

# Benwick Primary School



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## Benwick Briefing 03/10/2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Message from Mrs Talbot:

This week marks the start of Black History Month, an annual part of our school calendar which helps support our work on Modern British Values, particularly Mutual Respect and Tolerance. In assembly this week we looked at the historical contributions of 'Heroes of Service', individuals from the British Armed Services.

Reception children loved their 'Balancability' sessions on Wednesday and Thursday this week, this is the first time we have been able to offer this and it was a big hit with the children. It's great to be able to start their training early, developing core balance, spatial awareness, gross motor skills, and confidence.

We had record breaking dinner numbers yesterday, 85% of children enjoyed their school meal and the lucky plate winners were thrilled with their 'goody bags'.

Class of the week: Well done to Swans who are working hard and demonstrating mature and resilient attitudes in their learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,  
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

### Our School Day

Our school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am are recorded as late. If your child arrives after 8.55am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child has a medical appointment, please complete the leave of absence form located in the office, or available on our website. This should be submitted in advance, along with a copy of the medical appointment text/email/letter. Please arrange routine dental, doctors etc. appointment outside of school hours. Children are expected to attend school the day of the appointment around the appointment.

### Break time Snacks

Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 receive a piece of free fruit each day for snack as part of a government scheme. If your child is in Years 3,4,5 and 6 please do send them a healthy snack for break time. This can be fruit or vegetables, a healthy cereal bar or crackers etc. No chocolate bars or packets of crisps. Please remember we are a **nut free** school. Thank you.

### Birthdays

If your child is celebrating a birthday in school please do not send in party bags, sweets, cakes etc. You are welcome to hand these out yourselves at the end of the day. As a school, if you want to, we encourage families to purchase a book that can be enjoyed in your child's class. We have special birthday labels to recognise that the book was to celebrate your child's birthday.

### Film Night

Staff are volunteering their time to run a film night for children on Wednesday 8th October from end of school until 5pm, we will be showing the Dreamworks film: Trolls- Band Together which is a U. Funds raised will be for our enrichment fund (this is what we use for trips including 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 or alternatively pay online, details below:

Name: CCC Benwick

Bank: Natwest

Sort code: 52-10-46

Account no. 25741284

Reference: Your child's name & Film Night

**\*\*Deadline to book and pay is Monday 6th October.\*\***

Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/zePQ9kvxjA>

### **Education Inclusion Family Advisor**

Please find attached October's newsletter from Christylee and the EIFA team.

### **School Lunches**

We had a very busy 'lucky plate' lunch on Thursday which was enjoyed by all. Well done to our lucky plate winners and of course to Mr Taylor who prepared and serviced such a fabulous lunch. Please don't forget to order your child's lunch for next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton

School Secretary

### **Important Dates:**

Wednesday 8th October

Film Night 3.15pm-5pm

Friday 10th October 10am

Reception 2026 Parents School Tour

Monday 13th-17th October

Cycle to school week

Tuesday 14th October

Reception Vision Screening

Tuesday 14th October

Swans' Share & Shine 2.45pm

Wednesday 15th October

Robins' & Doves' Share & Shine 2.45pm

Thursday 16th October

Owls' Share & Shine 2.45pm

Tuesday 21st October

Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 22nd October

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Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Cupcake & Drink Sale

Friday 24th October

INSET DAY- No children in school

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October

Half Term

Friday 31st October

YR6 Secondary School Application Deadline

Monday 3rd November

Bikeability Level 2- Swans class

Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
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
Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th March	Grafham Water Residential- Swans Class
Tuesday 10th March	YR & YR6 National Child Measurement
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 17th April	Bikeability Level 1- Owls Class
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	