



Bentilee Nursery School,  
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## **JANUARY 2026      HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

**We are back to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Dear Parents of children who attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning- Group 1**

We hope you have all had a good holiday break. We look forward to getting to know you better this term and we are looking forward to teaching your child many more new things.

Thank you for all your support over the Christmas period. It was much appreciated.

We are delighted to be welcoming more new 2 and 3 year olds this term.

**The 3 & 4 will be loosely basing their learning around FOOD and the unique child's interests.** It is one the children always love because they can talk about the food they eat at home and at school. It also involves lots of tasting, touching and smelling. Thank you for remembering to bring in some fruit each week. It helps us to promote healthy eating.

The 3s and 4s will have a book gifting session with librarian Janet Eardley on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm. Parents are invited and given information about joining the library.

**The 2 yr olds will be basing their learning around the unique child's interests, so we will be excited to see what topics the children take us to!**

Thank you for bringing the **50p school fund each week**. It will help us buy sundries related to the topic.

**Breakfast is available each morning for 25p a day**, in the classroom as your child arrives.

**Fees increase- £25 for half a day (3 hours)      £50 a day (9-3pm) plus dinner money and snack money per day.**

**Dates to remember:-**

**First part of the week break up on Wednesday 11th February 2026.**

**Children return to school on Monday 23rd February 2026.**

**Full time children break up Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and return Monday 23rd February 2026**



### **Homework**

Keep encouraging your child with the homework. Let your child have a go at it themselves. It does not have to be perfect. Thank you.

### **Library Books/ Reading books**

Just a reminder that we change children's reading books weekly- please bring your books back to school on a Monday to be changed and given back on a Wednesday. Book bags can be bought for £5.00 from the office. Second hand are £2.00

The staff are here for you and your child. Please feel free to talk to any of us at any time.

### **Your comments / support**

Thank you for all your comments about the school through questionnaires.

**Miss Juliet Levingstone Head teacher MA Primary Education**

### Spring Term One- 3 & 4 yr olds

During the first half term, children will be learning about the different sounds that they can make with their body and the sounds around them in the environment.

Each key person will also be working with your child daily. The children will be exploring numbers visually around them 1-3, with an introduction to the properties of shape.



**Please can you help your child to work on these areas at home.**

We continue to introduce and revisit prior learning to all children.

Week No	Loose Topic focus/ unique child's interests	phonics	Younger children and new starters	Focus Rhyme- Nick Sharratt	Nursery Rhyme	Maths focus to
1	Child led	Body percussion	Time to listen	at	10 fat sausages	Comparing quantities
2	What food do we eat?	Voice sounds	Time to listen	at	Pat a cake	Comparing quantities Number 1
3	Food tasting	Voice sounds	Time to listen	og	5 Currant Buns	Position and direction  Number 2
4	Where does our food come from?	Voice sounds	Time to listen	og	Little Miss Muffett	Position and direction 2 subitising
5	Healthy/ unhealthy food	Voice sounds	Time to listen	en	The Muffin Man	triangle
6	Taste buds	Rhythm and rhyme	Time to listen	en	Bananas of the world unite	No 3 subitising Environmental patterns

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**We are back to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Dear Parents of children who attend Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday-Group 2**

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