Broomgrove Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful time we've had at Broomgrove Infant School recently, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Books and Biscuits events have now come to an end, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported them. Together, we've raised an impressive £776.70, which will be spent on new books for our school. This is a fantastic achievement and really demonstrates the generosity and commitment of our school community. These new additions to our library will benefit all our children and help foster a love of reading across the school.

It was wonderful to see our Year 2 children enjoying themselves at the MacMillan Coffee morning held at the Junior School. They did a brilliant job supporting this important cause, and it was lovely to see them engaging with the wider school community in such a meaningful way.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards our Harvest collection. Your kindness has enabled us to support several local charities, including the Wivenhoe Food Bank. It's heartwarming to know that we've been able to make a real difference to families in our local area, and these donations truly embody the values we hold dear at Broomgrove.

On a celebratory note, we've recently elected our new School Council, and I'm thrilled to introduce our representatives. From Reception and Year 1 classes we have Sasha, Sienna M, Archie B, Olivia J, Edie & Bodhi, from Year 2 we have Elsie O, Nujud, Iona & Nova. They will be supported by Mrs Hunt, and together they will play a special role in helping our school mark our 60th year. This is an exciting milestone for us all, and our School Council members will be instrumental in making sure we celebrate this achievement in style.

Finally, I'd like to remind parents and carers about an upcoming coffee morning being hosted by Tendring Families First. This will take place at the Junior School on 6th October at 9am. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families and access support and information. Do come along if you're able to.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Broomgrove Infant School. It's your involvement and enthusiasm that make our school such a special place.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Alison Grigg

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Please add the dates to your diary or family calendar	
Wednesday 7th October	Forest school – Mrs Rout and Mrs Hawkridge's class
Wednesday 14th October	Forest school – Mrs Rout and Mrs Hawkridge's class
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening 3.20 – 5.50pm
Wednesday 21st October	Forest school – Mrs Rout and Mrs Hawkridge's class
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening 3.20 – 5.50pm
Half Term 26th October – 30th October	
Tuesday 3rd November	**Boomgrove Fireworks**
Wednesday 4th November	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Wednesday 4th November	Flu Immunisations – 1st Session
Wednesday 11th November	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 18th November	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Wednesday 25th November	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Thursday 26th November	Non-Uniform Day for the Christmas Fair
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY
Wednesday 2nd December	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Thursday 3rd December	BSA Christmas Fair
Monday 7th December	Reception/ Year 1 Nativity Performance Mrs Besant's class – 2.30pm
Tuesday 8th December	Reception/ Year 1 Nativity Performance Mr Bennett's class – 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Reception/ Year 1 Nativity Performance Mrs Hunt's class – 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Forest school – Mrs Mahmood's class
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 11th December	Year 2 Fabulous Finish. Theatre Production visiting school
Monday 14th December	Rock Steady Concert – 9.30am
Monday 14th December	Flu Immunisation – 2nd Session (if any pupil missed 1st Session)
Christmas Holiday 21st December – 1st January	
Monday 4th January	Return to school

Headteacher's Award

Broomgrove Infant School's Behaviour Policy, focuses on rewarding positive behavior. Children from across the year will be invited to spend time with Mrs Grigg in her office and share their school experience, while drinking a cup of hot chocolate.

#Hot Chocolate Awards

Be amazing

Eden	**Emily**
Theo	**Summer**
Felicity	**Max**
Arthur	**Matilda**

Allergy Awareness

Allergy Awareness and Keeping Children Safe

The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is our highest priority. In line with the Department for Education's new statutory guidance, *Allergy Safety in Schools*, we continue to strengthen our procedures to support children with allergies and reduce the risk of allergic reactions in school.

Allergies can be serious and, in some cases, life-threatening. We ask all families to work with us to create a safe environment for every child.

How parents can help

Inform the school immediately of any diagnosed allergies or changes to your child's medical needs.

- Ensure that any prescribed medication, including adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs), is in date and provided to school as required.
- Keep your child's healthcare information up to date and work with us to review Individual Healthcare Plans where needed.
- Remind children not to share food, drinks, utensils, or lunchbox contents with others.

What school is doing

We have procedures in place to:

- Identify and support pupils with allergies through Individual Healthcare Plans.
- Provide allergy awareness training for staff.
- Maintain clear systems for recognising and responding to allergic reactions.
- Promote good hygiene practices, including handwashing before and after eating.
- Learn from incidents and near misses to continually improve safety.

