

## **Bentley & Copdock Federation Talent Show 23/06/2026**

I was honoured to be asked to act as a judge for the Talent Show. That feeling turned to concern when I saw the list of 31 entrants! The last time I sat as a judge the number of entrants was much smaller. This, to me, speaks volumes for the confidence that the staff are embedding in pupils, in accordance with the schools' vision. Seeing children I know to be somewhat shy, performing on a stage in front of a large audience of parents, staff and their peers confident and, with big smiles on their faces gave me an immense sense of pride in the schools, they were all amazing. All the children performed very well, either by performing in the competition or, with their lovely, enthusiastic singing to entertain us.

Judging the acts was incredibly difficult. Our panel of three judges marked each act a score out of ten for each of four categories; competence, creativity, preparation and entertainment, resulting in an overall score out of 40. We then found a quiet spot outside and compared our scores. As I'm sure you will appreciate, it was not an easy task to select the winners from the amazing performers however, with the overall scores given, focusing on the four marking categories, we made our decision. We would like to have given winners trophies to all the acts, however the trophies each act received were very well-earned as they were all winners for their personal achievements. The Federation certainly has talent in abundance. A big well done to all the performers and a big thank you to all the staff who made this very entertaining event possible.

Peter Drew,

Governor.

### Parent reflections...

Wow very talented children was a great show. Alana, I think definitely deserve first place and the old people lol. Also, I thought that little ballerina girl in the white dress did amazing. Very impressed with Winter being cohost I think it was definitely a great entertaining show, thank you for putting on this lovely event.

What a variety of amazing talents shown to all of us. Incredible bravery, I couldn't do it. You should all be so very proud of yourselves. Brilliant!

It was so lovely to see the children showing such confidence. The support not only from the other children but also from the parents truly reflects what a wonderful community both schools have created.

I loved Ms Shand and Winter's jokes hosting.

Ellie really enjoyed watching all of her peers perform. She enjoyed the talent show. She mentioned how brave Ophelia was and could relate to how scary that must feel. We discussed how we would love it if an award was created for her. Perhaps she did not receive the top 3 but a bravery award. The staff were fantastic. I mentioned to Mrs Robinson at the end how proud I am of Bentley for continuing to include ALL children. And again, supporting those who needed the extra push was amazing to see.

Ellie and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Super organised and narrated. Thank you to all!!!

Such courage to perform in front of everyone. I certainly couldn't do it. Lovely afternoon.

Absolutely fabulous afternoon. Loved it!

It was good, better than last year. I think Lucas should have won.

I thought the talent show was absolutely fantastic. Every child who took part should be incredibly proud of themselves. The talent on display was amazing, and it was clear how much hard work had gone into each performance. A special mention to the children who were feeling nervous—getting up on stage takes so much courage, and even if the nerves got to them a little, they still absolutely smashed it. Their determination, confidence and willingness to challenge themselves was inspiring to watch. It was a wonderful afternoon and a real credit to all the children involved. Well done everyone!

Well ... Amy is just delighted to come joint 2nd. Tonight we have discussed achievements and she is so proud of herself.

Having joint places was a lovely idea to give more children and acts the opportunity of a winning place. The whole talent show was brilliantly organised. Staff were

fantastic and the children all seemed very happy. Thank you for taking the time to organise this event and to recognise any children and their talents.

I didn't go to the show , but Eliza said she really enjoyed watching everyone and thought they all did really well. She had a really nice afternoon.

I thought it was nice that everyone who participated still got a trophy because we tried.

A lovely event which showed how caring, confident and talented all of the children are and how supportive and hardworking the teachers are.

All the children were very brave to get up in front of everyone. Well done to all the children for trying their best.

What a great afternoon, as always the event was incredibly well organised and ran smoothly. The involvement from all the teachers was brilliant, from Mrs Shand taking on the role of 'Ant and Dec', Miss Barton as the music maestro, and every member of staff who helped keep the children safe, supported and secure, especially on such a hot day. It was absolutely wonderful to be part of an event like this. The time, effort and dedication that goes into making these moments happen does not go unnoticed, especially at the end of a busy school year. We are incredibly lucky to have such a high level of involvement from the school and staff. I especially love how much the children are celebrated, encouraged and given opportunities to shine. Thank you for creating such memorable experiences for the children and families

I didn't attend but Arlo said it was really good fun

It was all amazing well done to everyone children and staff

The children have all shown such courage even getting on a stage to perform Infront of their peers and teachers never mind all of the extra parents and new faces they don't recognise. This event should be yearly not just to showcase new skills but to see progression in children that have already been before & to give the children who maybe didn't want to this year then opportunity next year so it doesn't feel so scary after seeing it today. Also, what a wonderful skill to be able to speak/dance/sing

or showcase your talent Infront of an audience. It will make for lovely, confident young adults. The children were absolutely amazing.

Bailey said he liked the singing and dancing.

I thought it was a great afternoon. So many talents. The staff and children worked so hard and you can tell everyone put so much effort into the show. I hope there will be another Bentley and Copdock talent show!

Bradley said he really enjoyed all of the acts. He liked Elias' BMX video the best