

Benwick Primary School



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Benwick Briefing 06/12/2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Talbot:

Christmas has definitely entered the building this week as it is now December. Robin's class staff worked hard after school last Friday to transform the classroom into a magical Santa's grotto with giant sleigh, Christmas tree, workshop and cosy fireplace. A huge thank you to staff for giving up their time to create this lovely role play area for the children. Doves have really enjoyed their scientific experiments, testing waterproof materials as well as their re-telling of Incy Wincy Spider. Children from Owls and Swans class attended the Big Sing at Cromwell Community College on Thursday and represented our school beautifully, enjoying a fabulous day of uplifting singing alongside children from other schools.

Building: we are racing towards the finish line for the new building. You can see from the playground that, with the scaffolding down, it now looks like 2 classrooms; every time I visit there is more complete. We are still aiming to move furniture back in on 20th December, if we can do this then we will welcome Owls and Swans back to their new classrooms on the first day back after Christmas!

Class of the week has been awarded to Swans for a consistently hard working week with a mature and resilient attitude towards their learning and assessments.

Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes
Mrs Talbot - Headteacher

Not received the Benwick Briefing?

Each week, on a Friday, we send a copy of the Benwick Briefing to all our families to let you know about the wonderful work the children have completed that week and what's to come plus some important information and dates. If you do not receive a copy any week please let me know. We do always also put a copy on the website in the news section.

KS1 Nativity Performance

Our KS1 Nativity performances are being held on Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. Costume lists have been sent home to families now, please arrange for costumes to be in school by Thursday 12th December.

Due to the number of children we now have in KS1 we have had to make the hard decision to restrict the number of people who can attend each performance, as we must stay within the fire regulation numbers for the village hall. Therefore we are will be allowing 2 people to attend each performance per child. Younger siblings will be counted in these numbers. If you are bringing younger siblings please sit towards the back, we know they like to enjoy the show but we would like all the audience to hear the children's voices in the show. Thank you for your understanding.

As usual we will be holding a raffle during the performances with some lovely prizes. £1 for a strip of tickets with all money raised going towards our panto trip in 2025.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Please find attached our term dates for 2025-26. These can also be found on our website along with the 2024-25.

Junior Travel Ambassadors

To celebrate our schools new cycle shelter our Junior Travel Ambassadors have decorated the shelter using the theme 12 days of Christmas to encourage more use of this lovely provision. On the 5th December the JTA's started running a 'spot' prize competition, which will continue until the 20th December (12 school Days).

If your child bikes or scoots to school and is lucky enough to have a special tag placed on their bike or scooter, they will win a prize that will be sent home with them to enjoy.

Cycling in Winter Top Tips!

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/blogs/cycling-in-winter-uk-top-tips-cycling-safely-on-the-roads-in-winter/>

Don't forget to get them to wear a helmet!

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Please find attached the December newsletter from Martin and the EIFA team.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas lunch for Thursday 19th December.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rachael Barton
School Secretary

Important Dates:

Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Nativity Performance 9.15am & 2.15pm
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.45pm
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
Thursday 20th March 2025	YR & YR6 National child measurement programme
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No children in school
Monday 7th- Monday- Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	YR6 SATs

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