

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

It's been another busy week with our Year 1&2 out at the Literacy festival and a team of 4 Year 5 children attending the Maths Challenge (more about these below). In addition to this, it's been skipping week and children have been challenged to meet Bronze, Silver and Gold standards and so lots of children have been really utilising our focus value of the week: Resilience, to become as proficient as possible - well done!

Thank you to all those parents who met with teachers this week at Parents' Meetings on Monday and Tuesday after school, these were overwhelmingly positive, thank you for your support!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Year 1&2 Literacy Festival

On Tuesday, Year 1 and 2 children had an amazing time at Chatteris Literacy Festival. They met author Ellie Sandall, who has written many books - including Balancing Bernie, and had the opportunity to take part in a drawing activity with her. The children also visited Chatteris Library and spent time learning about the library system and how to take books out. In class, Year 2s will be writing their own version of 'Balancing Bernie' and a recount of their experience at the festival.

Miss Wakefield - English Lead

Year 5 Maths Challenge

A big CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 5 children that took part in the Maths Challenge on Wednesday at Burrowmoor School. They represented Benwick fantastically and really demonstrated our values of Community, Resilience, and Respect.

Here are a couple of questions they had to work out as a team.

1. Estimate the diameter of a golf ball in centimetres.
2. Estimate the mass of 12 golf balls
3. Estimate the number of dimples on a golf ball.

The questions asked the children to use their mathematical knowledge and think outside of the box!

The children really enjoyed themselves and we are already looking forward to the next one.

Mrs Edmond - Maths Lead

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

We talk about this regularly but attendance really does matter. Did you know that just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school. Regular school attendance can help develop positive peer relationships, which is an important factor for mental health and wellbeing.

We understand that hospital and emergency appointments for your child are likely to be during the school day, however please make sure routine dental, doctors and optician appointments are outside of school hours. We also understand that children do get poorly, if however you are unsure if they can come into school please do refer to the NHS guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Holidays during term time are not authorised and you are likely to receive a fine. If 3 or more term time leave penalty notices have been issued over a 3 year period then the attendance team may pursue a prosecution for the 4th!

Please be honest with us if you are taking your child out of school for a holiday and complete a leave of absence form available from the office.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached the May newsletter from the EIFA team. They are keen this month!

School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches for next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Thursday 23rd May	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Tuesday 18th June	New Reception 2024 Parents Meeting
Monday 24th June	EIFA Drop-in 8.30am onwards
Thursday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 28th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 3rd July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	EIFA Drop-in 2pm onwards
Monday 22nd July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 23rd July- Friday 30th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts
Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	Half Term
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
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
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