

Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

How lovely it has been to see some sunshine this week! The children have really made the most of it and have really enjoyed their lunch and playtimes without needing a coat! We can see some of our bulbs poking through in our raised beds and the primroses are in full bloom too!

It's been a super week of learning - Robins class have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week and have been tasting Chinese food, I was lucky enough to pop in just at the right time and enjoyed a spring roll - thank you Robins Team. Doves class have been working hard on their letter writing skills and have produced some great results. Owls class had the second of their fantastic Junior Naturalist Workshop Days which ended with a showcase to parents. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning; thank you to everyone who was able to come. Swans children really impressed me this week with their script writing for a science video 'voiceover' explaining why we have day and night - some real personalities showed through as well as excellent scientific knowledge.

Just a reminder, please DO NOT park in our car park, for health and safety reasons, unless you have an agreement in place with school.

Huge Congratulations, and thanks, to Freddie Martins from Robins, who over half-term took part in a sponsored walk to raise money towards the Arbour seat we would like for the children in the playground. He set a target of £100 on his JustGiving page and has smashed this by more than doubling it. Well done Freddie, we now have enough to order the seat and will just need a willing volunteer to build it for us when the flat pack arrives!

The Class Cup was awarded to Owls for excellent engagement in the Junior Naturalist workshops, 20Twenty productions have been so impressed with the learning and engagement and always praise the spirit and behaviour of our children - well done!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Talbot- Headteacher

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children are invited to wear a costume of their favourite book character or a pair of clean pyjamas. We will also be celebrating with a special World book day menu, which is attached and children will also be bringing home their £1 book token that can be redeemed at a number of retailers.

Owls Class - Learn to Ride:

We have a free 'learn to Ride' workshop day booked for Y3&4 children who have a bike at home but cannot yet confidently ride it unassisted. Please let us know if this describes your child and we will put

their name down for this workshop happening on 11 March. Names need to be given to the office by Friday 6th March please. (Your child's bike would need to be brought to school on the day of 11th March along with their safety helmet).

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

We had a lovely EIFA coffee morning again this week, thank you to those that attended. I hope you found it helpful and supportive.

Also attached is information about free parent courses available in conjunction with the NHS. A copy can also be found in the parent information board for easy QR code scanning access.

School Dinners

Next week we will be enjoying our World Book Day inspired menu on Thursday 5th March. The menu is attached or maybe you have spotted it near the parent information board!

Don't forget we will be in a new month on Monday so please check you have ordered next month's dinners!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

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