



Sunshine Days!

Despite the hot, sticky weather, as always, our pupils are displaying our school's Character Virtues and making us feel very proud.

We would like to remind you to send your children in with a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen for protection.

Recently, it was the Wivenhoe Regatta and it was lovely seeing so many of our pupils there. I should have taken Woody along - I will next year. Our school may even enter the pram race next year!

Please look at our key dates opposite and wishing you a happy weekend.

Enjoy the sunshine!

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 for this academic year:

Class 1	93.6%
Class 2	92.9%
Class 3	96.1%
Class 4	93.5%
Class 5	92.7%
Class 6	93.7%
Class 7	95.0%
Class 8	92.9%
Whole school	93.8%

KEY DATES

- * **Thurs 4th July - school closed (Polling station)**
- * **Mon 8th July - non uniform day (for BSA Summer Fayre)**
- * **Tues 9th July - SATs results published**
- * **Fri 12th July - Year 3 trip to Hasty's Farm**
- * **Fri 12th July - End of year reports to parents**
- * **Mon 15th July - Rock Steady Concert (pm)**
- * **Tues 16th July - Year 6 performance**
- * **Weds 17th July - Celebration Afternoon**
- * **Thurs 18th July - Year 6 performance**
- * **Fri 19th July - BSA Summer Fayre**
- * **Tues 23rd July - Non Pupil Day**
- * **Wed 24th July - 2nd September - Summer Holidays!**

Our Ofsted Report

Today, Ofsted published our inspection report on their website:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/114759>

I am hoping that the local newspaper will write an article about this to share this news with the wider community.



Transition

Yesterday was our Transition Day/Moving Up Day. Most of our Year 6 pupils spent the day at their new secondary schools. The Year 2 pupils from the Infant School spent the morning and lunchtime with us, getting to know our adults, our classrooms and routines. Years 3 to 5 also spent the morning in their new classrooms for September with their next teachers and support staff.

It was a smooth and enjoyable day across the school.



Netball

This week, our netball team played a friendly match against Alresford Primary School and our pupils displayed great teamwork, respect and resilience. Our team won with an outstanding score of 9-0 and we would like to thank Miss Davies and Miss Chisnall for running our netball club, organising this match and supporting our pupils. We are extremely proud of them all and their good sporting behaviour!

Celebration Afternoon

On Wednesday 17th July, we would like to invite all parents and carers to visit our school between 2.30pm and 3:30pm, spending time and sharing the children's achievements with their current class teacher before taking the opportunity to visit their new classroom so that the children can introduce you to their new teacher.

The Infant School will also be having a celebration afternoon and they will be open to visit as well during this time, so children in Year 2 can visit their Year 3 class. (Please can we request that infant children are collected before their older junior siblings.)

Information regarding Headlice



Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. There, once again, appear to be a number of cases of head lice throughout the school so please read the information below:

Check if it is head lice:

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day.

Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. The NHS has provided this guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20has%20mild,they%20can%20go%20to%20school>

Holiday Requests

The school has been receiving an increasing number of holiday requests in term time. I have included the term dates for the academic year for your information within this school newsletter.

Holidays in term time are always taken as an unauthorised leave of absence. Parents who take these periods of absence do so with the full knowledge that the school may issue a penalty notice. There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday.

At Broomgrove Junior School 'exceptional circumstances' **will be interpreted as:** ... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are **"rare, significant, unavoidable and short"**. By **'unavoidable'** we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Examples of 'exceptional' events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short" may include but are not limited to: a parent or carer being a member of the armed forces and has been on active duty so could not reasonably schedule the absence for another time, the death of a close family member, the attendance at the funeral and the attendance at the wedding of a close family member.

Furthermore, we will not consider applications for leave during term time:

- at any time in September. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new class at the start of the academic year as quickly as possible.
- during assessment and test periods in the school's calendar affecting your child.
- when a pupil's attendance record already includes any level of unauthorised absence or they have already been granted authorised leave within that academic year.