Benwick Primary School

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Benwick Briefing 22/10/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It has been the longest half-term of the school year, as Autumn 1 often is. 8 weeks in school has re-established routines and behaviours for learning and we have all been impressed with the wonderful work children have produced, which I am sure you observed too during the share and shine opportunities.

One of the areas we are focusing on as a school is basic skills (we call these foundational skills) such as handwriting, spelling, reading, counting and number facts. These skills are key for all learning to build upon. We are pleased with the children's renewed focus on spellings and working hard on these at home too, effort really does pay off and children have been telling us how it makes them feel good when they succeed. Thank you for supporting your child with this.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents meetings this week. We work hard on communication and are pleased to be able to offer you both a short report and a parent meeting in the first half-term.

Class of the week: All classes for their hard work and resilience this term!

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

School Photos

These have arrived and are coming home today. Please rescue them from your child's bag!

Relationship and Sex Education Consultation

In line with the new statutory guidelines for Relationships and Sex education, we are looking to gather pupil and parent voice on our RSE curriculum. We would therefore be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire as part of the consultation process, a QR code is attached. Thank you for your help.

Friends Association of Benwick Primary School (FABS)

I am pleased to announce we have a new parent, teacher, friends' association that has formed to help fundraise for the school. The first meeting of FABS took place on Monday evening this week and the process of officially setting up FABS is well underway. In the coming weeks a bank account will be established, along with a Facebook page, website and a new logo! A constitution is being put together and an AGM is being held on Friday 20th November at 7.30pm via teams. Everyone is welcome to join, the teams link is here: **Join:**
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3446164612234322?p=5PUnZy7xZPij8BPNJe

Meeting ID: 344 616 461 223 432 2

Passcode: ex7DM7VC

Look out for more information coming in the next few weeks including fundraising events for children and parents!

Looking for half term activity inspiration:
March Library: March library have sent us their autumn newsletter with activities taking place during half term and some lovely festive activities they are hosting during weekends in the run up to Christmas.

Premier Sports: Don't forget Premier Sports are offering their half term club running at Burrowmoor School in March with our sports coach, Imogen, and they are offering 15% discount to our school children.

Pumpkin Muffin Recipe: Last week our KS2 children took part in a food waste recycling workshop and made the most delicious pumpkin muffins. I am pleased to share the recipe with you, perhaps give it a try over half term and don't forget to share your pictures on class dojo!

Education Inclusion Family Advisor
Please find attached the November and December workshops being run by the EIFA team. All are online via teams, over the lunchtime period, lasting 1.5 hours and covering those day-to-day topics that can be so helpful. We get some great feedback about these courses and the EIFA team, they are a great listening ear or provide some great advice.

Way2Go Newsletter
Attached is the Cambridgeshire County Council's road safety team newsletter. Lots of helpful information in this edition, including the Be Bright, Be Seen campaign we have been celebrating today.

School Lunches
We have a new menu starting after half term, which I have attached for you to look at and discuss with your children and most importantly, don't forget to order for our first day back. There will be a special Firework Feast on Thursday 5th November, menu attached.

Also, our catering provided wanted to share with you a guide from Money Saving Central listing restaurants, cafes, and pubs across the UK offering **"Kids Eat Free (or for £1)"** deals during October 2026. Hopefully this will help families save a bit of money while dining out over half term. All the details are attached.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

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
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly- Lead by Swans class
Friday 13th November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 2pm
Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 Nativity Performances 9.15am & 2.15pm TBC

Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper
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