



Grendon Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may remember that when Ofsted visited us last year, one of the things that they were impressed by was the strength of our free clubs and activities offer before and after school. However, they asked us to analyse data to ensure that children from all groups attend, so that, and I quote Ofsted; "all pupils benefit from the school's valuable offer".

We have been analysing data and working on a plan to improve our offer further and are now ready to launch this. As part of this, we wanted to improve communication around clubs, and ensure equal access for all, ruling out letters going missing and establishing a timescale that allows all families to request a place at the same time.

Along with this newsletter, we have also attached our new offer for before and after school clubs for both the Spring term and the Summer term for children in Years 1-6. Each term is split into the 2 half terms, which we have labelled as 'Spring A' and 'Spring B' and Summer A and Summer B. You will also receive today, a second email that contains a link that will take you directly to a Microsoft Form. This will allow you to make requests for your child to attend the clubs on offer in Spring A and/or Spring B. We will repeat this in the Spring term for our Summer clubs.

Please take a minute to look through our offer, and look out for the next email that will give you further instructions on what to do next.

Best wishes
 Mrs Ridley

Important Reminders

- **Children who arrive after 8:50am are late** and must be brought to the School Office by an adult to provide a reason.
- **School Ends at 3:20pm - PLEASE BE PROMPT COLLECTING YOUR CHILD/REN!**
- Please send your child in with a coat, hat, scarf & gloves, it's very cold!
- **Medical appointments** We do understand that children have to attend hospital appointments, but request that you inform the office **IN ADVANCE** and not just arrive at school expecting to collect your child! We also require evidence in order to authorise this absence. This is not only courtesy, but your child may be in a PE Lesson delaying your pick up. If we know in advance we can let teachers know and have your child ready at the arranged time. Dental and optician appointments can be made after school, at the weekend and in the school holidays so ask you to consider this when making appointments. Office staff may not be in the office at the time you arrive; which could result in you arriving late for your appointment.

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Following our recent Governor recruitment process; we are happy to announce that we have appointed two parent Governors.

Parents:

Mrs Hina Junejo
 Ms Wai Yan Lee

We congratulate them on their appointment and welcome them to The Governing Board.



Children In Need

Last week the whole school supported Children In Need. Thank you to the Junior Leaders for organising a wonderful day and to everyone for taking part! Right from the morning assembly we faced lots of different challenges, it was so much fun, and of course there was the quiz!

To date we have raised
£241.00!
 There is still time if you wish to contribute. Please pay this £1 donation through Schoolmoney.



Well done to everyone taking part and congratulations to 'Lewis' who were the overall winners!

The Junior Leader House Quiz Results:
 *Lewis: 20262
 Boulton: 19540
 Cadbury: 18570
 Malala: 17842



As you are aware, we used a different company to take our school photos this time.

If you haven't already, take a look using the instructions on the photo card sent home with your child last week.

Photographs can be viewed and ordered on line.



WE WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 1:30PM FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK.

WE RE-OPEN TO PUPILS ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY. WE ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY 5TH FOR STAFF TRAINING.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

27 Nov 'Stone Age' Man workshop for Year 3
 02 Dec Y2 Parent Share Session
 03 Dec Y1 visit to 'All Things Wild'
 09 Dec Music Concert with Choir & Musicians at 2pm
 11 Dec Christmas Lunch
 16 Dec Nativity in school/Class Christmas Parties
 19 Dec Feel Good Friday
 19 Dec School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

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05 Jan 26 School closed for teacher training
 06 Jan School re-opens to pupils at 8:40am
 13 Jan Y1 Parent information meeting
 15 Jan Y3 Parent information meeting
 20 Jan Y6 Parent information meeting
 22 Jan Y5 Parent information meeting
 27 Jan Y2 Parent information meeting

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!

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:

5th January 2026 & 20 July 2026.

We are giving you advance notice that 'Bring It on Brum' Holiday Clubs are being run during the Christmas Holidays for those families who are eligible. Please see information below and attached leaflets.

Bookings open on 1st December, and you will be provided with full details on how to apply, once we have received this information in school.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Funded by the Department for Education, the Bring it on Brum! programme offers funded holiday clubs or activity places over the school holidays to children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

You must be in receipt of one of the below benefits to be eligible for free school meals for your child/ children:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
 If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish that phase of schooling.

Christmas Event Timetable

09th December – Music Concert at 2pm

11th December – Christmas Lunch.

16th December – Nativity Assembly at 9:30am

16th December – Christmas Parties at 1:30pm

19th December – Christmas Jumper Day.

19th December – School Closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 11th December

We have sent out letters with the menu and order form. Children who don't usually have a meal on that day need to complete and return this.

If your child usually has a school meal on this day there is no need to book - it will be booked for you.



Orders need to be placed by Friday 5th December.

Friday 19th December will be a Christmas Jumper Day to wear with your uniform i.e. normal uniform, but Christmas jumper instead of school jumper!



Thank you for not bringing dogs onto our school site. If you are waiting outside the gates with your dog, please can we ask you to be mindful that not all children like dogs. Please ensure you allow space for families to enter and exit site without having to come into contact with dogs.
 Thank you!

PE KITS & BOOK BAGS!

Please provide your child with suitable clothing for PE. This can be shorts/jog bottoms and a t-shirt. Pumps or trainers are also required; this should be kept in school at all times. See uniform policy.

Book bags should also be brought into school each day.



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.



Office Opening Hours



8:40 – 9:00am
 3:10 – 3:30pm



No electronic cigarettes