3.0%		
1MS		**1RD**		**2RJ**		**2SP**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
90.7%	6 – 4.0%	93.3%	6 – 4.0%	92.4%	2 – 1.9%	89.0%	**0 – 0%**
3EA		**3EH**		**4AH**		**4JN**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
90.4%	6 – 4.4%	96.5%	9 – 6.7%	**98.6%**	3 – 2.0%	95.7%	10 – 6.7%
5AI		**5MO**		**6AD**		**6AG**	
Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates	Attendance	Lates
96.3%	7 – 5.8%	92.9%	2 – 1.7%	98.3%	5 – 3.3%	97.0%	5 – 3.7%

When children are in school every day, they don't miss important learning that builds on previous lessons, helping them achieve their full potential.

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Our value for this half term…

is **Compassion**. During Collective Worship we will think about putting ourselves 'in someone else's shoes' and feeling how they feel. A whole-hearted acceptance and love leads us to taking action, wanting to do things for others and sharing in their lives.

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.
1 Peter, 3:8

October attendance

We expect a minimum attendance rate of 96% for all pupils. The class with the best attendance in October was **6AD** - well done!

Bumblebees	Butterflies	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
93.9%	94.1%	97.2%	91.8%	96.5%	94.8%	94.4%	93.1%
3EA	**3EH**	**4AH**	**4JN**	**5AI**	**5MO**	**6AD**	**6AG**
96.3%	98.0%	98.1%	96.8%	94.5%	97.2%	**98.3%**	95.5%

Our Attendance Policy (which includes information on reporting your child's absence, authorised and unauthorised absences, and attendance monitoring and thresholds) is available on our website.

Attendance thresholds (for the whole school year)

Attendance	Days absent	Description	Attendance	Days absent	Description
98-100%	4 or fewer	**Excellent**	92-93%	13½ - 15½ days	Low
97%	5 - 6 days	Good	90-91%	17 - 19 days	Exceptionally Low
96%	7 - 7½ days	Satisfactory	Under 90%	20 days or more	Persistent Absentee
94-95%	9½ - 11½ days	Below Satisfactory			

Autumn (1) attendance

Regular attendance is key to helping children thrive, achieve their best and make the most of every learning opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in making every school day count. A special well done to **5MO**, who achieved the highest attendance last half term. Fantastic effort!

Bumblebees	Butterflies	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
94.3%	96.0%	96.6%	93.9%	96.8%	93.4%	95.3%	93.0%
3EA	**3EH**	**4AH**	**4JN**	**5AI**	**5MO**	**6AD**	**6AG**
96.9%	96.8%	97.0%	96.4%	96.6%	**97.4%**	97.2%	95.3%

October punctuality

Every minute matters. Arriving at school on time helps pupils start their day feeling settled, prepared and ready to learn. Thank you to all our families for supporting good punctuality and helping children make the most of every school day. A special congratulations to **Butterflies**, who topped the punctuality charts in October by having **no late marks whatsoever**. Fantastic - keep up the great work!

Bumblebees	Butterflies	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
3 – 0.5%	**0 – 0%**	24 – 2.6%	12 – 1.33%	23 – 2.3%	16 – 1.6%	6 – 0.88%	10 – 1.4%
3EA	**3EH**	**4AH**	**4JN**	**5AI**	**5MO**	**6AD**	**6AG**
21 – 2.3%	31 – 3.5%	15 – 1.5%	28 – 2.8%	7 – 0.9%	28 – 3.43%	19 – 1.9%	16 – 1.74%

Taking responsibility

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have demonstrated responsible behaviour and independent learning.

