

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break and welcome you all back to Grendon for the start of the second half of the Autumn Term.

### Attendance

Thank you for your support to ensure that your child is **Here Every day, Ready and On time**. We really appreciate your support with this. Although September started well, our attendance for the rest of September and October is not as good as we would have liked. It is below the national average. After all the hard work to improve attendance last year and the success that we had together, this is a real shame.

We know that there is a lot of illness around at this time and understand that children cannot come to school if they are too ill. I know that it is sometimes a difficult decision to make. On the 'Attendance' section of our website there is more information for you about when your child should or shouldn't attend school. The link is below. Please use this and our Keeping Well leaflet to support if necessary. As always, we are here to offer further advice and guidance if we can help.

### [Grendon Primary - Attendance](#)

You all had your child's attendance print outs for the first half term at parents evening and a further letter will go out regarding your child's attendance.

We will introduce 2 challenges this half term in an attempt to improve our attendance. I hear, hot off the press from the North Pole, that Jingle and Jangle the Christmas Elves will be visiting us again in December and will encourage children to be in school every day during that time.

We will also run an 'Improve your Attendance' challenge, with every child who improves their attendance for this half term compared with the first half of the Autumn term being invited to a mini disco in school before the Christmas break.

Remember that at Grendon, Respecting Children's Rights is one of our Grendon's Goals and that children have a right to education. We know that as well as the obvious academic impact, the impact of poor attendance on children's mental health, well-being and friendships formed and maintained is significant. Remember that we are here to help. Please come and talk to us if needed and together WE CAN improve attendance this term.

### Junior Leader Day - Children in Need

As we have communicated previously, our Junior Leaders would like to raise money for Children in Need again this year. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, children are encouraged to come to school in sports clothes, (anything yellow or spotty is a bonus), and will have a fun day focusing on completing a series of challenges and learning about some of the children that are helped by this day. Please donate £1 via School Money.



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### Christmas Dates for your diary:

11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner

16<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity service in school 9.30am (see note below)

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Parties (further detail will follow)

Music Concert - To be confirmed

19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper instead of your school jumper day. Still normal uniform worn, except the jumper.

19<sup>th</sup> December - school closes at 1.30pm

Just an additional word about our Nativity Service. We hope that by giving plenty of notice of this, you will be able to make any arrangements necessary. We cannot admit anybody after 9.29am as all doors will be in use. **As in recent years, for this event, you will not be able to bring younger siblings and babies into the performance to watch.** Older siblings will of course be in school themselves and should not attend either. This is due to maximum numbers allowed in our hall and out of respect to our children who will have worked really hard on the performance in the preceding weeks.

### Governor Recruitment - Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Board for both Parent Governors, (open to parents of pupils currently at Grendon), and Co-opted Governors, (open to friends, family, colleagues etc).

The role of a Governor is to help ensure strategic leadership and accountability at Grendon, by helping to set the schools strategic vision, holding senior leaders to account and overseeing the school's financial performance.

You do not need any particular skills; we can provide relevant training to match your needs. It is more important that you have the interest, engagement and commitment that the role requires. You would be required to attend on average 7 meetings during the course of an academic year.

If you are at all interested or would just like to find out more about what the role means for you, please come and speak to me or Mrs Rainford in the school office, and we will be happy to talk this through with you. We would love you to become part of our team. Please see attached advert for further details!

Best Wishes

Mrs Ridley

