

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 18/09/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been another lovely week; I've been so impressed with how every class has really settled in to their learning and all children are trying their best. We don't ask for a lot of homework to be completed at home, however we do ask that number facts/Times Tables and spellings are practised regularly and reading takes place at home most nights. Please fill in your child's reading diary even if they are an independent reader, reading aloud to an adult and discussing the book has real benefits at every age. There are incentives in place across the school for the number of 'reads at home' and we use the reading diary to count these. Thank you.

Its school photos on Monday morning, please ensure your child is in full uniform with brightest smiles ready and our school photographer will do his best to capture great shots!

Allergies: We are updating our allergy and medical procedures in line with new laws. Mrs Nicholson-Smith has been in touch with all parents with a child on our records with an allergy, eczema or asthma. If you have not spoken to, or had a message from, Mrs Nicholson-Smith this may mean that we do not have details on record of your child's allergy etc, please do contact the school office about this so that we are able to update our records.

Class of the week: Whilst it's been another tricky week to choose, Owls have pipped the other classes to the post with their excellent behaviours for learning - well done Owls!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Christmas Fundraising Designs

Today each child is coming home with a Christmas design. I can hear you all shouting 'But it's only September Mrs Barton!' These designs are part of our Christmas fundraising project where every order placed raises funds for the school. Each card has the access information and your child's unique code. Please make sure you spell your child's name correctly and choose their correct class! All orders need to be placed by 28th September. More information can be found on the separate email that has come out earlier today or follow the card instructions and please, please, please get ordering. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Does your household receive Universal credit, if it does, regardless of income your child may be entitled to free school meals.

There will be two types of Free School Meals:

Targeted Free School Meals – for families under current £7,400 income threshold.

This also helps schools receive extra funding (Pupil Premium).

Expanded Free School Meals – for families receiving Universal Credit above the threshold. Children will still receive a free meal, but schools will not receive additional funding.

All parents should apply using the online form via website.
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

School Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is one of the most important parts of our job at Benwick Primary School. All staff receive 'Keeping children safe in education' training annually. In addition, the Safeguarding team receive enhanced training.

Our school safeguarding team are:

Mrs Talbot- Designated teacher for looked after children & Prevent lead
Ms Millican- Online Safety Lead
Mrs Barton- Domestic Abuse Lead.

You can report safeguarding concerns to us during the school day, or alternatively if you would like to make a safeguarding referral directly, you can contact Children's Social Care Customer Services Centre: 0345 045 5203.

Illnesses

If your child is not going to be in school because of an illness please notify us by 9am. You can call and leave a message on our absence line, Tel: 01354 677266 option 1 or email office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk.

If your child has been off school due to diarrhoea and vomiting, we have a 48-hour policy. This means children are not allowed to attend school until they have been clear of diarrhoea and/or vomiting for 48 hours. We have this in place to hopefully prevent the spread to other children, their families and staff. Thank you.

Premier Sports After School Clubs

Premier Sports clubs started this week, but don't worry, you can still book your child on for next week. Booking link here: [https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=PE15%200XA&distance=0.2&distance=0.2&type\[\]=ExC](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=PE15%200XA&distance=0.2&distance=0.2&type[]=ExC)

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's meals for next week, here's some of the highlights:

Monday- Chicken curry
Tuesday- Benwick Brunch- This is the school favourite
Wednesday- Roast Wednesday, this week serving chicken
Thursday- Mac n Cheese
Friday- It's Fish Friday, yay!

Top tip- When you order a meal, you also need to go through the 'checkout'. This is still catching some people out!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 21st September	School Photos
Wednesday 22nd- Thursday 23rd September	Reception Balanceability Bikes
Tuesday 13th October	Share & Shire- Owls 2.45pm

Wednesday 14th October	Share & Shine- Swans 2.45pm
Thursday 15th October	Share & Shine- Robins & Doves 2.45pm
Monday 19th- Thursday 22nd October	Swans Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Meetings
Friday 23rd October	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October	Half Term
Wednesday 4th November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 9.30am
Friday 13th November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 2pm
Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations
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