

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 25/09/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Spring Bulbs:

Many thanks for the donations of Spring bulbs, we now have enough to give each class so that every child will be able to plant a bulb. Each class will be given an area to plant in, so they will be able to look out for emerging signs of life again in the Spring.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement:

You will be aware that Child Protection and Safeguarding is a core duty of all schools and as such we are required to inform you of our Child Protection and Safeguarding statement, this is attached to this email.

Phonics & Early Reading Meeting for Reception Parents:

Miss Wakefield (Phonics & English Lead) will be running a Phonics and Early Reading information meeting aimed at Reception parents on **Thursday 1st October at 2.45pm**. Come and find out how we teach reading and what you can do to support your child at home with this. Any Year 1 parents/carers who missed this last year or who would like a refresher are welcome to attend too. Class of the week: Doves class have demonstrated some excellent behaviours for learning this week and have won the cup - well done!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Christmas Fundraising Designs

Exciting news- Our deadline has been extended. You now have until the 7th October to place your child's artwork order.

School Photos

School photos have come home today. Please check your child's bag or bookbag. All orders should be returned to school by Monday 5th October.

Our School Day

Our school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am are recorded as late. If your child arrives after 8.55am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child has a medical appointment, please complete the leave of absence form located in the office, or available on our website. This should be submitted in advance, along with a copy of the medical appointment text/email/letter. Please arrange routine dental, doctors etc. appointment outside of school hours. Children are expected to attend school the day of the appointment around the appointment.

Free School Meals

Not sure if you should apply for free school meals, here's some of the most popular questions asked.

Would my child receive free school meals?

Your child would qualify for FSM if your household receives Universal Credit. Under the rules starting in the 2026/2027 academic year, all school-aged children in households receiving Universal Credit are entitled to meals.

How do I apply?

You can use the link here: <https://eyes-parent-portal.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>
the application is really quick.

Do I need to apply if my child already receives universal free school meals because they are in Reception, YR1 or YR2?

Yes- Children in Reception, YR1 and YR2 do automatically get universal free school meals but by registering our school may get extra funding.

Think siblings!

Please apply for all your children including those in Reception, YR1 and YR2, especially if their older siblings are entitled.

Please apply if your household receives universal credit. If you are not sure or need any help applying please pop into the office.

School Library

Our school has a fabulous library that every child visits on a weekly basis. The children are allowed to borrow a book for up to 2 weeks and then it should be returned. Please help us keep our library wonderful and full of lovely books by replacing any lost or damaged books. Thank you.

Balanceability

Sadly, our Balanceability training was cancelled this week due to the provider no longer receiving funding. There will also be no Level 1 bikeability (for year 3&4 children) later this year for the same reason. We know how much the children look forward to these training sessions and the essential skills they learn so we are busy trying to find an alternative provider and funding. We will keep you updated!

Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA)

Our school is supported by Christylee, an Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA). Christylee and the EIFA team regularly run courses helping you support your children, topics include:

- * Supporting your child with angry feelings
- * Managing behaviours that challenge
- * Supporting your child with sleep
- * Managing sibling rivalry
- * Digital safety/ Internet safety
- * Supporting your child with feelings of worry.

All the courses are online and I've attached the booking details. If you want more tailored support Christylee also offered one to one sessions. Please to use the courses, they do help!

School Lunches

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

Monday- Chicken wraps

Tuesday- Pizza day

Wednesday- Roast Wednesday, this week serving gammon

Thursday- Sausage and Mash- ** Favourite of the week**

Friday- It's Fish Friday.

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:

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
Tuesday 3rd 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