A shared responsibility

- **We can no longer accept or give out sweets, cakes etc for birthdays and celebrations due to the changes in legislation. This also aligns us with the Junior school.**

By working together, we can help ensure that every child is safe, included and able to participate fully in school life. If you have any questions about allergies or your child's medical needs, please contact the school office.

Growth Mindset



Attendance Matters: All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages:

Mr Bennett	96.11%
Mrs Besant	95.28%
Mrs Hunt	97.85%
Mrs Rout and Mrs Hawkridge	93.85%
Mrs Mahmood	98.97%
Whole School	95.53%

Well done to Mrs Mahmood's class, for achieving the best attendance for the last 2 weeks.

Self-Care September 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time
7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one
14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories
21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans
	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are			

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SPACE

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

- **in person** – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events
- **by phone** – talk one-to-one with a peer educator
- **online** – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
- **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime

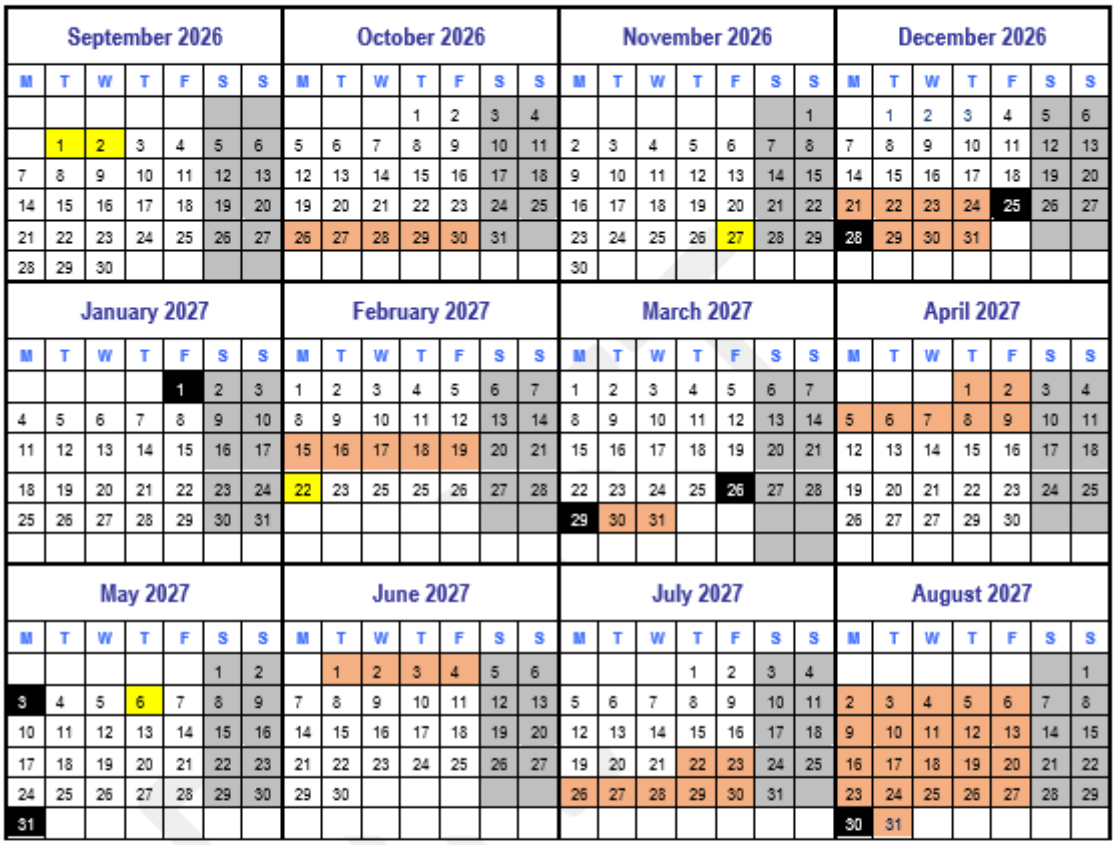


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Tendring
FAMILIES
FIRST
Infants and
Juniors
Everyone
Welcome
Venue –
Broomgrove Juniors
Primary School
Date – Tuesday 6th
October.
Time – 9am
Join Julieann and Stef
from
Tendring Families First for
a chat about family and
school support.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027



= Schooldays = School holidays = Bank holidays

= Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 *Half Term 26 October – 30 October*	74 days
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 *Half Term 15 February - 19 February*	54 days
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 *Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May*	67 days
		195 days

Please note:
The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.
You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

Essex County Council

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools in September 2024

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.