RKS: Leo and Raisa
RSA: Aiva and Manniel
1MS: Dania and Imogen
1RD: Justin A and Sanchez
2RJ: Idris and Rycna
2SP: Patryk and Quiana
3EA: Ameena and Tamer
3EH: Oliwia and Daniel
4AH: Billie and Isaia
4JN: Amanda and Yousef
5AI: Blanka and Lana
5MO: Natan and Shekinah
6AD: Aariah and David
6AG: Henry and Shanaya

They were invited to Afternoon Tea with Miss Chamberlain and Mrs Curzon and received four merit points.

Our Champions of Hope

Last half term, our school value was **Hope**. Hope is not always easy; it often asks us to keep going when things are tough and to believe that brighter days are ahead. We have learned that real hope takes commitment, courage, and determination. Hope gives us energy, helps us to stay positive, and guides us through challenges with faith and perseverance. Our Values Champions showed this beautifully. They kept believing, kept trying, and kept encouraging others along the way. We are so proud of the way they have brought our value of **Hope** to life in everything they do.

Nursery: Rayah	RKS: Ozan	RSA: Aiva	1MS: Ayeza	1RD: Aleah
2RJ: Diora	2SP: Sarah	3EA: Marley	3EH: Isaiah	4AH: Ellie
4JN: Cynthia	5AI: Joshua I	5MO: Maia	6AD: Yasmine	6AG: Henry

Founder's Day competition

On **Monday 23rd November**, we will celebrate the life and legacy of Edward Betham, who generously donated £1,600 in 1780 to establish our school and support the local community. To mark this special occasion, we are inviting all pupils to take part in our Acts of Service Challenge! We would love children to follow Edward Betham's example by doing something kind or helpful for others. This could be helping a neighbour, picking up litter, lending a hand at home or coming up with their own thoughtful way to make someone smile. Every act of kindness, big or small, counts! To take part, please email a photograph and a short description of your child's act of service by 4:00pm on **Tuesday 17th November**.

Together, let's honour Edward Betham's legacy by putting kindness, generosity and service to others at the heart of our school community.

TfL Explorer Ambassadors

Walk on Wednesdays

Congratulations to October's Active Travel champions – **2RJ** and **3EA**! Using active travel reduces the amount of harmful emissions into the atmosphere and helps pupils to arrive at school feeling refreshed, happy and ready to start their day.

Nursery	RKS	RSA	1MS	1RD	2RJ	2SP
77.9%	92.4%	88.6%	86.4%	95.4%	100%	93.1%
Change from Week 1: +4.0%	Change from Week 1: –3.0%	Change from Week 1: –11.4%	Change from Week 1: +22.1%	Change from Week 1: +13.3%	Change from Week 1: 0%	Change from Week 1: –1.6%

3EA	3EH	4AH	4JN	5AI	5MO	6AD	6AG
98.8%	94.8%	96.5%	97.7%	82.6%	91.0%	90.0%	84.6%
Change from Week 1: +17.3%	Change from Week 1: –1.5%	Change from Week 1: +10.3%	Change from Week 1: +14.4%	Change from Week 1: +2.6%	Change from Week 1: –0.3%	Change from Week 1: +3.8%	Change from Week 1: –11.8%

Be bright, be seen

As mornings and evenings get darker, it is very important that drivers can see us. Wearing **brightly-coloured** and **fluorescent** clothing and accessories is best of all. This helps us to be seen better during the day and at night. If we cycle, we **must** have clean and working lights to use after dark:

- a **white** light at the front of the bike
- a red light at the back of the bike

We also need reflectors at the back of the bike, and on the front and back of each pedal.

Being bright is not the only way to stay safe on the roads. Whether it's night or day, always choose a well-lit route with safe places to cross and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

Questions of the week

?? What makes someone a hero?

?? If you could make a new school rule, what would it be?

Harvest Mass

A big thank you to 2RJ for their wonderful Harvest Mass presentation before the half term holiday. We are very proud of the children for their hard work and thoughtful contribution to this special celebration. We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated items for Ealing Foodbank. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to families in need in our local community.

