



Grendon Primary School
21 December 2023

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Many thanks for supporting another hugely successful term at Grendon. It was lovely to see so many of you attending our Christmas events - it makes a real difference to the children.

Staff and Governors would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs Ridley



Dinner money is now £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week) and should be paid in advance on a Monday, each week.

Please clear outstanding balances before we close for the Christmas break as we are unable to extend this amount of credit. Thank you.

SWIMMING:

Year 4 will be swimming after the Christmas break.

4G will swim on Tuesday
4M will swim on Friday



School will close on:
Friday 22nd December at
1:30pm

We re-open to pupils on
Tuesday 9th January 2024.



LIBRARY

Library will re-open on Tuesday 9th January. For that day only Years 1,2,3 and 4 are welcome to attend. Years 5 & 6 can attend on Wednesday as normal.

Normal times will resume w/c 15th January.



LOST PROPERTY!

Please check the Lost Property Bin in Reception and claim any items your child may have lost during this term.



Arrangements for School during
Extreme Weather conditions

Should school close due to severe weather conditions; it will be announced on the school website: www.grendon.bham.sch.uk

A text message will also be sent from school so would remind you to keep school informed of any telephone number changes.

Donation:

We have received a generous donation of £250.00 for the gardening fund from Mrs Susan Pratt. Her husband, Stanley Pratt, sadly passed away recently. Mr Pratt loved his garden and it was his wish to help children to have lots of fun planting and gardening in the summer. We thank Mrs Pratt and her family for the kind donation and send our deepest sympathies.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with trying to improve attendance.

The prize draw for the Smyths vouchers will take place in Friday's assembly.

Any child with 100% this term will receive their certificate and Bronze badge after Christmas.

A reminder that it is your responsibility to call school to report your child's absence before 9:00am to avoid your child receiving an unauthorised absence.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, there are staff in school who will be able to advise and support you.

Children's Rights

As we break up for the holidays children will have a fantastic opportunity to enjoy their rights. We look forward to hearing about all the lovely things you get up to over the holidays.

Perhaps children will be spending time with their families and enjoying Article 9A right to live with their parents, maybe they will enjoy article 30 by trying a new experience and explore culture language and religion.

Whatever you are getting up to, we hope you have a great time!



Article 9

Live with
parents.



Article 30

Culture, religion
and language

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



22 December School Closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm

08 January 24 School closed to pupils for teacher training
09 January School re-opens to pupils
 25 January Reception Parent Share Meeting - Lego Town
 06 February Junior Leader Day-Road Safety
 09 February Feel Good Friday & Out of School Awards
School closes for half term
19 February School re-opens to staff & Pupils
 20 February Y2 visit to Selly Manor Museum
 20-23 February Scholastic Book Fair in School
 27 February Y6 visit to RAF Cosford
 29 February Y4 Parent Share-Science States of Matter
 05 March Y1 visit to 'All Things Wild'
 07 March World Book Day
 14 March Parent Share - French Au Cafe
 19 March Y3 Parent Share-Art & Textiles
22 March Feel Good Friday & Out of School Awards
School closes for the Easter holiday
 08 April School re-opens to staff & pupils
 06 May 2023 School closed for May Day Holiday
 24 May School closes for half term
 03 June School re-opens to staff and pupils

Full details of events will be sent out in advance
 Our website is regularly updated with new events
 Dates correct at time of going to print!



Local Authority Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
 Terms ends: Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April
Half Term: Monday 27 May 2023 to Friday 1 June
 Term Ends: Monday 22 July

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September
Half-term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
 Term ends: Friday 20 December

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
 8th January 2024 & 22 July 2024

Parent Access Clinics - January 2024. All meetings commence at 9am.

Date	Who	Clinic
10 January	Y2	Maths
11 January	Y1	Phonics Screening Information
16 January	Y3	Emotional Development
17 January	Y5	Being Safe Online
18 January	Y4	Times Tables Check Information
23 January	Y6	SATs testing

Extra Curricular Activities Timetable from January 2024.

Day	Who..	Activity	Time:
Monday	Years 1 & 2	Sports Club	8:00 - 8:40am
	Years 3 & 4 only	Library	8:10 - 8:40am
Tuesday	Years 1 & 2 only	Library	8:10 - 8:40am
	KS2	Violin	1:00 - 3:00pm
	Years 3 & 4	Mindfulness Club	3:20 - 4:20pm
	KS2	Orchestra	3:20 - 4:05pm
Wednesday	Years 3 & 4	Sports Club	8:00 - 8:40am
	Years 5 & 6 only	Library	8:10 - 8:40am
	KS2	Flute	1:30 - 3:30pm
Thursday	KS2	Choir	3:20 - 4:00pm
Friday	Years 5 & 6	Sports Club	8:00 - 8:40am

The children love reading 'The Guinness World Record Books', and fact books. If anyone has any of these types of books in good condition; we would welcome any donations.



Scholastic Book Fair



We are giving you advance notice of a Scholastic Book Fair. We will be holding this in school from Tuesday 20th February until Friday 23rd February 2024. More details will follow.

