

Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Week 3 has been another lovely week in school. My first task, after closing the playground gate every morning, is to visit each classroom to say good morning and check everyone is ok. I am so impressed at how quickly the children are settled and are already underway with their learning at 8.45am; that's why it is so important that children are here on time each day so that they can get this positive start with their classmates.

The children have voted for their Y1-6 school representatives this week in the spirit of the Modern British Value of Democracy. Congratulations to the successful candidates, who were able to articulate to their classes how they could represent their peers in working with Ms Millican and wider school stakeholders on school council priorities. Brand new shiny school council badges have been awarded in assembly this afternoon.

Class of the week: This is always a tricky decision as collectively all of our classes are fabulous every week, however I did explain to children that we would be watching very closely this week with high expectations. Ms Millican and I both selected **Doves** class this week for exemplary behaviour for learning, they have received the class cup and will enjoy an extra playtime next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

School Photos

School photos will be on Monday. We are looking forward to seeing children in their smartest uniforms. There will be individual photos, a whole school photo and Benwick School siblings' photos.

Safe Cycling

Please remind children of the importance of cycling safely. As a school we really encourage cycling, scooting and walking to school, but it must be done safely. We have reminded children of the importance of wearing a cycle helmet and riding single file as taught by Bikeability. Please encourage this at home too, it's for their safety!

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provides information, advice and support to parents, children and young people around special educational needs and disabilities throughout their educational journey. This includes health and social care when it is linked to education. They offer support to children, and young people aged 0 – 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, their families and carers, in line with the requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014.

They are a free, dedicated, confidential and impartial service with staff who are independently trained and qualified to deliver information, advice, and support on special educational needs and disability. More information is attached.

Free School Meals

Do you receive any of the following qualifying benefits

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 (provided you're not receiving Working Tax Credit, unless on a four week 'run-on' period where WTC is due to end)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400. Including self employed people.

If your child does not receive benefit related free school meals but you think you may be eligible you can apply here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

If you're not sure if you are eligible, you can still apply. The free school meal team will check your eligibility and whatever the outcome of your application, they will write to you to let you know. If your application is successful they will contact us directly to confirm your children's entitlement and the date that this commences.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's lunches for next week. Our Welcome back lunch was hugely popular, thank you for supporting us. Next, we've got a special 'lucky plate' and favourite menu for Thursday 2nd October. The menu is attached. Anyone having a school dinner on this day could win a prize!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 22nd September	School Photos
Wednesday 1st October	Balance Bikeability- Robins class
Wednesday 8th October	Film Night (details to follow)
Monday 13th-17th October	Cycle to school week
Tuesday 14th October	Reception Vision Screening
Tuesday 14th October	Swans' Share & Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 15th October	Robins' & Doves' Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 16th October	Owls' Share & Shine 2.45pm
Tuesday 21st October	Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Meetings

Thursday 23rd October	Halloween Cupcake & Drink Sale
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October	Half Term
Friday 31st October	YR6 Secondary School Application Deadline
Monday 3rd November	Bikeability Level 2- Swans class
Monday 22nd December 2025- Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Half Term
Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March	Grafham Water Residential- Swans Class
Tuesday 10th March	YR & YR6 National Child Measurement
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August 2026	Summer Holidays