

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 23/01/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

This school year, staff have undertaken substantial training in a project called 'Emotions for Learning'. This supports our whole school approach to behaviour and relationships and aims to help all children develop essential social and emotional skills. I know some children have been talking to parents about 'stillings' and 'compliments' and so I have produced a Parent Information Summary of Emotions for Learning and this is attached to this email.

Library Books - we are so lucky to have a well-stocked library and the children really enjoy choosing books from here. We understand that books will get lost or damaged from time to time and ask if this happens that you replace the books so that we can keep our library in good condition. We always send reminders when books are due back and then an invoice for the cost of the books or asking for a replacement if after 3 reminders the book has not been returned. We thank you for your co-operation in this.

Late arrivals - if for any reason you need to drop off your child once the gates are closed, please do accompany the child into the school and speak a member of staff - thank you.

We wish Mrs Barton well as she has her tonsils removed and recovers over the forthcoming fortnight; please remember we will be short staffed during this time and may not answer the gate buzzer, emails or phone calls as quickly - please do bear with us.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Talbot- Headteacher*

### 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

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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