Non-uniform day for Children in Need: PJ Day

Our School Councillors have chosen to **wear pyjamas** to support Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**. Children wishing to participate in this non-uniform day are asked to bring a coin (20p, 50p or £1) to put into the red bucket on their way into school. There will also be the option to donate through School Gateway.

Applying for Nursery/Reception in 2027

If your child is due to start school (Nursery or Reception class) in September 2027, you need to apply by **15th January**. Please contact our school office for an application pack and to book a place on one of our tours (9:45-10:30am):

Thursday 5th November Monday 9th November Tuesday 17th November Tuesday 1st December
Monday 7th December Thursday 7th January Monday 11th January Tuesday 12th January

Our Welcome video is available on our website.

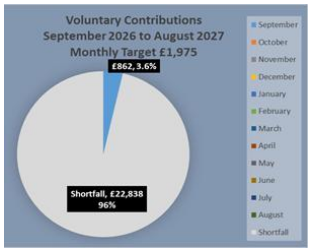
Phonics workshop: Reception and Year 1

A reminder to Reception parents/carers, and invited Year 1 parents/carers, that our Phonics workshop will take place on **Monday 9th November**, 5:30-6:15pm in the Infant Hall. The workshop will provide an overview of phonics, how it supports early reading and writing, and practical ideas and resources to help support your child's learning at home. If you have not already done so, please log in to School Gateway to confirm your attendance, as outlined in the email invitation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Remembrance

We will mark Remembrance Day and take time to remember and pray for those who have lost their lives in conflict at our Junior Mass on **Friday 6th November** (9:10am, Holy Cross New Church). Pupils from Year 6 will be leading worship. As with all school masses, filming and photography are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation. Family and friends joining us for these acts of worship are requested not to stand around the sides of the church, but to use allocated seating and keep all aisles and fire exits clear.

The Governors' School Maintenance Fund



Thank you to all families who support our School Maintenance Fund. As a Voluntary Aided school Edward Betham must contribute at least 10% towards capital and premises works. Your donations help fund essential improvements, including classroom refurbishments, heating, roofing and outdoor facilities.

Our 2026–27 target is £23,700, based on a suggested voluntary contribution of £60 per child (£5 per month). As of 30th September, we have raised £862 (3.6%).Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

Ways to donate:

- Standing Order: Download a form or contact the School Office.
- School Gateway: Eleven monthly payments of £5.50.
- Cash or Cheque: Send to the School Office, labelled with your child's name and class.
- SumUp QR Code: Donate quickly and easily.

Account Name: Edward Betham School Governors Account
Account Sort Code: 30-92-82
Account Number: 02172501

Gift Aid adds 25p to every £1 donated by eligible UK taxpayers, at no extra cost. Forms are available from the School Office or School Gateway.

Thank you for helping us maintain and improve Edward Betham for current and future pupils.

The Edward Betham Governing Board

Have you missed a letter?

Letters/emails sent week beginning 19th October

St Patrick's House - House Captain opportunity: Year 6
Infant Mass, 23.10.26 - helpers needed
First Aid Club cancellation - 19.10.26: Year 6
Choir Club - Autumn (2), first session: Year 6
Outing to the Roald Dahl Museum - reminder: Year 4
EBFA Pre-Loved Uniform sale - postponed to 06.11.26
Junior Mass: 06.11.26 - parent helpers needed
New Age Kurling competition - 06.11.26: selected pupils
ISS menu - Autumn/Winter, starting 02.11.26
Year 6 Remembrance Mass: selected pupils
Kids eat free (or for £1)
Tote Bag Club - Autumn (2), first session: Year 6
Isle of Wight and SATS meeting - 11.11.26: Year 6
Outing to Gunnersbury Park Museum - reminder: Year 4
5AI prayer group: 06.11.26
Multisport Club - Autumn (2), first session: Years 1 and 2
Enrichment outing 04.11.26 (selected pupils)
Applying for high school - deadline 31st October: Year 6