

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 13/09/2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

Message from Mrs Talbot:

We've had a wonderful week in school, with children back into routines with lots of fun and engaging learning taking place across the school.

Swans undertook their first swimming lesson of the term this week. This year we are swimming at Manor Leisure Centre in Whittlesey and we have the pool to ourselves. It's one of my favourite activities to undertake in the Autumn term as the children all really enjoy swimming, make rapid improvements in the hour long sessions and learn vital life skills, especially important in our rural environment with so much water nearby.

I am so proud of how all our children are playing together as a school community, this has been particularly noticeable at lunchtimes as our new Robins children have been playing outside after their lunch. It has been wonderful to see our older children supporting and playing with our new children to make sure everyone feels confident and happy - well done everyone!

Have a lovely weekend,
Best Wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on the playground, only registered assistance dogs. Thank you.

School Photos

On Monday 23rd September we will be having our school photos. We will have a whole school photo, individual photos and then photos with siblings who attend our school. Please make sure your child looks smart and has their school jumper/ cardigan with them on the day. Thank you.

Special School Lunch

On Thursday 3rd October we are going to hold a special school lunch where every child in the school gets to eat free that day. You will order at the school office rather than on the normal select system. More details including booking information and the menu to follow next week!

School Lunches

Please make sure you have ordered your child's school lunch for next week. The packed lunch option is also available from Monday until half term.

Barbie Doll Clothes

Do you have any spare Barbie doll clothes. Our Reception children are loving playing with the new dolls house, that was kindly donated, and Barbie dolls but we are very short on clothing. Thank you.

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.

Have you checked you details are correct with us?

Have you recently moved or changed a telephone number? Has your child been diagnosed with an allergy or medical condition? If anything has changed recently please let us know. It's really important that we can contact the right people when we need them or attend to a medical condition having all the right information. Please email office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk or pop into the office with any updates.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

As a school we have an Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) who is Martin Monger. Martin and his colleagues run all sorts of courses both online and in person and Martin also offers a drop in clinic at school. If you'd like to talk to Martin please contact me in the office. He is really helpful and there is no judgement.

Martin can help you with:

- * Challenging behaviour
- * Routines
- * Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- * School transitions
- * Parenting strategies
- * Bullying resilience and confidence
- * Any other family challenges you might be facing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 23rd September	School Photos
Friday 27th September	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 14th October- Friday 18th October	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 15th October	Reception Vision Screening

Friday 18th October	KS1 Harvest Celebration & Share & Shine
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am- All Welcome
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th December 9.15am & 2.15pm	KS1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols
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
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