

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 02/05/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

There has been advent calendar excitement this week, as the children have told me of the traditional and more unusual gifts inside their calendars and of the antics of some naughty elves on your shelves at home! Robins' class role play has been transformed into Santa's fireside and the children have been loving this, thank you to the staff who stayed late on Friday to complete this transformation!

There are lots of details below of our forthcoming Christmas activities, please do pop the details in your phone/wall calendars.

Class of the week: All classes have worked hard and behaved well, so this week I have awarded this to everyone!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

KS1 Nativity Performance

Our KS1 Nativity is being held on Tuesday 16th December. There will be performances at 9.15am and 2.15pm. We will not be restricting the number of attendees this year, however we do still need to abide by fire regulations and the capacity of the hall, therefore can we ask people to attend either one or the other performance and not both! Younger siblings are able to attend but please do sit towards the back with younger children, so everyone can hear the performance.

We will be holding a raffle at both performances, all the prizes have been donated and all money raised goes towards our trips fund that pays for visits like our panto trip. Please do support us where you can. Thank you.

KS2 Christmas Carols

KS2 Christmas Carols will be taking place on Thursday 18th December at 2.45pm in the Village Hall. Please do join us if you can. There will also be a tombola with all money raised going towards our panto trip.

Panto Trip

Our whole school panto trip is on Wednesday 17th December. The coaches need to leave at 8.45am, therefore we will open the gates at 8.30am. Please make sure children are here on time, in school uniform and you've ordered their school lunch if they have a school cooked lunch. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December is our Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to dress down and wear Christmas jumpers/dresses/trousers etc. We are asking for a £1 donation with all money going towards our panto trip.

Christmas Party Lunch

Instead of the traditional Christmas dinner we will be having a Christmas party lunch on Thursday 18th December were we will be serving the following:

* Pizza fingers

- * Sausage rolls
 - * Apples, oranges, carrot and cucumber crudites
 - * Cheese rolls
 - * Festive biscuit

Please order your child's Christmas party order on Aspens select. The children will be designing their own party hats in class for the occasion too.

Junior Travel Ambassadors

During the run up to Christmas, Mrs Hill and the JTAs will be running the 12 days of Christmas competition again starting on 8th December. They will be decorating the cycle shelter and would like to encourage more pupils to scoot and cycle when the weather permits. 1 prize spot prize per day!

If your child is lucky enough to have a sign placed on their bike or scooter, they will win a prize at the end of the day!

Please place the sign back up on our Christmas washing line to help us decorate the shelter!

Cycling in Winter Top Tips!

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/blogs/cycling-in-winter-uk-top-tips-cycling-safely-on-the-roads-in-winter/>

Don't forget to wear a helmet when cycling!

Park further away from school and walk, cycle or scooter in!

Don't forget to park responsibly to keep our pupils safe!

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached the December EIFA newsletter. there are some great Christmas activities to try, help and advice and details of how to contact Christylee. Enjoy!

School Dinners

Don't forget to order your child's lunch for next week and order their Christmas party lunch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Nativity Performances 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Party 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	Graham 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