

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Thank you to Swans class who led the most beautiful Remembrance assembly today, we are so proud of the respectful attitudes and clear reading and thought provoking singing - well done. It was really lovely that some of our families were able to attend too and I know they also felt touched by the assembly.

Building works:

This seems to be our year for maintenance and improvement works at school, with the new heating and lighting project almost complete, apart from the snagging and a small amount of painting. We will also be replacing the mobile classroom with a more permanent building and planning permission is being applied for by the Local Authority. Originally the plan was to build onto the main school building and also build a new hall for us, however due to tight Local Authority budgets and spiralling building costs this is no longer possible. We are however looking forward to a smart new KS2 block. I have attached some information to this email which shows an artist's impression, we will share more information when timings and schedules become clear following planning approval.

Some parents have asked for the term dates for next year and these are included at the bottom of this briefing - INSET days are yet to be added.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Wellbeing:

This week's wellbeing focus is being active.

Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

Try at home:

- Go for a walk with a family member
- Have a game of football in the park
- Do some stretches when you get out of bed in the morning.

Mrs Nicholson-Smith - SENDCo

Children in Need

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day. Children can come to school wearing non uniform in something that makes them smile. (No crop tops please and suitable footwear etc for the weather). Donations of £1 would be appreciated. Robins and Doves will take part in a colouring competition and Owls and Swans a competition to draw Pudsey Bear in his PE kit as this year is all about 'Bearpees'. Linked to this, there will be a burpee ('bearpee') challenge at lunchtime with our PE coach, Mr Kirby, which we will oversee.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order school lunches for next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 6th December	KS2 Big Sing @ Cromwell School
Tuesday 12th December	Whole school Panto trip
Wednesday 13th December	Robins & Doves Nativity Performances
Thursday 14th December	EIFA Drop in 2pm onwards

Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	Owls and Swans Carols & Readings
Thursday 21st December- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Christmas Holidays	
Thursday 4th January	INSET DAY- No children in School
Friday 5th January	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 12th- 14th February	Swans Burwell Residential Visit
Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February Half Term	
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 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 September Summer Holidays	

Cambridgeshire Term Dates 24-25 (Benwick Primary School INSET days have not yet been agreed and will be added later)

Autumn Term Dates 2024

Tuesday 3 September to Friday 25 October (39 days)

Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November to Friday 20 December (35 days)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January

Spring Term Dates 2025

Monday 6 January to Friday 14 February (30 days)

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February to Friday 4 April (30 days)

Easter Holidays: Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April

Summer Term Dates 2025

Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May 2025 (23 days)

Half Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June to Wednesday 23 July (38 days)

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24 July onwards