

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

I have been really delighted, as I've visited classrooms through the week, at the calm and engaged attitude of the children towards their learning this week. It's not surprising as the learning opportunities being offered have been so interesting and practical. Reception children in Robins have been learning about Goldilocks, through stories, role play and porridge tasting! Year 1&2 across Robins and Doves have made clay friends for their focus story character Beegu and have created wanted posters. I also witnessed a lovely PE lesson teaching the children to skip. Owls have been role playing photosynthesis (why not ask them about this at home!) and have been investigating evaporation as part of their learning about the water cycle. In a Swans DT lesson I saw children looking at texture in the natural world that will evolve in to learning to applique and develop sewing skills. There's been some great activities running for all children at lunchtimes too and today I joined in a game of 'handball' which I thoroughly enjoyed! Well done everyone!

In assembly this week we talked about managing emotions, particularly when feeling cross or angry and strategies to use to defuse these feelings. Learning how to respond to a range of emotions is part of a broader 'behaviour curriculum' and we address all emotions through PSHE, assemblies and bespoke group and individual work throughout the school year.

Several parents have asked me about a collection for Mrs Fiore; the family are donating to the charity 'Mind', if you do wish to donate you can send your donation in an envelope to school and we will send our donations from the staff and families of Benwick Primary School together, alternatively you can donate via the following link:
<https://memoriespace.mind.org.uk/MemorySpace/Janice-Fiore>

Please remember the school will close at 12.45 on Monday 5th February (a week on Monday) for the funeral, the gate will open at 12.35. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff only and should remain accessible at all times. Please do not park or drop off on the yellow zig zags, these are there for the children's safety and it is an offence to park on them. Running late is not an excuse for parking there. The village is currently very busy with traffic at the moment with the forty foot road closure and we want to keep everyone safe! Thank you for your consideration with this.

Film Night:

Staff are volunteering their time to run another film night for children on Monday 12th February from end of school until 5pm, we will be showing the Disney film: Wish which is a U. Funds raised will be for our enrichment fund (this is what we used for Panto). The cost will be £3 and children will receive squash or water, popcorn and biscuits. Please use the link below to book your child on to this film night and send the £3 cash in a named envelope.

Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/1RPTVLCiqA>

Electric Scooters and bikes

We encourage children to bike and scoot into school along with walking, however we do ask that electric bikes and scooters stay at home or parents take them home in the morning and bring them back later. Electric bikes and scooters are not to be kept at school during the day. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 5th February

School closing at 12.45 for funeral

Monday 12th- 14th February

Swans Burwell Residential Visit

Monday 12th February

Film night until 5pm

Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February **Half Term**

Thursday 7th March	World book day
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
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
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