

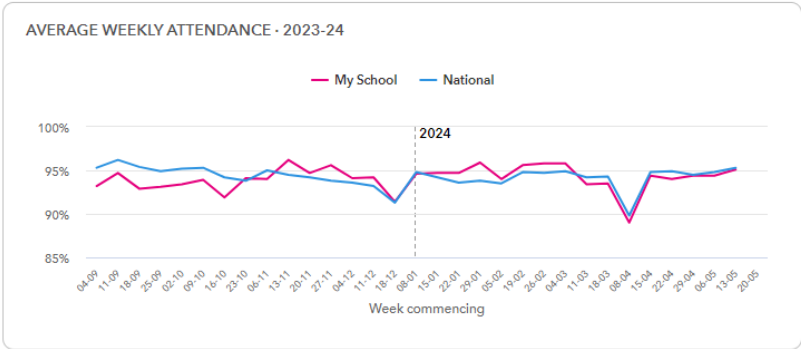


Grendon Primary School
24th May 2024
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Dear Parents.

You know how hard we have all worked together to improve attendance this year, and you know that together we have made significant improvements. Attendance at Grendon has been tracking above the national average between October 2023 and March 2024. Since then however, attendance has fallen again and we are now below schools nationally for this term, see graph below.



We are going to see if we can end the year on a high and set every child and family in the school a **SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!** Your child will bring home today their attendance print out for the first half of the Summer Term (from April 8th - May 23rd). Their challenge is simple - to raise their attendance percentage for this second half term. We will start measuring this on 3rd June and finish just before the end of term on 17th July, so that we have time to check the data carefully. Every child who has managed to improve their attendance percentage for this last 6 weeks and those who achieved 100% in both half terms and therefore cannot improve from 100%, will earn a Summer related treat at the end of term. We know that Grendon is a great school - let's show this with our attendance too. Challenge on! Good luck everybody!

Best wishes
 Mrs Ridley

HALF TERM CLOSURE

School closes today, Friday 24th May, at 3:20pm

School RE-OPENS to staff AND pupils on:
Monday 3rd June

KS2 Sports Day

Unfortunately the weather let us down this week resulting in the KS2 Sports Day being cancelled on Wednesday.

We have re-arranged this for **Tuesday 11th June at 2pm** (Gates open at 1:45pm).

Entrance into school at the start of the day!

We are aware that parents are dropping children off far too early for Sports clubs and the library and leaving them without supervision. The School site does not open until 8am.

Library opens at 8:10am with last entry at 8:20am.
Sports Club starts at 8:00am

Please do not leave your children unsupervised until a member of staff lets them in.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please make sure that all outstanding dinner money, trips and music fees are paid before the spring break as we are unable to extend this amount of credit. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children's Rights

Children's Rights is one of our Grendon's Goals. 'Respect children's rights'

All adults are 'duty bearers' in the 1991 Convention on the Rights of the Child. This means adults all have to protect and promote children's rights.

This is what some of our teachers say about why children's rights are important.

'When we teach rights, we help children to know more about the world and their place in it.'

'Children's rights help children to know what their rights are and that they have the right to be cared for, to be looked after and to be safe.'

'As a rights aware school, children's rights are alive in our school and we can link all learning to them.'

Change of Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date contact details. We send most, if not all, communications via email or text message. Therefore we ask that you inform the school office asap if you either:

Change your mobile number
Change email address
Move house - you will also need to provide proof of address.

Thank you.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!



24 May	School closes for half term at 3:20pm
3 June	School re-opens to staff and pupils
6 June	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
11 June	KS2 Sports Day
13 June	Whole School Day 'My Money'
14 June	'Non Uniform Day' for Summer Fayre Parent Workshop
18 June	NEW Reception class Registration Mtg 2pm-3pm - Parents/Carers only!
19 June	Y2 'African Drumming' Workshop
20 June	Summer Fayre - See attached flyer for details!
w/c 1 July	Y6 Fiver Challenge
3 July	'Moving Up' Day / Transition Day
8-10 July	Y5-6 Residential to Blackwell Court
11 July	'House' Day
12 July	Feel Good Friday/Out of school Awards
15 July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
16 July	Music Concert at 2pm Parents Evening 'Drop-in'
17 July	End of Year Awards
18 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19th July	School closes for the summer holiday

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

2 & 3 Sept	School closed to pupils for Teacher Training
4 Sept	School opens to 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 2024-2025

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

Spring Term 2025
Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025
Half-term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Term ends: Friday 11 April

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
22 July 2024
2nd & 3rd September 2024



As the weather is warming up, please ensure you apply sun cream before bringing your child to school. Please provide a drinks bottle and sun hat. Thank you.

SWIMMING

Year 6 will be swimming after half term.
6B - Tuesday
6N - Friday



Extra Curricular Activities Summer Term: Commencing June 2024

Day	Activity	Time	Places
Monday	Morning Sports Club (Mr Groves)	8:00 - 8:40	Years 1 & 2
	Library	8:10 - 8:40	Allocated Places
Tuesday	Library	8:10 - 8:40	Allocated Places
	Swimming	10:00 - 10:30	Class 6B
	Violin	1:00 - 3:00	
	Orchestra	3:20 - 4:05	
	Mindfulness Club (Mr Groves)	3:20 - 4:20	Years 1 & 2
Wednesday	Morning Sports Club (Mr Groves)	8:00 - 8:40	Years 3 & 4
	Library	8:10 - 8:40	Allocated Places
	Flute & Clarinet (Mrs Watson)	1:30 - 3:30	
Thursday	Choir (Mr Bache)	3:20 - 4:00	Years 3 - 6
	French Club (Mrs Rodgers)	3:20 - 4:00	Years 5 & 6
Friday	Morning Sports Club (Mr Groves)	8:00 - 8:40	Years 5 & 6
	Swimming	9:30 - 10:00	Class 6N

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRY TESTS FOR CURRENT Y5 PUPILS

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2025).

Closing date for registering is 4pm on 28th June 2024.

The test will take place on 14th September 2024.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below:
www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Ducklings

We are looking forward to welcoming a delivery of duck eggs. They are due to arrive on Monday 10th June and be with us for 10 days.



We are very excited to meet them!

PARKING

We do appreciate how busy Grendon Road is during peak times, but ask you not to park on the yellow zigzags outside the school gates or on the pavement. The children's safety is put at risk when this occurs and you need to consider this when dropping off and collecting your children.

DO NOT PARK OVER DRIVEWAYS OR BLOCK PATHWAYS.



We constantly receive complaints from local residents and ask that you be considerate when parking your car. Residents have been advised to contact Billesley Police with any parking issues/abusive behaviour. Thank you for your co-operation.

Toilets

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

