

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

Drawing the Spring Term to a close we have concluded the week with Art & DT Activities, the final Go Kart sessions for Yrs. 5, 4 and 1, House Rewards and class parties. The Yr.3 classes also presented their Eid Assembly for the school and its community, and we would like to thank all those parents who came along on Wednesday morning to share in the celebrations and enjoy refreshments with us. We hope you enjoyed the morning and were as proud of the children's achievements as we were!



Following the holiday, we will begin the Summer Term by congratulating children for the Spring Term's attendance and the consistent demonstration of good behaviour. We will also be recognising positive role models with the Headteacher's Award(s). Please look out for certificates and share in the children's success, which in many ways reflects you, the parent and your ongoing support.

Attendance & Term Time Leave

Unfortunately, since the pandemic there has been a shift in the attitude of some parents, up and down the country, to schooling. Across the MAT we uphold the view that school is important, not only in terms of the children acquiring knowledge and skills, but its role in supporting a child's social development and their future success. In response to this, we continue to monitor attendance on a daily, weekly and half termly basis to ensure the children don't miss out on their education, but also the many additional experiences we offer. Thank you to all those parents who ensure regular attendance – it really is appreciated.

A number of families in our school have though, recently received fines for term time leave. The criteria for authorised leave is very limited and consequently the local authority have imposed £80 fines for children missing school, for holidays, visits to relatives, medical appointments etc. When issuing fines, they 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 adhere to school holiday periods.

School Procedures & Growing Concerns

Having focused on attendance please also note that routine appointments for the dentist, optician etc. should also be booked outside of school hours. Where children have medical appointments, parents need to inform a member of the Admin Team beforehand, and provide evidence of appointment letters or text messages received, so that the school is aware of such absences and they can be recorded accurately against the child's attendance record. We are though, looking to keep to a minimum, the number of children transitioning in and out of school. The schools' efficiency is currently challenged by the increasing number of parents requesting to collect children early (particularly on a Friday). This is disruptive to teaching and learning, but also impacts on the Admin Team. Collecting children from classrooms can result in the office being unattended and the inability to complete tasks within the expected timelines.



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In much the same way, a number of parents are telephoning the office close to the end of the school day, regarding a change to their collection arrangements. As such, there is not always sufficient time to pass the message on to the teacher, and the handover of children has unfortunately, been raised in some circumstances as a safeguarding concern.

Should any of these issues apply to you, please be mindful of the impact, and restrict such requests to emergency situations only.

KS2 SATs

The first half of the Summer Term is this year, very short – just four weeks. Within that time however, our Yr.6 pupils will be completing their KS2 SATs and of course, we wish them every success! The timetable is as follows:

Monday, May 12th: English grammar, punctuation and spelling - Paper 1 (45mins) & Paper 2 (15mins)

Tuesday, May 13th: English reading (60mins)

Wednesday, May 14th: Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic 30mins) & Paper 2 (Reasoning 40mins)

Thursday, May 15th: Mathematics - Paper 3 (Reasoning 40mins)

Drayton Manor

Having worked so hard in their preparation for these assessments all the children should be commended for their effort and their attitude. In response, Yr.6 will have the chance to enjoy a day at Drayton Manor on Friday 16th May 2025. The cost of this day out is £24, and will be payable via SchoolMoney, with the opportunity for parents to pay in instalments if required.



Nursery

Our youngest children's experience of school must be positive and while there is a focus on them learning through play, their social skills are also developed via daily nurture groups. Each session is carefully prepared and as part of this, children are offered a range of fruit and snacks for sharing with one another. Parent/carers are asked to contribute 50p a week to support this. Payments can be made in person to the staff within the setting each Monday morning.

Closing at 12.30pm on Friday 11th April, **the school will re-open on Monday 28th April 2025.** Please establish good habits of punctuality and arrive promptly in the playground, to ensure your child goes into school with their peers.



This holiday will be a time of renewal, hope, and celebration for our Christian families and we hope they will take time to enjoy Easter traditions and festivities with friends and family. The good wishes are of course, extended to everyone in our school community and we hope all return refreshed, and ready for what will be the final term of this academic year!

Yours sincerely,

Rubina Darr

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Senior Executive Leader

Term time dates

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – Easter Holiday

Monday 28th April – Friday 23rd May – Summer Term (i)

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Thursday 17th July – Summer Term (ii)

Friday 18th July – Wednesday 3rd September – Summer Holiday