

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 13/02/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

This half-term break marks the half-way point of the school year. The children and staff have all worked hard and we are proud of them, they deserve their week off and a rest!

The Class Cup was awarded to Doves for consistent effort and hard work!

Have a lovely half-term,

Mrs Talbot- Headteacher

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and as a school we took part in different activities starting with a whole school assembly on Monday to introduce this year's theme of 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

In KS2, the children watched the BBC Internet Safety Day Live Lesson on Tuesday morning which focused on using technology safely and responsibly. They also learned about using digital technologies to search, access and retrieve information and understand that not all of the information is accurate as well as knowing when and where to ask for help.

Doves looked at how AI can be used in the classroom and at home. They also learned about the importance of gaming online safely, including asking for help.

Robins learnt a song about online safety with Buddy the dog. They also used well known fairy tales to discuss the importance of staying safe online.

Swans class have had a whole week of activities linked to Digital Kindness. This has included designing posters, poetry, a quiz and watching the film which Twenty20 Productions put together of their news reports filmed in the Autumn Term.

Visit the UK Safer Internet Centre website for up-to-date information on helping to keep children and young people safe online.

Ms Millican- Deputy Headteacher & Online Safety Safeguarding Lead

Valentine Cake Sale & Dress Down Day

The school has been awash with pink, red and hearts today. The children (and staff) also enjoyed a Valentine's cupcake and drink at break time. Thank you for all your support. I am pleased to say that we have raised £210.00 for our Arbour cosy seat. Just £179.99 to go.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children will be invited to wear a costume of their favourite book character or a pair of clean pyjamas, ready for a bedtime story. More details will follow after half time.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

After the success of our first EIFA coffee morning I am pleased to advise that Christylee will be holding another on Thursday 26th February. The coffee morning will be held in the Rainbow room in the village hall. No appointment necessary. Just pop in between 9am and 11am and have a chat. The EIFA newsletter for February is also attached.

Chatteris Library Events

This half term Chatteris library are running some music-based workshops. All the details are attached.

School Dinners

Don't forget to order you child's school lunches for after half term. Coming up after half term will be our World Book Day inspired menu on Thursday 5th March. We've also got a St George's day special menu for April. Do look out for these.

Enjoy half term. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23rd February.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February Half Term

Tuesday 24th February	Owls Junior Naturalist parent showcase 2.45pm
Thursday 26th February	EIFA Coffee morning 9am-11am
Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March	Grafham Water Residential- Swans Class
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	YR & YR6 National Child Measurement
Friday 13th March	Fitzwilliam Museum Visit- Owls Class
Tuesday 17th March	YR1 Literacy Festival
Tuesday 17th March	Film Night
Wednesday 18th March	Global Recycling Day
Wednesday 18th March	Mental Health Team Parent Session: Sleep
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Monday 23rd March	Easter plate competition deadline
Thursday 26th March	Big Sing- Owls & Swans Classes
Friday 27th March	Easter Cake Sale & Dress Down Day
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