

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring Term (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

We are already well into the third week of the Spring Term with just another two weeks to go! These weeks have included Ramadan, and we hope all our families fasting have had a blessed and peaceful month.

| Class | Attendance Spring Term (i) 5.1.26 – 13.2.26 |
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| Nursery | 93.7% |
| Reception / RA | 93.9% |
| Yr.1/2 / 1A | 96.6% |
| Yr.1 / 1B | 95.9% |
| Yr.2 / 2A | 95.7% |
| Yr.3 / 3A | 95.3% |
| Yr.3 / 3B | 94.9% |
| Yr.4 / 4A | 90.2% |
| Yr.4 / 4B | 92.7% |
| Yr.5 / 5A | 95.1% |
| Yr.5/6 / 6A | 90.6% |
| Yr.6 / 6B | 95.7% |

Attendance

All primary schools expect "good" attendance of 96% or higher to help children make the best progress in their learning and development. Attendance below 90% counts as "persistent absenteeism" (over 20 missed days) and can lead to significant gaps.

At Bordesley Village we'd like to thank parent/carers who support their child/children in terms of regular attendance and good timekeeping; however, we need to strive for further improvements. Our overall attendance for the first half of the Spring half term was **94.22%**, with persistent absence standing above the national average, at 20.82%. Attendance is lowest on Mondays and Fridays and we ask all families to help improve this pattern. If you are experiencing any difficulties however, please contact the school so that we can offer support.

We also ask that all holidays are booked outside of term time dates. Families are currently being fined for taking children out of school at a cost of £80 per child, per parent.

Children's Well-being

Our support for children's well-being continues this half term. Art boxes have been purchased for each child in Yrs. 2 – 6 and weekly sessions put in place. Engaging in creative activities, like drawing and painting can help a child feel calmer and happier by reducing stress levels and boosting the release of feel-good chemicals. Trained Teaching Assistants are delivering Drawing & Talking and our Nurture Groups support pupils with additional social or emotional needs. We are also working with external specialists including Tracey Galonis, an experienced Play Therapist, and Nick Whitehouse, a Trauma-Informed Coach, who is supporting KS2 pupils in emotional regulation, grounding strategies and positive self-talk.



In addition, we are partnering with Compass, which is leading the way in supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children, young people, and families in selected educational settings across Birmingham. Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) offer free, and confidential support for mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. Whether it's feeling sad, scared, worried, or experiencing challenges like anger or frustration, Compass can connect parents with the right help. Please contact the school if you feel your child may benefit.

At this point we'd also like to alert parents to *Space*, a free 24/7 text service offering in-the-moment mental health support for children and young people across Birmingham and Solihull. Text '**Space**' to **85258** to connect with a trained mental health professional for support with issues such as anxiety, low mood, exam stress, friendships, relationships, or any other worries affecting their wellbeing.

And finally, thank you to those who attended the recent Parent / Carer workshop run by Beacon Behaviour Support - '**How Can I Help My Child with Meltdowns and Shutdowns**'. We know several parents have asked for support with this and for those who were unable to attend, the materials have been uploaded to Class Dojo.



<https://bvcs.eschools.co.uk>

Half term overview

The **travelling book fair was in school last week** and alongside your fantastic support for **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** the school has been able to purchase £420 worth of books for the children. Thank you so much.

Sports activities will remain ongoing this half term with after school clubs for Yr. 3 and Yr.6, and inter-school competitions featuring 'Girls 5 a side Football' and 'SEND Pin-Bowling'.

As we move closer to the summer term's **statutory assessments** there will be parent / carer briefings on **Tuesday 17th March at 9.00am** for those with children in **Yr.6 taking the SATs** (11 – 14th May), with a **3.00pm meeting for parent / carers** of those in **Yr.4 who will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check** (MTC 1st – 12th June). The briefing for those with children in **Yr.1 whose phonic knowledge will be assessed as part of the Phonics Screening Check** (8th – 12th June) will be held at **9.00am on Wednesday 18th March**. It is important parent / carers understand the format of these assessments and how they will be administered, so the children can complete them to the best of their ability.

Whole school rewards will revolve around the go-karts at the beginning of April, but the **Winning House will visit Cineworld on Broad Street, next week, on Tuesday 24th March** to watch Deep Sky. For this visit the children identified in Yrs.4, 5 and 6 will need £2 to cover public transport costs to and from the venue, but they will also need a snack and small carton of juice/bottle of water for the visit. Parents and children are reminded however, that as a school, we cannot reward children where there have been significant attendance concerns, with no improvement, or ongoing behaviour issues.



While the school will remain open to all children, **one day will be granted for religious observance, so families can celebrate Eid al-Fitr together on Thursday 19th March or Friday 20th March**. Following family celebrations, and the children's return to school, **Yr.3 will be presenting their Eid assembly on the morning of Wednesday 25th March at 9.15am**, and we hope parents will join us for the assembly and refreshments. During the afternoon, all classes will hold end of term parties. The children can come to school dressed in their Eid / party clothes and bring with them a few snacks and treats to eat with their classmates.

Please look out for the certificates from our termly Rewards assembly too. This will also be held in the final week of the Spring Term on Friday 27th March and celebrate attendance, behaviour and those acting as role models for their peers.

Catering Services

Shortlisted bids for the catering tender presented last week, and we will notify parents once the contract has been awarded and details have been finalised. MiQuills will though continue to provide our lunches over the course of this academic year and are supporting celebration days, such as World Book Day, with special menus.

Should you wish your child to have a hot meal in school please notify the Admin Team who can also check free school meal eligibility. Alternatively, they can be purchased for £2.50 a day (Yrs. 3 - 6), payable in advance.



And finally, school will close for the Easter holiday on Friday 27th March 2026. We will re-open on Monday 13th April 2026 and look to all our families returning promptly for the start of the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

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Snr. Executive Leader

Term Time Dates

Spring Term

Spring (ii) Monday 23.2.26 – Friday 27.3.26

Spring Term Break – 30.3.26 – 10.4.26

Summer Term

Summer (i) Monday 13.4.26 – Friday 22.5.26

School closed to pupils on Monday 4th May – Early May Bank Holiday & Thursday 7th May - Local Elections

Summer Half Term 25.5.26 – 29.5.26

Summer (ii) Monday 1.6.26 – Friday 17.7.26

School Term Break – 20.7.26 – 3.9.26