Benwick Primary School

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Benwick Briefing 06/11/2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:
We have had a lovely start to the second half-term and its certainly feeling very Autumnal now.
The children have enjoyed a range of seasonal activities from learning about Bonfire Night and the link to Democracy and the Rule of Law within Modern British Values (our assembly theme for this term), planting spring bulbs and making pizza pinwheels, along with a great range of other fantastic learning experiences!

Thank you for your support with the Poppy Appeal, the children love to feel that they are contributing to this good cause. Don't forget Swans are leading an assembly on Wednesday at 10.45 if you are able to come, more details below.

Class of the week: It's been another tricky decision; however, **Robins** have been demonstrating some wonderful behaviours for learning this week and have pipped the other classes to the post!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Children in Need 2026
This year's Children in Need is Friday 13th November. The school council have been looking at ideas for how we can help with fundraising as well as fun things to do on the day. With a donation of £1, children can come to school wearing something spotty, yellow or any Children in Need accessories such as t-shirts, pyjamas and Pudsey ears. During the day, the children will take part in a photograph scavenger hunt with a Pudsey theme.

Friends Association of Benwick Primary School (FABS)
FABS 1st fundraising event is here, and it's one for the parents! Come join us on Friday 4th December at 7pm for a Christmas Wreath making evening, being held in the village hall. Please feel free to invite friends and family, all are welcome, and most importantly you will be raising funds for your child's school! Booking is easy, you can scan the QR code on the attached poster or by completing the form here: https://forms.gle/xHK8CTeswRdmaWPLA

Free NHS Flu Vaccinations at School
The flu vaccinations team will be in school on Thursday 19th November to provide free flu vaccines during the school day. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and reduce the spread of flu to family members and friends. Please complete the online consent form which has been emailed or texted to families this week. Even if you choose not to vaccinate your child, we ask that you complete the form so your decision can be recorded.

Remembrance Assembly and Poppy Appeal

Our Swan's class will be leading a remembrance assembly on Wednesday 11th November at 10.45am. If you would like to attend, please complete the form here: Remembrance Assembly – Fill in form by midday on Tuesday 10th November. On this occasion, please do not bring younger children.

We have poppies in school which are available for sale. We suggest a minimum donation of the following items:

Wristband/Snap band- £1
Poppy Keyrings- £1
Material bracelets- £1
Pencils- 50p
Traditional poppies- 50p

Premier Sports
New Premier Sports clubs starts next week, we are continuing with the football on a Tuesday and gymnastics on a Thursday. If your child would like to attend you can book here: https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=PE15%200XA&distance=0.2&distance=0.2

School Lunches
We have had a great start to our new menu, including a bonfire special lunch on Thursday which 86 children enjoyed. The highlights for next week include:
Monday: Noodles- Pork or vegetable
Tuesday: Pizza twists
Wednesday: Roast Pork
Thursday: Chicken Wraps
Friday- Fish Friday!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly- Lead by Swans class
Friday 13th November	Reception 2027 Parent Tour 2pm
Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 4th December	FABS Christmas Wreath Making Evening 7pm
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 Nativity Performances 9.15am & 2.15pm TBC
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Dress Down Day
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