

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 14/11/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

We have had another great week in school with children very settled and working hard.

Remembrance Assembly:

Swans led a beautiful Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday and all children demonstrated our school value of Respect throughout. We were delighted that, despite the mid-morning timing, many families were able to join us.

Jewellery:

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school, other than one small pair of ear studs (removed for PE). This is for health and safety reasons, if children do come to school wearing jewellery staff will ask them to remove it and the item will be sent home in an envelope. Medical alert bracelets are permitted in line with agreed protocols with school. Thank you.

Anti-bullying week - Power for Good

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, in assembly we have talked about what bullying and crucially what it isn't. The children have been challenged to use their 'Power for Good' to prevent bullying through kindness and supporting others as well as speaking out.

Walk, Wheel & Cycle Trust:

On Monday the school are excited to welcome Walk Wheel and Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) to the school for the first time.

They are working with us on an exciting new Active Travel to School project funded by Cambridgeshire County Council.

They will be handing out FREE bike lights in the school playground to pupils arriving by bicycle or scooter, this will be followed by a 'Be Bright Be Seen' themed introductory assembly and also during the day Walk Wheel Cycle staff will be running a Dr Bike clinic, where they give pupils bikes an 'MOT' safety check and they will carry out any minor repairs and adjustments. Bikes should be left in the normal place. If you don't wish to have your child's bike checked, please attach a note to that effect to the handlebars.

What a great opportunity!

Thank you to Ms Millican and School Council for arranging our Children In Need Day activities, we have raised **£88.17**.

Class of the week: Doves- For being positive role models and staying on task.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes - Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Does it really matter if my child is 3 minutes late each day?

Learning starts the minute your child walks through the classroom door, here's what they miss if they are late:

Robins class start each day practicing their letter and number formation.

Doves class are focusing on handwriting practice, maths problems and phonics sounds.

Owls class are working on their spellings, times tables and grammar.

Swans class are solving maths problems, practicing their spellings and perfecting their grammar.

These activities start at 8.40am and last for 10 minutes each day; they prepare the children for the day ahead, recap the work from previous lessons and are the perfect opportunity to enhance their learning.

If a child is 3 minutes late each day, over a 7 week half term that's 1 hour and 45 minutes learning time lost, and nearly 2 days an academic year!

So, does it matter if your child is 3 minutes late each day?

Parenting in a digital world online

One of the programmes we use in school, Purple mash, have produced the attached parent guide to the online world our children are using and some really helpful advice. Please do take the time to have a read.

School Lunches

We've had another week of our new menu and what a hit. The children really enjoyed chilli con carne on Thursday, this is the first time we have had this at school. Puddings are always a hit and this week we've tried apple tea cake for the first time and a 'Grinch' iced sponge! The iced sponge was green; hence the 'Grinch' name the children gave it. It is actually made with peas (we didn't tell the children that) and it was delicious. The children have told Mr Taylor they will definitely be having 'Grinch' cake again!

Next week we've got pizzas, our amazing Wednesday roast and there's a sweet potato chocolate brownie! Make sure you order your child's favourite.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Thursday 27th November	EIFA Coffee & Cake 9am-11am.
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Nativity Performances 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.45pm
Monday 22nd December 2025- Friday 2nd January 2026 Christmas Holidays	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February Half Term	
Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March	Grafham Water Residential- Swans Class
Tuesday 10th March	YR & YR6 National Child Measurement

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August 2026 Summer Holidays	