

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 14/03/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot

We've had another super week in school, with lots of hard work going on across all classes. I have shown two new families around this week and they were very impressed with the calm sense of purpose that can be seen throughout the school as well as the children's love of learning; we look forward to them joining us in the following weeks.

We welcomed practitioners from 'Playground Proms' for a whole school assembly and then a workshop with Year 2-4 on Wednesday. This was a fantastic event which has brought classical music to the children in a fun and lively way. We look forward to part 2 next week! If you'd like to know more their website can be found [here](#).

Other Highlights of the week from the children are:

Robins: Lots of activities linking to the traditional take of 'The 3 Little Pigs'

Doves: Fitness in PE, non-chronological report writing about animals and start a new RE topic about Islam

Owls: Creating simulations in computing, improper fractions and basket ball

Swans: Printing in art, their new class novel 'How to live forever' (especially the amazing pictures) and researching natural phenomena in English

Class of the week: Owls - a solidly hard-working week!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Parents Meetings

Booking goes live for parent's meetings tomorrow, Saturday 15th March, at 10am. You should receive an email from e-Schools when bookings open. Bookings will close on Thursday 20th March at 2pm. Please make your bookings before this date. If you need any assistance please call or pop into the office.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached the March newsletter from Martin and the EIFA team. The EIFA team will be offering transition workshops in the coming weeks for children transitioning from Primary to Secondary school but also for parents with children who will be starting in Reception. Details to follow shortly but if you would be interested, please do let me know, I can pass your details onto one of the EIFA team. They really are a great source of help and support.

Big Walk and Wheel

The Junior Travel Ambassadors have entered our school into the Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' taking place 24 March – 4th April 25.

They would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, scoot and cycle into school. The JTAs will be plotting our progress against 2,361 other registered schools. The aim of the challenge is not just to engage in active travel but to improve overall health and the help the environment. There are prizes to

be won for the school too, such as playground markings, cycle helmets, bikes, cycle parking and coaching opportunities.

Ways to get involved with the challenge.

- If you drive – please park further away from the school and walk some of the way
- If you see our pupils cycling on the road please give them time and space
- Encourage children to buddy up and walk together (age appropriate)
- If your child cycles, please keep them safe by wearing a helmet
- If you arrive early how about taking a walk around the block – we can then mark this as walking to school
- If you have to drive and park at the school please park with care and do not drop off on the zig zags, as pupils cycling may use this area for turning/stopping.

School Lunches

Don't forget to book your child's lunch for next week.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 17th March	YR1 & YR2 Literacy Festival
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day- Wear pyjamas/onesies & slippers
Monday 24th March	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6pm
Monday 31st March	Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6pm
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Friday 25th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs
Friday 23rd May	Sports Day TBC
Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 26th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 8th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 10th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

INSET DAY- No children in school

Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025

Summer Holidays