Toilets

Please be aware we do not have toilets for public use.

Office Opening Hours

8:40 - 9:00am
 3:10 - 3:30pm



SELLY OAK FAMILIES



WE ARE HERE TO
HELP FAMILIES



Our Early Help service covers Billesley, Bournbrook, Selly Park, Bournville, Cotteridge, Brandwood, Kings Heath, Druids Heath, Monyhull, Highters Heath, Kings Norton North, Stirchley, Weoley & Selly Oak.

- Food support & funding
 - Youth support
 - Housing /Furniture
 - Emergency funding
 - Domestic abuse
- Money and debt advice
 - Digital & IT access
- School uniforms & clothing
- Child & adult mental health support

To request support please complete a Family Connect Form
[self-referral](#) or [professional](#)

Wishing you a happy and healthy Festive Season!



Selly Oak Families

GreenSquareAccord's Selly Oak Families team, as part of the Birmingham Children's Partnership.
For more information please search 'Birmingham Children's Partnership' at www.birmingham.gov.uk



Food support

Yardley Wood Food Pantry: Every Wed: 10:15-12:45 & Fri: 9:45-11:45. Yardley Wood Baptist Church, Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham, B14 4LS. Tel: 0121 474 5814
www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/

Kings Heath Food bank: Kings Heath Foodbank, 240 Alcester Rd South. B14 6DR. Fri: 9:30-11:30 & Sat 11:00-12:00. Self-referral, turn up on the day. www.facebook.com/Kingsheath-Food-Bank

The Spearhead Trust Food Bank: Mon-Fri: 09:00-15:00 | Free hot meals on Tuesdays, collection from 12:00 – 13:30. 7030, Bells Farm Community Centre, Druids Heath, B14 5Q. Tel: 0121 433 3532.

24-hour Food Bank: Noor E Huda Mosque - 10 Glastonbury Road, B14 4DR. **Please call ahead:** 0121 430 2272.

Mental health support

Birmingham Mind: Adults can get support from MIND 7 days a week. Call: 0121 262 3555. Email: help@birminghammind.org. For urgent help, contact Forward Thinking Birmingham on 0300 300 0099.

Kooth: An online wellbeing community for young people aged 11-25 years, with forums, guides and counselling available. Website: <https://www.kooth.com/>

Pause: Mental health call back telephone support for 0-25yrs. Tel: 02078414470. Email: askbean@childrenssociety.org.uk. Open Mon-Sat 10:00-17:00, **closed Sundays and Bank Holidays**. If you are in crisis contact the Access Centre on Tel: 0300 300 0099.

Umbrella: Free Sexual advice. Tel: 0121 237 5700
Website: www.umbrellahealth.co.uk.

Change Grow Live: Drug and Alcohol support service. Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00—App's only. Tel: 0121 227 5890.
Website: www.changegrowlive.org

Kikit: BME Specialist Drug and Alcohol support service. Drop-in Mon-Fri 10:00-16:00. 153 Stratford Road, Sparkhill. B11 1RD.
Tel: 0121 448 3883. Website: <https://kikitproject.org>

For support around finance, SEND, parenting, housing, youth, Data and/or IT please contact the Selly Oak Early Help Team.

DECEMBER 2023

Free services & support



Domestic abuse support

Women's Aid: Available every day between 09:15—17:15. Tel: 0808 800 0028. Email: info@bswaid.org

The **Home Options Hub** is for women at risk of homelessness from abuse. Open every day except Bank Holidays. Tel: 0808 169 9604.

Men's Advice Line: Tel/webchat emotional support, practical advice and information for men. Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00. Tel: 0808 801 0327. Email: info@mensadvice.org.uk. Website: <https://mensadvice.org.uk/>

WAITS: Birmingham domestic abuse support service. Mon-Fri 09:30-17:00. Tel: 0121 440 1443. Website: www.waitsaction.org

Other

Warm Welcome Spaces are available for people to use and visit during the winter period and beyond. Spaces are: inclusive and non-judgmental, heated and free to access. The services at each space will vary but may include: information on further support and available guidance, opportunities to participate in activities and learn new things, free internet access, computers and charging points, a friendly environment to connect with others in the community. For more information go to www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73warm_welcome_spaces_in_birmingham

GBNFC Children's Centre: Tel: 0121 464 4189. Mon-Fri 09:00-16:00.
Closed 25th, 26th Dec & 1st Jan, with limited services on 27th, 28th & 29th Dec.

Cruse Bereavement Support Helpline: Tel: 0808 808 1677 Mon-Thu only 09:30-15:00. **Limited service on 25th and 26th Dec 10:00-14:00 and closed on 1st Jan.**

Crisis Skylight Birmingham: Tel: 0121 348 7950. **Closed 22nd - 27th Dec & 1st Jan.**

Selly Oak Families Early Help Team: Tel: 07483 090434.
Email: SellyOak.Families@greensquareaccord.co.uk.
Mon-Fri 09:30-16:30. **Closed 25th, 26th Dec & 1st Jan, with limited staff on 27th, 28th & 29th Dec.**

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