

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer Term (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

It seems just a very short time since the last newsletter, but this Friday we close for the half term break. While the week includes the Spring Bank Holiday, many of our families will also be celebrating Eid al Adha. As such we wish all stakeholders a good holiday and quality time with family and friends.

Ofsted

We hope all parents took time to read, and celebrate, the Ofsted report that went home with the children last week. The inspection was under the new framework, and you may have noticed that its language is different to that seen previously. The 'strong standard' judgement that was achieved across all areas of the report card marks out 'excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners'. Our next step is to develop 'inspirational provision' and provide three years of strong data (including that of attendance) for the next inspection in 2030!

Attendance and Term Time Leave

Though the inspection has taken place our work on attendance remains ongoing and data will continue to be interrogated. Conversations with families are taking place daily, but it is important that **all** parents support their child/children, as well as the school, and work towards the expectation of 96%, which limits absence to no more than 8 days over an academic year.



As we approach the summer months, a reminder too, that Headteachers can only authorise leave in exceptional situations. **General family holidays or cheaper travel are not considered valid excuses** and parents are requested to adhere to the agreed holiday periods. This year the school closes on Thursday 16th July which allows for earlier flights and enables families to make appropriate travel arrangements. Should additional leave be taken, a fine can be triggered if a child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-school-week period.

Yr.6

The school acknowledges the hard work of our Yr.6 pupils in preparing for their SATs. In their administration last week, the children's focus, use of strategies taught over the year and their sheer effort, was plain to see, and we all hope they get the results they deserve. These will be made available to all schools on Tuesday 7th July, and we will formally share the information with parents in the children's annual report.

Please note the Yr.6 Induction (transition) day at secondary schools is Wednesday 1st July. Individual schools may though have different or additional transition day, and parents are advised to check their child's specific secondary school website for their tailored timeline.

Statutory Assessments

Over this half term there will be statutory assessments across all key stages. **Yr.4** will be completing the **Multiplication Tables Check** (1st – 12th June), while **Yr.1** will be undertaking the **Phonics Screening Check** (8th – 12th June). The **Early Years Foundation Stage Profile** is used to measure a child's development and learning by the end of their **Reception** year and this too will be finalised in the next few weeks.

While no longer statutory, the school also chooses to administer **KS1 SATs**. The assessments in reading and maths allows the school to measure progress and identify specific areas where a child might need additional learning support as they transition in to Key Stage 2. In response to this, **Yr.2** will be completing these assessments **throughout the month of June**.



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

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. If you are interested in registering your child please do so before the closing date on Friday 26th June 2026 at 4.00pm. The test is then timetabled to take place on Saturday 12th September 2026.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Sports Week

On our return, (w/b 1st June) all year groups will be involved in the school's Sports Week. To participate, the children **must** have their P.E kit in school. Parents are welcome to join us on the day and watch the fun!

Please see the table below for more information on the dates and times. Parents should though note that in the event of bad weather we would look to postpone the event and timetable for another day.

Day & Date	9.30 – 11.20am	1.40 – 3.15pm
Monday, 1 st June	5A	4A/4B
Tuesday, 2 nd June	6B	3A/3B
Wednesday, 3 rd June	2A	Nursery
Thursday, 4 th June	Reception	1A/1B

Swimming Sessions

During the second half of the summer term, we will again work with Elite, who will provide us with an on-site swimming pool with temperature-control, fully filtered water as well as qualified, experienced swimming instructors.

Swimming is part of the national curriculum for PE in primary schools, meaning that all children in Yrs. 3 – 6 are expected to participate in these sessions. It's a minimum requirement for children to leave primary school, able to swim confidently and safely for at least 25 metres, but in addition to this, they will be taught how to perform safe, self-rescue.



Further details of each classes swimming sessions will follow a little nearer the time. The required swimming kit for boys will though consist of knee length shorts, while for girls it will be a swimming burkini /costume which can be worn with tight leggings (to the ankles) and a long-sleeved top. The children will also need a swimming cap and of course a towel, and waterproof bag to store their kit.

As always, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 1st June** for our final half term this year.

Yours sincerely,

Rubina Darr

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Snr. Executive Leader

Term Time Dates

Summer Term

Summer Half Term 25.5.26 – 29.5.26

Summer (ii) Monday 1.6.26 – Thursday 16.7.26

School Term Break – 17.7.26 – 3.9.26