

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 02/05/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Message from Mrs Talbot:**

We are hurtling towards the end of end of term, there's just one week to go. Cards and calendars are now in production in classes and our annual 'Santa dash' took place with all children having the opportunity to chase Santa (our sports coach) around a course - the children always love this. We are very much looking forward to our busy week of events next week, please do make notes of the events listed below for your diaries.

Class of the week: Owls - for super resilience in learning new tricky skills in their DT project

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### **Christmas Week**

There is a busy week ahead. Here are the main points you need to know.

**Tuesday 16th December**- KS1 Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm. Raffle at both performances.

**Wednesday 17th December**- Panto trip - All children here at 8.30am in school uniform.

**Thursday 18th December**- Christmas Jumper Day (Suggested £1 donation) Christmas tops/dress etc also fine, Christmas party lunch & KS2 carols 2.45pm. Tombola at this performance.

### **Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme**

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme will be running again during the Christmas holidays for children who receive benefit related free school meals. All the details are attached. If your child does not receive benefit related free school meals but you think you may qualify, please apply here. Even if you are not eligible now, if you become eligible in the future the team will be able to process your application. [https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply\\_for\\_Education\\_Welfare\\_Benefits](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Education_Welfare_Benefits)

### **Police School e-scooter information**

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non-authorised e-scooters on public roads are not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are unavailable to under 18-year-olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect and check driving licences.

We are seeing an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters and provide this information to safeguard the public. Private e-scooters are generally black with low level lighting with the rider standing still. This narrow silhouette makes you very difficult to be seen.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack experience, susceptible to peer pressure, carrying passengers and unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

We advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some minds, they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

Your support and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

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#### **Vaccination UK- Extra flu clinics information**

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community.

We have several community catch-up clinics available this weekend. Please use this link to book an appointment

#### [Vaccination UK Bedfordshire Immunisation](#)

If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call our office on 01480 275422, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

#### **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
Friday 13th February	Valentine Cake Sale
Friday 13th February	Valentine Dress Down Day
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February Half Term	

Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March	Graham Water Residential- Swans Class
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	YR & YR6 National Child Measurement
Tuesday 17th March	YR1 Literacy Festival
Wednesday 18th March	Global Recycling Day
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14th April	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 15th April	Parents Meetings
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