

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 13/12/2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

The children have enjoyed another great week in school, with one highlight for the whole school being the Santa Dash on Thursday where our sports coach Mr Dickinson, aka Santa, was chased by every child in the whole school, each child participating received a Santa Dash sticker for taking part.

Robins and Doves have been practising their Nativity ready for next week; such a lot of preparation goes in to rehearsing for this and we are sure you'll love it. More information about this below.

Owls gave me a great long list of everything they have enjoyed this week including; carol singing, hockey, making Christmas cards, maths, art and their TT Rock stars battle! Swans gave me an equally long list of their highlights including: Making calendars, reading Pig Heart boy in Guided Reading, their RE learning about equality and equity and their maths looking at cube numbers. It's wonderful to hear the children talking so positively about their class learning.

Class of the week has been awarded to Owls for a fantastic hardworking week.

The building continues to rapidly progress with inside almost complete and the landscaping being completed over the weekend and early next week. The contractors have worked so hard to stay on track so that we can move in on 20th December, ready for the children to occupy after Christmas. Today the teachers from Swans and Owls went over with me to have a look inside to plan where the furniture is going to go! I have also received the wonderful news that RG Carter are going to fund the laying of turf instead of seeding the field (where the haul road, car park and cabins have been situated) which will mean it will be back in use next summer, this is a lovely goodwill gesture for which we are really grateful.

We are really looking forward to next week with so many Christmassy activities going on, please see these listed below.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

We have a busy Christmas week ahead of us, here in brief is all the information you are going to need. Please call the office if you need to clarify anything.

### KS1 Nativity Performance

Our KS1 Nativity performances are being held on Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. For Health & Safety reasons audience numbers are being restricted to 2 people per performance per child. Younger siblings will be counted in these numbers.

As usual we will be holding a raffle during the performances with some lovely prizes. £1 for a strip of tickets with all money raised going towards our panto trip in 2025.

### Panto Trip

Wednesday 18th December is our whole school panto trip. If possible please arrange for your child to be here at **8.30am** so we can leave promptly. Children need to come to school in their uniform and we will have lunch at school on our return.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On Thursday 19th December is our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt/dress for a £1 donation.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Thursday 19th December is also Christmas dinner day. If you have not already ordered your child's Christmas dinner please do so. We are having roast gammon and all the trimmings.

### **KS2 Christmas Carols**

At 2.45pm on Thursday 19th parents will be invited onto the playground to hear our KS2 children perform some wonderful Christmas carols. Please join us if you can.

### **Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme**

The CHVS will be running again over the Christmas period for children who receive benefit related free school meals. All the details and FAQ are attached. If your child does not receive free school meals but you think they be entitled please apply here: [https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply\\_for\\_Education\\_Welfare\\_Benefits](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Education_Welfare_Benefits)

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Rachael Barton  
School Secretary

### **Important Dates:**

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	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.45pm
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