

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 20/06/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Welcome to our Reception 2025 parents who are receiving this newsletter for the first time! It was lovely to welcome some new faces, and some existing parents too, at our New Parents event on Tuesday night.

It's been a very hot and sticky week, however the children are learning how to keep themselves safe in hot weather and with support are remembering hats and suncream and are staying in shady areas at lunchtimes.

Our two Key Stage 2 classes enjoyed a fantastic day of cross curricular learning at the Zoology Museum in Cambridge, as always they were highly praised for excellent behaviour. We are so lucky to be able to be working with the University and using their world-class resources. They have kindly gifted us a wildlife camera too, so that we can capture the creatures out and about in our grounds at night-time! An exhibition of the children's work will be held at the museum, we will give you more details of this soon.

Class of the week: Robins who are wowing us all with their learning about the continents of the world as they fly around in 'Robin Air'!

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Benwick Big Picnic

On Friday 11th July we will be taking the whole school to Ferry Meadows for our first ever Benwick Big Picnic. The children will be travelling by coach to Ferry Meadows where we have an exciting day of nature and plant activities planned which links to all classes science curriculum, there will also be some team sports/games, our Big Picnic and then some time at the play areas and maybe even a paddle!! This will all be during the normal school day, further details on dress code etc. will follow in due course. A big thank you to FOBS and you for supporting with the fundraising efforts throughout the year. This trip and our annual panto trip cannot go ahead without it, coach costs for this trip alone are £1000. Thank you for your support, we know how much it means to the children.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Christylee O'Grady is the EIFA for our school, she can offer support and help to parents about the following topics.

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

More details are attached. If you would like an appointment with Christylee please contact the school office or contact Christylee directly Christylee.O'Grady@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

The children enjoyed an assembly from Jamie from Cambridgeshire Libraries on Thursday who came to talk to us about the Cambridgeshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. 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.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's lunches for next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

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	World Chocolate 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 11th July	Benwick Big Picnic
Tuesday 15 th July	KS2 Summer show
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