

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

We've had such a fantastic week! We kicked the week off with a lovely Film Night which the children loved and Swans headed off on their Burwell residential - they enjoyed making TV programmes in the film studio and overcoming fears on the low ropes course and getting very muddy! Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their free time (and sleep) to take them, without their goodwill residential trips just aren't possible! Years 1&2 enjoyed their trip to the Cambridge Science centre and made and tested fantastic Land Yachts. Years 3&4 followed on a day later and had a great interactive morning linked to road development. If that wasn't enough, children from Reception to Year 4 all had fun together having pancake races and tasting freshly made pancakes! What a great way to end the half-term.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

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.

Scholastic Book Club

We have sent home this week Scholastic book club magazines. There are books suitable for all ages and if you order between now and 31st March 2024 we will receive 20p for every £1 you spend towards books for the school. Ordering is easy, either scan the QR code on the magazine or order at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/benwick/digital-book-club>

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. As a school, we will be focusing on traditional tales, such as Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, etc. KS2 children will read traditional tales with a twist.

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any traditional story book. Here are some DIY costume ideas:

Jack (Jack and the Beanstalk) – trousers/joggers, shirt/t-shirt

Pig (Three Little Pigs) – trousers/joggers shirt/shirt, pig mask

Farmer or farmer's wife (The Gingerbread Man) – trousers/skirt/dress, shirt, hat

Goldilocks – dress/skirt and top

Witch – Hansel and Gretel

Please go to: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas> for some fantastic ideas for DIY costumes.

Premier Sports After School Club

Premier Sports will be returning with dodgeball as their after school club on Thursday 29th February. Full details including booking information can be found on the attached poster.

School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches for after half term. We've got a new menu waiting for them to taste.

Enjoy your half term break, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th February.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February	Half Term
Friday 1 st March	Neon Disco
Thursday 7th March	World book Day
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19th March	Doves Share & Shine 2.45pm
Wednesday 20th March	Owls Share & Shine 2.45pm
Thursday 21st March	Swans Share & Shine 2.45pm
Friday 22nd March	Robins Share & Shine 9.00am
Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
Tuesday 23rd April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Wednesday 24th April	Parents Meetings 3pm-6pm
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th- Friday 17th May	Year 6 SAT's
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June	Heights & Weights Measurements YR & YR6
Wednesday 5th June	Vision Screening YR
Wednesday 3rd July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
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