

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you enjoyed the holiday. At this point we would also like to wish all our families the very best for 2026.



As we start the year there will be enrichment activities for the children in Yrs. 1 and 5 with 'The Drama Store' providing a stimulus for their topics and re-enacting aspects of the Great Fire of London, the Bronze/Iron Age and The Ancient Mayans! All other year groups will be involved in NSPCC Number Day, Safer Internet Day and Chinese New Year celebrations.

Parent Workshop

This half term there will also be a workshop for parents with Beacon School Support. On **21st January - 2.30 – 3.20pm - Stacey**

Walsh will present tips and guidance for parents experiencing 'Meltdowns & Shutdowns' with their child at home.

Please come along. The Beacon School Support workshops have always received very positive feedback, and alongside their reassurance that you are not alone in experiencing this, their practical ideas have gone on to make a real difference to individual children and consequently, family life.



Parent Consultations

Next week the school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 12th January to allow for meetings with teachers across the school day. The meetings will enable you to discuss your child's current level of attainment, their personal targets alongside their behaviour for learning. To ensure your child realises their full potential it is important parent/carers work in partnership with the school and as such we expect all our families to attend these meetings.

Staffing

On our return, we are welcoming Ms Razaq back to the Reception class but, we are also delighted that Ms Kaur will now be supporting the Nursery children each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In addition to this, we are also pleased to introduce Ms Waterhouse, a successful, and experienced practitioner, who is looking forward to teaching the children in our Yr.5 class.

Attendance and Safeguarding

As we move into the spring, we hope we have overcome the bout of illnesses that impacted the attendance of so many children so significantly last term. As a community, all families are asked to make a concerted effort and ensure their child/children are in school daily. While so many of you are supportive, it is a pity that there are several families who are continuing to regularly keep their child/children at home for minor illnesses, parent appointments, domestic situations etc. To address this, meetings will be timetabled for this half term and where required, formal processes will be initiated with parents, in line with local authority guidance. Improving a child's school attendance is crucial because it directly links to better academic results, stronger social-emotional development, and improved long-term life chances. Research shows that regular attendance also prevents significant learning gaps that can impact both future earnings, and overall wellbeing.

While the careful monitoring of attendance is key to improving the overall performance of pupil outcomes, it is equally important in keeping children safe across the MAT. Knowing who is absent and why, is fundamental to effective safeguarding. Non-Attendance to school or unauthorised attendance, can result in safeguarding action. This is because persistent absenteeism and sudden changes in patterns of attendance and pupil behaviour, are a key indication that something is wrong. As a school, we have a duty of care to act on any concerns or information shared. We therefore scrutinise pupil absence, investigate the reasons for this and ensure our procedures are followed. For example: children who become withdrawn, or who start acting differently in class and who are then absent, would be flagged as a safeguarding concern to the Designated Safeguarding Leads and investigated. While absences may well be due to illness, they could equally be linked to safeguarding issues such as bullying, family break-ups, domestic abuse, involvement in county lines or online grooming.



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As such, a great deal of work must be done to protect children. The key to early intervention, of course, is good communication and strong links with parents, but school action will include:

- Monitoring of attendance with accurate record keeping.
- Speaking to parent/carers and ensuring they understand that absences will always be questioned.
- Where there are causes for concern, contacting the MASH Team or a family Social Worker.
- Completing a Child Missing Education form and referring them to the Local Authority, should a child not return to the school as expected.

MiQuills

Though our school meals provision has gone out to tender this year, MiQuills will continue to provide our lunch time meals over the course of this academic year. Understanding the significance of nutrition from a young age, their primary school menus are designed to offer balanced and tasty meals that children will enjoy. The company tries to meet all children's dietary requirements too, so if your child has an allergy or requires a special diet, parents should communicate this information to the school and complete an 'Alternative Menu Form' which will enable MiQuills to provide a personal diet plan and ensure safe meals are served to your child.

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 (KS2 only), payable in advance.



Applications for Reception - September 2026

Reminding all parent / carers that applications for primary school entry in September 2026 closes at 11:59pm on 15 January 2026. Applications for primary school entry received after this date will only be considered after applications received on time have been processed. Late applications will be processed after 16 April 2026, and consequently, you are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools. Please don't miss out!

We look forward to working with all our families again this year and hope we can continue to rely on your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Snr. Executive Leader

Term Time Dates

Spring Term

Spring (i) Monday 5.1.26 – Friday 13.2.26

School closed to pupils on Monday 12th January - Parent Consultations

Spring Half Term 16.2.26 – 20.2.26

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