

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer (i) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back – we hope you had a good break. For those families who were celebrating the Easter festival we hope you enjoyed this special time and were able to share it with family and friends.



As we return for the final term this academic year, children in Reception, Yr.1, Yr.4 and Yr.6 will be involved in statutory assessments, and these will begin with the KS2 SATs in May. (See timetable below.)

At this point, thanks are extended to the staff across the year group – Ms Sultana, Ms Uppal and Ms Taylor - who gave their time to run revision sessions over the first week of the Easter holidays to support children with additional, small group and/or individual input.

KS2 SATs

Prior to the assessments the children will access workshops via Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Team to manage any anxiety being experienced. The school will also be supporting their well-being and offer the children breakfast at 8.30am each morning of the SATs. It is important families offer further support by ensuring the children have sufficient rest and take time to relax when they return home at the end of the day.

As a community we are sure, you will want to join us in wishing the children every success. The year group have worked hard, and they deserve the positive outcomes anticipated!

Monday, May 11th: English grammar, punctuation and spelling - Paper 1 (45mins) & Paper 2 (15mins)

Tuesday, May 12th: English reading (60mins)

Wednesday, May 13th: Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic 30mins) & Paper 2 (Reasoning 40mins)

Thursday, May 14th: Mathematics - Paper 3 (Reasoning 40mins)

To draw the children's week to a close they will be spending **Friday, May 15th at Drayton Manor.**

Subsidised by the school, the total cost of the visit (covering entry to the theme park, access to the rides and travel to and from the venue) is £25 and from previous experience, we know the children will have a great day. Please ensure payments are made in full, prior to the visit, via SchoolMoney. Should any parent wish to pay in instalments please see a member of the Admin Team who will be able to set up a payment plan for you.



Attendance & Term Time Leave

The link between attendance and a child's level of attainment is well researched and as such we appreciate the positive working relationships we have with parents who ensure their child attends on a regular basis and in turn, supports the school in its mission to provide every child with a good education.

Our Rewards Assembly in the last week of the Spring Term acknowledged the 'good' and 'excellent' attendance (96% - 100%) of many of our children, as well as those working hard to improve on previous terms, following conversations with Snr. Leaders and / or class teachers. (See table below.)

We are though disappointed that several families have fallen into the 'persistent absence' category because of term time leave, as well as repeated reports of minor illnesses and unauthorised absences. For those with recurring



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

illnesses we will be referring families to the School Nurse and will also continue to liaise with the Local Authority in response to the fining process for unauthorised leave.

As a reminder, the criteria for authorised leave is very limited and consequently fines of £80 have, and will continue to be issued for children missing school, for holidays, Umrah pilgrimages, visits to relatives, medical appointments etc. Fines are applicable to **both** parents (i.e. this would amount to £160 for each child within a two-parent family / those with parental responsibility, even though they may not be living with the child). It should also be noted that any fines not paid within 21 days will automatically rise to £160 per child.

To avoid such a situation, it is important that families discuss visits with Snr. Leaders before making any bookings, and the school community, as a whole, adheres to school holiday periods. Despite such absences being recorded as 'unauthorised', it is important parents still notify the school of any term time leave as this could trigger safeguarding concerns and involve staff in unnecessary home visits.

Please see term time dates below and amended last day of term, which will, this year, allow for the booking of early flights.

Attendance – 2025 – 2026 – Autumn & Spring Terms			
Class	Children with at least 96% Attendance	Children with 90 - 95% Attendance	Children with Persistent Absence
Nursery	5/19 (26%)	5/19 (26%)	9/19 (47%)
Recep.	12/30 (40%)	9/30 (30%)	9/30 (30%)
Yr.1/2/1A	12/20 (60%)	5/20 (25%)	3/20 (15%)
Yr.1/1B	13/21 (62%)	8/21 (38%)	0/21 (0%)
Yr.2/2A	9/24 (37%)	11/24 (46%)	4/24 (17%)
Yr.3/3A	14/25 (56%)	11/25 (44%)	0/25 (0%)
Yr.3/3B	12/26 (46%)	11/26 (42%)	3/26 (12%)
Yr.4/4A	7/21 (33%)	6/21 (29%)	8/21 (38%)
Yr.4/4B	11/21 (52%)	4/21 (19%)	6/21 (29%)
Yr.5/5A	12/26 (46%)	8/26 (31%)	6/26 (23%)
Yr.6/6A	12/27 (44%)	10/27 (37%)	5/27 (19%)
Yr.6/6B	11/24 (46%)	11/24 (46%)	2/24 (8%)

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Nursery

Children who have reached their 3rd birthday by 31st August 2026 could be accessing a Nursery place when the school re-opens in September. **This year our Nursery will be offering its 15 hours over Monday (9.00am – 3.00pm), Tuesday (9.00am – 3.00pm) and Wednesday (9.00am – 12.00pm).** Please contact us, if you are interested in securing a place for your child.

Grammar School Entry Exams

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2027).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. Registration opens at the beginning of May (Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th) and closes on Friday 26th June 2026 at 4.00pm. The test will take place on Saturday 12th September 2026. www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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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 – Thursday 16.7.26**

**** Please note the amended date for the last day of term / this academic year**

School Term Break – 17.7.26 – 3.9.26