



Grendon Primary School  
19 September 2025

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping us to make this such a positive start to the new year at Grendon. We are delighted with how hard the children are working, their excellent behaviour and our attendance that was above the national average last week.

Most importantly, it is lovely to see how well they are engaging and how much they are enjoying their learning. We really appreciate all the support that you give us.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER: ACTION NEEDED!**

At the start of each year we have to collect and check a lot of information with you. To simplify this process, we are moving to an online form for most of this process. We know that a lot of you have already done this - *thank you*. We have had responses for 169 children. That leaves 135 responses that we are still waiting for. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing this form or completing it. We **MUST** have this information for each child on our roll.

**Please click the link below and complete for EACH CHILD separately, if you have more than one child with us. Please do this by 30th September.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/P2CTMT7d2K>

Your child has also brought home an envelope containing a data sheet. Please check or correct the information it contains, sign it and return it to us by 30th September.

To summarise, by 30th September, we need you to:

1. Complete the online form using the link above.
2. Check, correct and sign the data checking sheet that your child should have brought home last week.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Best wishes  
Mrs Ridley

### Important Reminders

**Gates open at 8:40am.  
Registration takes place at 8:50am.**

- Children who arrive after 8:50am are late and must be brought to the School Office by an adult to provide a reason.
- Book Bags and PE Kits are required in school every day.
- We are a cashless school. All payments for dinner money, school trips, music fees and uniform need to be paid through Schoolmoney. Please log on and make sure you can access this.
- Dinner money is currently £13.00 per week which needs to be paid in advance; either weekly, monthly or termly for your convenience. **We cannot extend credit.** Changes to dinner arrangements need to be notified to the office giving 2 weeks notice.
- **School uniform should be worn at all times and clearly labelled with your child's name.** We do keep stock which can be ordered from 'The Shop' in Schoolmoney. We will contact you when your order is ready for collection.
- We regularly hold Uniform 'Pop Up' Shops where you can collect good quality second-hand uniform. We will confirm dates asap.
- The weather is changing daily and ask that you send your child in with a coat.
- **All long hair needs to be tied back.** Children should not have colours in their hair for school. **No jewellery other than stud earrings should be worn.**
- If anyone, other than yourself is collecting your child from school, you need to let us know. We will not release your children to anyone without prior notification. We will question anyone you have sent to collect your children on your behalf without speaking to us.
- If your child has an inhaler and/or prescribed medication, please make sure this is in school at all times.

### Attendance

Improving attendance continues to be part of our School Improvement Plan this year. We know how important it is, not only for their academic achievement, but for children's mental health, wellbeing and social development, that they are in school each day. We are delighted with our attendance figures since the start of term, but wanted to give you a few reminders:

- Medical appointments count as an absence. Please do all you can to arrange these outside of the school day, or in the 175 days a year when children are not in school. Where this is not possible, please help by keeping any time missed to the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. We do need to see evidence of all appointments.
- If your child is late to school and arrives after 9.20am, we are legally required to give them a U code on our register, which is an absence code. It is vital that children are in school on time.
- Please telephone us before 9.30am to report any absence for your child.

Our website is full of information to help, including guidance on how long children need to remain off school with which illnesses and how to reduce risk of illness.

Remember that we really are here to help. Please come and talk to us if you feel that your child's attendance or punctuality is a concern. We have access to and can signpost you to further support if needed, as well as having a raft of support that we can offer you ourselves.

We really can't do this without you.

Together, WE CAN!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

24 Sept	Y5 Visit to Forge Mill Farm
08 Oct	Y4 Visit to Black Country Museum
09 Oct	Flu Vaccination for all pupils-consent required
14 & 16 Oct	Parent Evenings
21 Oct	Harvest Assembly in school
23 Oct	Whole School History Day
24 Oct	Feel Good Friday & Out of School Awards
24 Oct	School closes for half term at 3:20pm
03 Nov	School closed for Teacher Training
04 Nov	School re-opens to pupils
05 Nov	Open Day for prospective parents
06 Nov	Y6 Graffiti Stars Workshop in school
12 Nov	School Photographs - Class Groups
21 Nov	Junior Leader Day - 'Children In Need'
27 Nov	Y3 Stone Age Workshop in school
03 Dec	Y1 visit to All Things Wild
15 Dec	Nativity in school/Class Christmas Parties
19 Dec	School closes for Christmas

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

## MUSIC TUITION

Music Fees are **£35 per term**, per instrument; payable in advance at the beginning of each term. (September, January & April).  
If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument and in Y3 - Y6, we offer lessons in Violin, Flute & Clarinet. Please complete and return the letter of interest available from Mr Bache.



Instrument	Day	Time
Flute & Clarinet	Monday	1:00 - 3:00pm
Violin	Tuesday	1:00 - 3:00pm



## PUPILS TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026.

Closing date for applications: **31 October 2025.**

Parent/carers resident in Birmingham should apply through the Birmingham City Council website:  
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Important - all parents were sent a letter in July containing key information. If you need a copy of this letter, or further information, please email: [admissions@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@birmingham.gov.uk)

Advice and support is also available from Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

## RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2026

If your child was born between 01/09/2021 & 31/08/2022 they are due to start school in September 2026.

You can apply for a primary school place from **1st October 2025** Applications must be completed on-line at:  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Closing date for applications: **15th January 2026.**

'WOW' Walk to School tracker is now active. New Badges will be handed out during the first week of each month.



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*



## Local Authority Term Dates 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 1 September 2025  
Half Term: **Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October**  
Term Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5 January 2026  
Half Term: **Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February**  
Terms ends: Friday 27 March  
Easter Break: **Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April**

### Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April  
Half Term: **Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May**  
Term Ends: Monday 20 July

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:  
**1 & 2 September 2025, 3rd November 2025, 5th January 2026 & 20 July 2026.**

## FLU VACCINATION REMINDER ONLINE CONSENT REQUIRED

All children from Reception to Year 6 are entitled to have the nasal flu vaccine in school which is due to take place on **9th October 2025.**

Please let us know as soon as possible if you DO or DO NOT want your child to have the recommended vaccination by completing the consent form on-line at:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quote Letter Reference:  
103205-1087  
Access Code - 2150



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebrations will take place in school on **Tuesday 21st October.** Parents are welcome to attend.



**Reception-Y3 - Doors open at 9:00 for a 9:10 start.**  
**Years 4-6 - Doors open at 2:30 for a 2:40 start**

Both assemblies will be based on the same theme.  
**Please be prompt, we will not be able to admit latecomers!**

We hope to continue to support people in our local community through 'The Yardley Wood Food Pantry'. Please collect tins, packets and other foods that have a long expiry date so that they can be shared amongst families that need it most.

**We will accept donations from Monday 13th October.**

*Thank you for your support with this.*

We are pleased to be inviting parents/carers of children due to start Reception in September 2026, to attend our 'Open Day' which will be held on:

**Wednesday 5th November**  
**Times: 2-3pm and 6-7pm**

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 12th November**



They will be taking class group photos on this occasion. Please make sure children are wearing full school uniform.

*Photographs can be viewed and ordered on line.*

### Toilets

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



### Office Opening Hours



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



**No electronic cigarettes**