

6th June 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year at Grendon and yes, as usual, it is a very busy one!

I include again a list of dates for the remainder of the term for your information:

10th June - Year 6 Parent Share Session
10th June - Music Concert at 2pm
11th June - Year 4 Parent Share Session
12th June - Whole School Day - Design and Technology
9th - 13th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
13th June - Non-Uniform Day - See separate letter for full details
18th June - Year 3 Trip to the Botanical Gardens
19th June - Summer Fayre 5pm - 7pm
26th June - Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
27th June - Year 6 Fiver Challenge
2nd July - Transition Day: Meet New Teachers
8th July - Year 1 Parent Share 9.00am
9th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
9th July - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day 2.00pm
10th July - Y6 Leavers Disco
10th July - Junior Leader Day - House Day
11th July - Annual Reports to Parents
11th July - Feel Good Friday and Out of School Achievement Celebration
14th - 16th - July Blackwell Court Residential
14th July - Drop in Parents Evening
15th July - End of Year Awards Assembly KS1
16th July - End of Year Awards Assembly KS2
18th July - School closes for Summer holidays at 3.20pm
21st July - School closed to pupils: teacher training day
1st and 2nd September - School closed to pupils: teacher training days
3rd September - School opens to pupils

*Year 6 parents please note that dates for Bike-ability have changed slightly. You will receive further information about this if you haven't already.

Sports Days

Thank you to all of you that managed to come to our KS2 Sports Day earlier in the week. Huge congratulations to Malala, who for the second year running were the winning house!



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My apologies for having to cancel Reception and KS1 Sports Day on Thursday. You may have noticed from the list above that this has now been rearranged for 9th July at 2.00pm. We all need to hope for good weather. If we need to cancel for a second time, we will not have the opportunity to rearrange before the end of term. Fingers crossed everyone!

School Photographs

Many thanks to all who offered their opinions through this questionnaire last term. We asked as we are aware that very few orders were actually being made and wanted to know how to improve this offer.

The results were clear that you wanted us to still offer this service, with 86% asking us to continue. Results were mixed about the kind of photographs you were most interested in, with 41% wanting sibling photographs. 32% class photographs and 23% individual photographs.

The only barrier to ordering that was identified in the survey was cost, with 87% of you believing that the packages offered were too expensive.

In light of this, we have done some further research and decided to work with another company during the next academic year. Costs seem to be more affordable.

We will continue to offer a range of photographs including class, individual and sibling photographs, but have adjusted the timescale slightly. Further detail will follow in the new school year, but I wanted to say again thank you for sharing your thoughts - we have listened and taken action.

And Finally...

We are thrilled to tell you that we have been re-accredited as a GOLD Unicef UK Children's Rights Respecting School! Many thanks to children, staff, parents and Governors for all of their hard work to achieve this.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.

We went through a thorough assessment process, just before half term, that included interviews with staff and various groups of children including School Captains, Junior Leaders and groups from classes across the school. It was a very rigorous process and the award means that we have fully embedded children's rights throughout our school's policy, practice and ethos. We are quite rightly delighted with another very positive external view of our school this year. We look forward to displaying our new banner on the fence as soon as it arrives!

Best wishes

Mrs Ridley

