

# Newsletter



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*Where everybody wants to be: everybody is welcome and enjoys success!*

## A message from the Head:

Welcome back!



I hope everyone had a wonderful break...It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back into school for the new school year. It is going to be a busy year so I do hope everyone is ready for some hard work and some fun too.

We have welcomed a new member of staff onto the team over the summer. Please give a warm welcome to:

- Miss Saunders - our new EYFS Lead and Reception Class Teacher

Please do remember how important attendance is. Historically at Graiseley attendance has not been good - we need to improve. You must make sure your child is in school every day unless they are too poorly to attend. Please do not book holidays in term time - they will not be authorised, furthermore fines have increased and repeat offences face higher fines. Please understand that where attendance is poor we will challenge this.

Finally, please also remember that we all want the very best for your child. Working together is vitally important and building good relationships will ensure good outcomes, so please talk to us if you have any concerns or worries...and remember we all want the same thing: For your child to have a happy and successful journey through Graiseley Primary School.

Here's to a positive and productive year ahead!

Best wishes, Mrs Humphries

**Remember: School now starts at 8:45am**

## Dates for the Diary

04.09.24 - School reopened for pupils

10.09.24 - Meet the Teacher Y1-6 9-9:15am

20.09.24 - Jeans for Genes Day

26.09.24 - School Photographs

27.09.24 - Mc Millan Coffee Morning

30.09.24 - Kindness Week

02.10.24 - Flu Vaccination in School

09.10.24 - Parents Evening

25.10.24 - Black History Day

28.10.24 - 01.11.24—Half Term School Closed

04.11.24 School Reopens

20.11.24—Y5 & Y6 Online Behaviour Workshops inc Parents

12.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day

12 + 13.12.24 - EYFS Nativity

16 + 17.12.24 - KS1 Christmas Crafts

19.12.24 - KS2 Carol Service

20.12.24 - Break up for Christmas Holiday

06.01.25 - INSET Day School Closed for Pupils

07.01.25 - School Reopens for the Spring Term

### Attendance - Important Update

On Unauthorised Leave During Term Time We wish to inform all parents and guardians about the significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.



What you need to know:

- New Penalty Rates: £160 per parent per child. Pay £80 if settled within 21 days.
- Second Penalty: £160 with no discount if issued within 3 years for the same child.
- Threshold: Penalty notice after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in 10 schools weeks (in accordance with The City of Wolverhampton Council's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct).
- Limit: Max 2 penalty notices per child within 3 years. Further offences may result in prosecution.

These changes emphasise the importance of consistent school attendance for your child's education.

### Uniform

Our colours are red and Grey, so a uniform can be chosen from the following list:

Red jumper, sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan

Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

White polo shirt (T shirt in summer)  
Older children may wear plain white shirt

Grey, white or black socks

Black shoes

**For P.E.**

White T-shirt, black shorts

Black PE pumps

**For swimming** (older children only)

Towel and waterproof bag

Costume and swimming hat

### Parking around school

Parking around school is limited and at pick up and drop off times it is particularly busy. Please take extra care - not all children are good at keeping themselves safe and rely on you, as drivers, to be extra-vigilant.

PLEASE do not park illegally, this includes on double yellow and zig zag lines outside of school.

It is a much better idea to walk to school if you can, or park a little further away and walk from there...with the added benefit of some extra exercise! Please also take care when walking through the car parks.

Thank you for your co-operation: we just want to keep children safe!



### Filtering and Monitoring in School

Graiseley Primary School uses filtering and monitoring software to keep children safe online. This technology allows us to prevent access to inappropriate and unsafe websites and to monitor the use of school computers.

We have the ability to monitor any email messages sent from school email accounts and have management software which allows us to remotely monitor computer screens and to set trigger words or phrases that create alerts.

This means we can instantly monitor possible inappropriate or unsafe behaviours.

Furthermore, we also teach children about staying safe online through our PSHE and Computing curriculums. At home, you should also talk to your child about how to stay safe online. We will continue to share hints and tips to support you at home.

