

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 08/11/2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

I love welcoming everyone through the gate in the morning, but never as much as when everyone is dressed up! What a fantastic school of Rock Stars we have, thank you for making the effort, the smiles and laughter make everyone feels so good! More from Mrs Edmond about our Rock Stars day below....

We've had a great start to the new half term in class learning, Robins' learning has centred around the story of 'Owl Babies' this week and the children have really enjoyed re-telling the story. Doves have begun a new poetry unit, which is linked to their science and DT topics of materials. Owls have been investigating teeth in their science topic and Swans have enjoyed the start to their dance topic 'Dance by Chance' and have been choreographing routines to the count of 8.

Class of the week this week has been awarded to Swans for being phenomenally fantastic.

Building works - We have attached the Carter's newsletter to this briefing so you can see the progress of the new building, it's looking fabulous with windows and doors now in place! Over the half-term holidays a few more updates were made to the main building toilets, new stalls were fitted to the boys toilets and a privacy screen next to the urinals and the girls toilet doors were replaced in the correct colour as initially the incorrect colour was sent, this just about completes the works in the main building and it's all looking very smart indeed, as does the new staff carpark white-lining.

Mobile Phones - Just a reminder that children are not allowed mobile phones on site and that **in exceptional circumstances only**, agreed with Head or Deputy Head in advance, mobile phones would be stored turned off in the office cupboard until the end of the day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### TT Rockstar Launch

The TT Rockstars Launch got off to a great start with lots of fabulous costumes on display!! The launch has included a 'Battle of the Bands.' This is a competition between all the classes, which will run until next Friday when the winners will be announced in Friday's assembly. We are encouraging children to play TT Rockstars and Numbots (reception only) both inside school and at home as a fun way of learning simple maths skills and their timestables.

### Timings:

Start Date:	End Date:	Daily Open Times:	Daily minutes limit:
8th November 2024, 9.10	15th November 13:59	7am-8pm	120 mins

To run alongside this and to coincide with National Maths Week, I have entered our school into 'England Rocks.' This is a national competition run by TT Rockstars with the top three winning schools receiving Amazon Vouchers.

This competition will run from 12<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November between the hours of 7.30am – 7.30pm with a daily limit of 1 hour.

Good luck everyone! Have Fun!

### **Mental Health Coffee Morning**

Don't forget this Wednesday, 13th November, we are hosting a mental health coffee morning for parents/ carers who would like to know more about how to support your child's mental health. Meeting in the Village hall Rainbow room at 9am. Please do come join us if you can.

### **Children in Need**

Friday 15th November is Children in Need. We are having a non-uniform day with a theme of 'Wear something spotty'. Donations of £1 would be appreciated. Children can choose to wear anything which has spots and is of course suitable for school and the colder weather. (No crop tops or sandals please) Other Children in Need clothing such as T-Shirts and Pudsey ears is also acceptable.

### **Reception 2025**

Do you have a child that will be starting in Reception in September 2025? We will be hosting a school tour on Wednesday 13th November at 10am, giving you the opportunity to look round and meet the staff before you apply for your school place. The attached poster provides all the information including booking details.

### **Premier sports**

Don't forget you can book the Premier Sports after school activities here: [https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=Pe15%20XA&distance=0.2&distance=0.2&type\[\]=ExC](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/8566/?location=Pe15%20XA&distance=0.2&distance=0.2&type[]=ExC)

New clubs start next week.

### **Education Inclusion Family Advisor**

Please find attached the November newsletter from Martin and the EIFA team. Also attached are details of what Martin can assist with and how to contact him directly. If you would like an appointment with Martin but haven't contacted him directly please come see me in the office. I can let you know when Martin is in school offering his 'drop-in' sessions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### **Important Dates:**

Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am- All Welcome
Wednesday 13th November	Mental Health Coffee Morning 9am-10am
Wednesday 13th November	Reception 2025 School Tour
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Nativity Performance 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.30pm
Monday 23rd December- Monday 6th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school

Monday 17th- Friday 21st February 2025	Half Term
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs
Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holidays