

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 16/01/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

Another week has flown by and the children have been fantastic; it is getting harder and harder to choose a class of the week - what a great problem to have!

This week we have had a 'walk through' of our evacuation procedure, one of our safety routines alongside things such as fire drills. This involves us returning to the school building, if we are outside, for safety reasons such as smoke, an unexpected animal in the grounds or an intruder. This is all done very calmly and we are proud of the children for their sensible attitude.

We have been able to offer some additional clubs this half-term as teachers have volunteered their free time to run these after school. As these are enrichment clubs, our procedure is to ask children if they would like to attend and then send a form home to parents/carers of those who do. More clubs, aimed at KS1, will be on offer after half-term.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Talbot- Headteacher*

### School Office Coverage

From 26th January, for 2 weeks I will not be in the office. I have got to have my tonsils removed and have a 2-week recovery period. Mrs Hill and Mrs Talbot will be covering the office, alongside their normal duties, so please be aware that things may not be responded to as quickly as usual.

### Term dates 2026-2027

Please find attached the term dates for 2026-27. These can also be found on our website.

### Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Our EIFA, Christylee will be running an online drop-in clinic for parents on Wednesday 28th January. There are 4 appointments available, the links to book are attached. There are also online workshops available to book in January and February, all the details are attached. Please do book onto these if they are relevant for your family. They are all free and confidential.

### School Dinners

Don't forget to order your child's school dinner for next week. Given my upcoming absence from the office please make sure your child's lunch order has been updated for each day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### Important Dates:

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	Grafham 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
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 2nd September	Term starts
Friday 23rd October	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February	Half Term
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th June	Half Term
Wednesday 21st July	INSET DAY- No children in school

Thursday 22nd July- Tuesday 31st August      Summer Holidays