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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

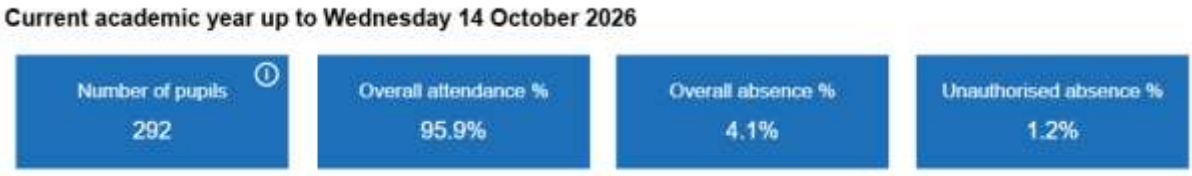
As we reach the end of this first half-term I would like to say a huge thank you for your support with everything that we do within Grendon Primary School. It made me immensely proud to share the donations of food to the Yardley Wood Food Pantry on behalf of you and your family. At Grendon we always go the extra mile to support one another and that was evident for all to see this week.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring your child is at school. As you can see from the information below, attendance remains in line with the national average. Should your child be unwell and therefore unable to attend school, please inform the school office.

I know the children and staff were very excited to see that our attendance on Tuesday 13th October was 99%. I wonder if 'WE CAN' get to 100% attendance on a day during the next half term?

This is a screen capture of our current attendance overview:



The overall attendance compared to last year has improved. This time last year it was 93.62% compared to 95.9% today. Well done everyone!

Should you require any additional information linked to our Attendance Policy, please click the link below:

https://www.grendon.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=45

Open Day – Wednesday 11th November 2026

We are extremely pleased to be inviting parents/carers of children due to start Reception in September 2027, to attend our 'Open Day' which will be held on:

Wednesday 11th November

Times: 2-3pm and 6-7pm

We look forward to sharing our facilities with you during the event.

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Roofing, Electrical & Lighting update

The roofing, lighting and electrical works within school are continuing to progress well and remain on schedule. Within the current phase, the majority of the works are being completed within the Key Stage 2 area of the school including corridors and office areas.

Throughout the project I will continue to provide updates both via letters and the school website.





Drop off and Collection Information from Tuesday 3rd November 2026 – Phase 2 of the Roofing work

To support everyone with the entrance and exit/collection points for the children, please see below the information for each class. Please note Senior Leaders will be outside each day to support, should you need any assistance. The below entrance and exits will be in effect from Tuesday 3rd November until further notice.

RW - Miss Wilson and Miss Boynton (enter and exit through Reception gate at the end of the front playground).

1T – Mrs Thompson and Miss Roath (enter and exit through Reception gate at the end of the front playground).

2P – Mrs Pollitt and Miss Campbell (enter and exit through main entrance).

3C – Mrs Collins and Mrs Kaur (enter and exit through the door where the school library was previously located in the front playground. Please collect children from the fenced off area in the front playground).

4G – Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Barshan (enter and exit through the door where the school library was previously located in the front playground. Please collect children from the fenced off area in the front playground).

4L – Miss Locke and Mrs Suthers (enter and exit through the main school entrance. Please collect children from the front playground).

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5H – Mr Hedderley and Mrs Beedon (enter through Year 3 and 4 side playground and door and collect them from the carpark area, staff will direct).

5F – Mr Feely and Mrs Fox (enter through Year 3 and 4 side playground and door and collect them from the carpark area, staff will direct).

6B – Mr Bache and Mrs O'Hare/Mrs Shea (enter and exit through Year 3 and 4 side playground and door and collect them from the carpark area, staff will direct).

6N – Mr Norris and Mrs O'Hare/Mrs Shea (enter and exit through Year 3 and 4 side playground and door and collect them from the carpark area, staff will direct).

Road Safety

As the clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 25th October please ensure children are aware of the dangers when walking to or from school. Listed below are some key safety tips to share with your child from the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' campaign:

- **Be Bright, Be Seen:** Wear brightly coloured clothing during overcast days and **reflective items** at night. Reflective stickers, armbands, or keyrings on school bags and coats will catch car headlights, making a child visible up to **150 metres away**.
- **Hold Hands:** Always **hold an adult's hand** when walking near roads, especially as visibility drops.
- **Stop and Look at Driveways:** Watch out for vehicles **reversing out of driveways**. Drivers have restricted visibility in the dark and may not see a small child behind them.
- **Use Pedestrian Crossings:** Cross the road at designated pedestrian crossings wherever possible. **Wait until vehicles have come to a complete stop** before stepping off the kerb.
- **Stay Close on Wheels:** If riding a bike or scooter, children must stay close to their accompanying adult and stop at all junctions. Ensure bikes are legally equipped with a **white front light, a red rear light, and reflectors**.



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Children in Need – Friday 13th November 2026

For many years the Junior Leaders and I have worked closely together to help raise money for good causes in our local area. We know that times are difficult for many families at the moment. If you would like to show your support for Children in Need by wearing yellow/something spotty of Pudsey ears that would be wonderful. However, this year we will not be asking for any donations direct to school. If you want to donate privately to Children in Need the link is below:

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

By using this link you can make a one off donation of your choosing if you wish to do so.

I would like to also add that the Junior Leaders under the guidance of Mrs Collins will be planning together a Junior Leader day. More information will follow once the Junior Leaders have decided what they would like to do. I can't wait to find out what they have decided!

On behalf of all the staff at Grendon Primary School we wish you and your family a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Kindest regards

Mr Darby

Head Teacher