

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 06/03/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been an action-packed week of learning with the highlight for most classes being World Book Day; the costumes were fantastic and the children enjoyed a range of activities as well as a book quiz in a brilliant assembly led by Miss Wakefield.

Children from Swans class have had the most amazing 3 days at Grafham Water this week; canoeing, climbing, bushcraft, pioneering, high ropes, low ropes and archery to name just some of the activities! The children have demonstrated teamwork and resilience and discovered some new skills and talents and we are very proud of them. I would like to thank the 3 members of staff who accompanied them, Ms Millican, Mrs Kelso and Miss Hounsell, for giving up their own free time (and sleep!), to make this happen - it really does go above and beyond.....! I am sure both staff and children will spend much of the weekend ahead sleeping to recover from their adventures!

It's been impossible to differentiate between the classes for the class of the week cup, therefore it has been awarded to all classes who will enjoy their reward of an additional playtime next week.

Have a super weekend,
Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot- Headteacher

Learn to Ride:

We have an opportunity for a learn to ride session for Year 2 pupils who cannot yet ride a bike without stabilisers. The first of these is on Wednesday 11th March. If you would be interested in your child taking part, please let the school office know by Monday morning as places are limited.

Sleep Information session:

We know sleep difficulties in children are a concern for many parents. We have arranged an information session with Jessica from the local NHS wellbeing team on: Wednesday 18th March Time: 2-3pm
Location: Benwick Primary School. Please see the attached information sheet. For this event to run, we do need between 6-8 parents to sign up. If you are interested, please let the school office know by Wednesday 11th March.

2020 Productions

Looking for Easter activities for your child. 2020 Productions have workshops running and they are free if your child received benefit related free school meals. All the information attached.

Community Litter Pick

Benwick Street Pride are running a litter pick this weekend along the river between the two bridges and tidying up the old church yard. Saturday 7th March 10am-12pm. If your child is in Owls class this could help them achieve their Silver award for the Junior Naturalist programme and, for any other families, what a lovely thing to do to help our community. Don't forget to send in your dojo pictures, especially as we get closer to Global Recycling Day, when we will be running special workshops in school for all children!

School Dinners

Looking forward we will have a new menu starting after Easter. It will still have our Benwick favourites but we always like to ask the children what they would like to try new. We've put 3 new options to them:

- * Lemon chicken noodles
- * Chicken fajitas
- * Jerk chicken wraps

As parents which one would you like to see on the new menu, we'd love to hear your thoughts, complete the survey here: [New Menu Options – Fill in form](#)

Don't forget your orders for next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

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