



Grendon Primary School
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Dear Parents,

FREE SCHOOL MEALS IS CHANGING!

The Government is making changes to the way free school meals work in schools. From the start of September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings, will be entitled to a free school meal.

We all know the importance of children receiving a hot meal each day, and we are also very aware of the potential to save families a significant amount of money each month. We are keen to do all we can to raise awareness and ask for your support with this.

If your child has not previously been in receipt of a free school meal and you feel that this information changes this, please come to the school office and collect a short form to complete. Return this to us and we will use the Department for Education's Eligibility Checker to see if they are entitled.

Please read the attached letter that includes more detail of the changes.

If you need further support, please just check with myself or our school office. We are always happy to help.

Best wishes
Mrs Ridley

SPORTS DAY

We have re-arranged our Sports Days which will now take place on:

18th June - Rec, Year 1 & Year 2
22nd June - Years 3-6

GATES WILL OPEN AT 1:45 WITH
ACTIVITIES STARTING AT 2pm

Unfortunately, we will not be able to reschedule again, so fingers crossed these dates go ahead.

Summer Fayre

Date: Thursday 2nd July
Time: 5pm-7pm



Join us for a fun-filled evening of entertainment, food & fun!

Bring along friends and family and make this year's Summer Fayre our best one yet!

Friday 19th June:

'Own Clothes Day' - Children can come into school wearing their own clothes for a donation to the summer fayre. We are holding a parent workshop from 9am to help us get ready for this exciting event!

Please see attached poster for full details!

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

We are having to make a small increase to the price of school meals from 1st September.

Prices will rise by 5p making the cost of a meal £2.65 per day = £13.25 per week.



Just a reminder that if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements, please provide this in writing to the office, giving two weeks notice.

We will close on Friday 17th July for the summer break at 3:20pm.

We will re-open to pupils on Thursday 3rd September.

The children had their photographs taken yesterday; a much better process with the siblings coming in earlier; meaning less impact on the school day for children and staff!



Your child should have come home with their proof card and you will be able to view the images online within 48 hours. Orders placed within 2 weeks will be delivered to school free of charge.

The school kitchen are offering two special menus on the following dates:

18th June - 'Picnic Day' where a 'picnic' lunch will be offered.

24th June - World Cup Flavours - see attached menu.

The attached posters contain the menu on offer.

If you wish to book either of these meals, please speak to Mrs Lewis in the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

09 June	Y1 & Y2 Multi Skills Competition
08-10 June	Blackwell Court Residential
18 June	Sports Day - Reception - Y3
19 June	Parent Workshop - 9am - 10:15 to help with getting ready for the summer fayre
19 June	'Own Clothes Day' - Donations required for the summer fayre
22 June	Sports Day - Years 3-6
23 June	Y6 Share Session at 2pm
25-26 June	St Briavels Residential
30 June	Y1 Parent Share Session at 9am
01 July	'Moving Up' day for all pupils
02 July	Summer Fayre from 5pm - 7pm
09 July	Y2 Drumming Workshop
13 July	Parents Evening - 'Drop In' session only and to collect your child's books
14 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly @ 9:15am
15 July	Y6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
17 July	SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS FOR THE SUMMER BREAK AT 3:20pm
20 July	Teacher Training Day
1-2nd Sept	Teacher Training Days - School closed to Pupils

3rd September - School opens to pupils at 8:40am, Reception pupils will have their own timetable

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!



The Big Future is a survey we have been asked to promote on behalf of the Children's Commissioner:

Pupils can take part by accessing this link:
<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

This is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0-18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.
Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY!

CAN WE REMIND YOU THAT LIKE MOST SCHOOLS, WE HAVE A UNIFORM POLICY THAT WE EXPECT FAMILIES TO ADHERE TO. A COPY OF THIS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.



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.



Local Authority Term Dates 2026-2027

Summer Term 2026

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

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026
Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 4 January 2027
Half Term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
Terms ends: Thursday 25th March
Easter Break: Monday 29 March to Friday 9 April

Teacher Training Days when school is closed to pupils:
20 July 2026
1st September and 2nd September 2026
2nd November 2026
4th January 2027 & 21st July 2027

West Midlands Fire Service have asked schools to share the following information following the recent tragic loss of life locally and across the country. With the summer holidays fast approaching; please keep your children safe.

This link contains full details: <https://www.wmfs.net/safety>

Here's what to do if you fall into deep water:

- Lie on your back and float
- Resist the instinct to panic or swim
- Try to take control of the effects of cold water shock, such as the gasping reflex. Once your breathing is controlled, call for help and, if possible, try making your way to safety.

What to do if someone falls into deep water:

- call 999 and ask for the fire service, if you're inland such as in the West Midlands, or the coastguard if you're at the coast. If you don't have a phone, shout for help - but do not enter the water.
- encourage the person in the water to try to float on their back - and, if there's rescue equipment nearby, throw it to them.
- never enter the water to try to save someone - you could well suffer from cold water shock yourself, which will leave you unable to help even if you're a strong swimmer.

We are always here to help if you need any advice or support.

We work with lots of external agencies; please visit our website under 'Safeguarding and Support' - Adults Area, where you will find links and advice. Alternatively do not hesitate to contact a member of the Pastoral Team here in school.



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