

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 06/02/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

What an awful week of weather! However, this hasn't dampened the children's spirits who have all been working really hard this week. The 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Mary Anning - Fossil Hunter, Egypt and the Nile and Hindu Gods have been just some of the subjects of learning taking place across the school this week.

In assembly on a Friday we celebrate the achievements of two children from each class, recognise external achievements in areas such as swimming, gymnastics and show jumping, celebrate birthdays and award the Class of the Week cup. This week I have awarded the kindness cup to Charlie in Swans for always showing kindness and politeness to everyone in the school-well done! The Class Cup was awarded to Swans for effort and focus in learning!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Talbot- Headteacher

Parents of Children on the SEND Register:

APDRs

Each term, teachers complete individual plans for children identified as having Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, these are known as APDRs (Assess, Plan, Do, Review). It is a "needs-led" response, meaning it is tailored to the individual child, ensuring that support is based on their specific, evolving requirements.

The school gathers information to understand your child's barriers to learning, strengths, and needs, sometimes external professionals' input (like a speech therapist, specialist teacher or psychologist) is used to support the plan. A small number of specific, measurable outcomes (SMART targets) are set along with how these will be addressed.

Your child's most recent plan is being sent home today in an envelope. Our next parents' evening, where this plan can be reviewed with you and new targets discussed, will be in April. However, if you have any questions about the plan before then, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Valentine Cake Sale & Dress Down Day

On Friday 13th February we will be holding a Valentines cake sale and dress down day. Children are invited to wear clothing that is red, pink or with hearts on for a £1 donation. At breaktime children will be able to purchase a Valentine's cake and drink for £1.

All money raised from this event is going towards purchasing an Arbour Seat that we would like for the playground for children to sit on when they would like some quiet time and want to feel cosy. We have found one suitable online, link below, please do have a look. We need to raise £389.99. Thank you for your help.

Arbour Cosy Seat

https://www.robertdyas.co.uk/churnet-valley-cottage-arbour-3-seat?cq_src=google_ads&cq_cmp=22794359013&cq_term=&cq_plac=&cq_net=x&cq_plt=gp&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22800211424&gbraid=0AAAAACf0mw20KI41WkyeXTKwQ72SdaaMd&gclid=CjwKCAiAs4HMBhBJEiwACrFNZebNPE93cJbwClgbWs_5TbIqYkIK0-0_4ftaXzDmYpuYx5hB7jCaxhoCK7EQAvD_BwE

Parking

We've had more reports of inconsiderate parking, specifically down Cambridge Row. Please be mindful of our neighbours on Cambridge Row and the other streets locally and do not park across gateways and on the junctions. We are aware that the police have been informed.

Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme will be running again during February half term 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

Stronger Together SEND Support Group

Did you know that Ormiston Families run 'Stronger Together' SEN support groups for parents/ carers with children who have additional needs and disabilities. The groups meet monthly, no diagnoses is required and there are groups in March, Chatteris and Whittlesey. All the information is attached.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Lots of drop-in clinics and workshops available during half term. Please do make use of them. We've got a coffee morning coming up after half term too. Please look out for more details next week.

School Dinners

Don't forget to order you child's school dinner for next week.

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