

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 20/03/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been a lovely week in school, the weather has certainly helped! Our Arbour seat has arrived and has been built thanks to two very kind Dads! It has certainly already been very popular with children who have enjoyed sitting in it in the sunshine!

Year 1 loved their visit to the Literacy Festival this week and I very much enjoyed the company of Year 2, who I taught for the morning- undertaking our own literacy activities. The children's favourite was the adjective treasure hunt!

Time has flown by and Mrs Nicholson-Smith is returning from her Maternity leave next week and we look forward to welcoming her back. Parents with a child on our SEND register can book an appointment with Mrs Nicholson-Smith, if required, at the forthcoming parent's meetings after Easter in addition to an appointment with the class teacher (please make sure you choose different times on the same day).

This week has been assessment week and we have been impressed with the children's attitudes in undertaking these tests. It is important we are able to find out what children can do independently so that we make sure that we fill gaps and teach what is needed in key skills such as reading writing and maths.

Class of the week: Swans - for excellent attitudes!

Have a super weekend,  
Best wishes,

*Mrs Talbot- Headteacher*

### Comic Relief

It's been wonderful to see all the children and staff dressed in red today, raising money for Comic Relief. I am pleased to say we have raised £117.00 Thank you.

### Easter Cake and Dress Down

Friday 27th March we will be having another of our very popular cake sales and dress down day, all for a donation of £2. We will be serving chocolate cake and juice at break time. Please make sure dress down is weather appropriate, no sandals or crop tops. Thank you.

### Road Closures

Don't forget the road closures on Ramsey Road and Floods Ferry Road start next week. We understand these are full road closures. Please plan your routes and allow extra travelling time.

### Parents Meetings

Parents meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April, directly after the Easter holidays. Booking opens for parents' meetings this Saturday, 21st March at 10am. Booking closes on Thursday 26th March at 2pm. Parents meetings are booked on the e-schools website. If you have

problems logging in please contact the school office and I can reset your password. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and hear about their progress and achievements.

### Unnamed Uniform

We quite literally have a mountain of unnamed lost property. There are 42 unnamed jumpers/fleeces. When uniform is named, we can return it, but without a name it is an impossible task. **Please, Please, Please** name your child's uniform. Weather permitting, we will be putting these lost items out for parents to look through at school pick up time, otherwise at the end of next week they will be going in the clothes recycling bin.

### Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Friday 27th March on the playground after school. With summer approaching (hopefully) it is the ideal time to stock up on summer uniform.

### Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme will be running again during the Easter holidays for children who receive benefit related free school meals. All the details are attached. Cambridgeshire are one of only a few counties still running this scheme and have found additional funding to be able to do this, however the value of the vouchers has decreased a little because of this. 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](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Education_Welfare_Benefits)

### School Lunches

I am really excited to share our new menus with you which will start after Easter. There are lots of the children's current favourites including the Benwick Brunch but also a brand new option voted on by the children and parents. After a very close result I am pleased to say we will be introducing a Jerk chicken wrap to the menu. Look out for it on Thursday in week 1.

Don't forget to order your child's lunch for the final week on this menu.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### Important Dates:

Thursday 26th March	Big Sing- Owls & Swans Classes
Friday 27th March	Easter Cake Sale & Dress Down Day
Friday 27th March	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
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 11th -Friday 15th May	YR6 SATs week
Friday 22nd May	Sports Day- Weather Permitting
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half Term

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June	YR6- Abbey College Transition Day
Wednesday 1st July	YR6- Cromwell College Transition Day
Tuesday 7th July	YR6- Cromwell College Transition Day
Thursday 9th July	YR6- Cromwell College Transition Day
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