

Bantaskin Blether



13th February
2025

Dates for your diary!

- *Friday 14th and Monday 17th Feb – school holiday
- *Tuesday 18th Feb– staff development day (children off)
- *Thursday 6th March (@2:30) – Open Doors Event (in classrooms)
- *Tues 11th /Thurs 13th March – Parents Consultations
- (Travelling Book Fair will be on those evenings too)**
- *Thursday 3rd April – Start of Easter holidays (last day of term for children)
- *Friday 4th April– staff development day (children off)
- *First day back – Tuesday 22nd April
- *Monday 5th May – Bank holiday Monday, school holiday
- * Saturday 31st May Spring Fair
- * Friday 27th June – last day of term

Valentines Disco

Many thanks once again to the amazing volunteers who prepare, organise and run the discos for the children of Bantaskin! We all greatly appreciate the time that you give to making these events happen for the children.

These events also act as fundraisers for the school – vital events to help fund aspects of school life.

School playground

We mentioned recently that we are needing to raise significant sums of money to repair and change our playgrounds. The Parent Council has started a "justgiving" page as part of the fundraising effort. When you log on to "[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)" search for Bantaskin Primary School Playpark – for any donations. Also, if any know of any companies that may wish to sponsor aspects or be involved please let us know.

Ready
Respectful
Kind
Safe

Pantomime 2025

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our question regarding the pantomime for 2025. It garnered the most family responses we've ever received with 140 families responding. The response was definitive with 99% of families saying they believed we should still continue to provide these opportunities – with many families commenting that more cultural and 'arts' type experiences should be sought.

We will now make arrangements for tickets and buses and commence a payment plan shortly. As always if you are concerned about this payment please speak to us.

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Head lice

A number of families have let us know recently that their children have had head lice. This has mainly been with younger children but we would strongly encourage everyone to be checking their child's hair and seeking treatment from the pharmacy should you find anything.

Celebrations this week.....

We were all pleased to see the publication of our HMle report this week. It highlighted many aspects of strong practice that exists in Bantaskin as well as supporting our self-evaluation of the aspects that we are seeking to continue improving.

Attendance and late coming

For most families this is not a concern and their children attend well and are in school on time. For a number of families we will be contacting you directly to see what help we can offer to ensure that your children are in school every day and are here on time. We thank everyone for their support with this.

Bantaskin Parent Council
Presents

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 31st May 2025
BANTASKIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
11am until 2pm

We currently have slots available for stall holders. If you have a business and want to bring it to the market, email us at the address below.

Stall enquiries bantaskinparentcouncil@yahoo.com

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



For persistent late coming - this can be the consequence!

8:55

Your child arrives in time
to meet friends and be
ready for the school day.

9:00

The school day starts.

9:02

Your child is now late for the
start of the school day.

9:05

5 minutes late means about 3
lost school days a year.

9:10

10 minutes late means about 5
lost school days a year.

9:15

15 minutes late means about
8 lost school days a year.