

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 23/05/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

We are at the half-term holiday already, with Easter so late, this has been a short half-term but a busy one and the children are ready for a break. This is a bumper briefing this week, with lots of important information, so please do keep reading until the end!

Keeping In Touch survey:

We aim to share lots of information with you about your child, school events, the curriculum etc and do so in a variety of ways. We are interested to know what you find most useful and if there's anything else that we could do. Please fill in a very short 2 question survey using the link below so that we can evaluate and improve our offer. <https://forms.office.com/e/EK8tMExkZ6>

School Improvement Advisor visit:

Our Local Authority School Improvement Advisor, Mrs Harvey, visited this week; she was really impressed with our 'Calm and organised school environment where all children were engaged in learning'. She enjoyed talking to some of the children who were enthusiastic about their learning and their school, she praised the quality of learning in books and commented on the dedication and professionalism of the staff. Its always lovely to receive comments from professional visitors who can validate the quality of the work we do here at Benwick!

Benwick's Beautiful Book Look:

An advance date for your diary on Monday 7th July classrooms will be open for you come and look at your children's books with them in their classrooms, if you have more than one child with us, you will be able to visit all classrooms in the same session. Children love sharing their work with you and are proud of their books, so please do come a little early at the end of the day and see what they've been learning!

Sports Day

We were lucky to hang on to the dry weather for one more day to enjoy our annual Sports Day. Its always lovely to see so many of you come along to support the children and see our school values in action on the sports field! Well done to all of the children too!

Have a lovely half-term break and we will see you all back on Tuesday 3rd June!

Best wishes,

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Half Term Art Competition

On Monday the children enjoyed an assembly all about famous artists such as Van Gogh, Kandinsky and Mondrian. We spoke about how famous these artists are and how their pictures are now sold for millions! To inspire the children further, I introduced them to the art work of a local artist, Nancy Rivett. Nancy draws animals and uses different types of media, ranging from a pencil to oil paints. During the half term holiday, I have asked the children to draw/sketch/paint/collage an animal, bird, insect or amphibian that they choose on an A4 piece of paper. All art work will be shared with Nancy and a winner from each year group will receive a small prize. The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 4th June. We will display all art work on Benwick's Budding Artist Gallery!! I'm looking forward to seeing the work that is produced! (Youtube also has great free tutorials for inspirational ideas!)

Mrs Edmond- Art Lead

Competition Time- Name the new building

Don't forget there is still time to enter our competition to name our new building. We want names linked to our environment, remembering our classes already have bird names so it would be great if your name idea linked to this also.

If you would like to enter the competition, please write your name for the building on a piece of paper with your name and class and return to your class teacher or the school office by Friday 6th June 2025.

Tesco Blue Tokens

It's the final week of our Tesco Blue token competition at March Tesco. If you are in March Tesco please do support us by putting the blue tokens you receive at the check out in our box. Please do encourage your family and friends to support us too. This time we are fundraising for a new construction area for EYFS. We are hoping later in the year to have another application accepted for our fundraising to visit panto. Thank you for your support so far.

Library books

Sadly we are seeing a number of our library books getting damaged or lost. If you know your child's library book is damaged or lost please replace it on a like for like basis. Usually Amazon are the cheapest to purchase from. We cannot afford, as a school, to keep purchasing replacement books. Please remind your child to treat the books with care at home and do not put them in bags with drink bottles! Thank you.

Free May Half Term Water Safety Event

On Friday 30th May Grafham Water Centre is inviting you to join in with a free water and land based activities, where you'll be joined by [Gemma Hunt](#), presenter of CBeebies' Swashbuckle, a BBQ, and a chance to meet and hear from some of the centre's partners and supporters, including fellow teams from [Cambridgeshire County Council](#), [Huntingdonshire District Council](#), [Cambridgeshire Constabulary](#), [Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service](#) and [Magpas Air Ambulance](#).

Bookings can be made through the portal here: <https://lnkd.in/ga4Hwvrg>.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Cambridgeshire Libraries will be running their Summer Reading Challenge again this summer. This year's theme is 'Story Garden' where children can discover amazing books and activities exploring the magical connection between stories and nature. Sign up for free at your library from Saturday 5th July and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Children who complete the challenge will receive their very own Story Garden Medal and Certificate.

Bikeability Instructor

Bikeability is continuing to grow in popularity with more schools and pupils participating nationwide. Bikeability visit our school offering everything from Balance bike training, learning to ride a bike and the Level 1 and 2 qualifications. They are looking to grow their dedicated team, if you are interested all the details are attached.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's lunches for after half term.

Enjoy the half term holiday. We will see you on Tuesday 3rd June.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Monday 26th- Friday 30th May 2025

Half Term

Monday 2nd June 2025

INSET DAY- No children in school

Tuesday 17th June

New Reception 2025 Parent Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 26th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Friday 27th June	YR6 Abbey Transition Day
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Monday 7th July	Benwick Book Look 2.15-3.10
Tuesday 8th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Tuesday 8th July	YR6 Sir Harry Smith Transition Day
Wednesday 9th July	YR6 Sir Harry Smith Transition Day
Thursday 10th July	YR6 Cromwell Transition Day
Friday 18th July	Leavers Disco (All school invited)
Monday 21st July	Leavers Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Thursday 24th July- Friday 29th August 2025	Summer Holidays
Monday 1st September 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET DAY- No children in school
Wednesday 3rd September	Term Starts
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October	Half Term
Monday 22nd December 2025- Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half Term
Monday 20th July	INSET DAY- No children in school
Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August 2026	Summer Holidays