Broomgrove Junior School

Autumn issue 4 - 13/11/2026



November News!

As we move deeper into autumn, it's wonderful to see our pupils continuing to embrace their learning with such enthusiasm and resilience. November has been a busy month already at Broomgrove Junior School, filled with exciting opportunities for our children to grow, learn and demonstrate our school values. From our Remembrance display to the everyday moments of kindness and determination we see in classrooms, there's so much to celebrate.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Broomgrove such a special place for our children to thrive. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact us through Class Dojo.

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	93.7%
Class 2	94.2%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	93.5%
Class 5	97.0%
Class 6	97.4%
Class 7	96.1%
Class 8	94.6%
Whole school	95.5%

KEY DATES

***Mon 16th Nov-Friday 20th Nov: Anti-bullying week**
***Thurs 26th Nov: Non-uniform (donations for BSA Christmas Fayre)**
***Fri 27th Nov: Non-Pupil Day**
***Tues 1st Dec: Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle**
***Thurs 3rd Dec: BSA Christmas Fayre**
***Thurs 10th Dec: Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day**
***Weds 16th Dec: Winter Wonderland concerts (x 3)**
***Fri 18th Dec: Last day of term**
***Mon 4th Jan: First day back to school**

Children In Need

To support the BBC CHildren In Need charity, today we invited children to wear spots/yellow/Pudsey clothing in return for contributions towards this charity.
At the time of writing, we have received 45 donations across the school totalling £203. Thank you all! 😀

Remembrance

As always, our school observed two minutes' silence at 11am on Wednesday this week, as it was the 11th November, in memory of all who have served in the armed forces and sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Ms van der Wolf came up with the idea for this wonderful display in our entrance and every child made a poppy to contribute.



BOOMgrove!

The BSA, once more, organised a wonderful fireworks night for our local community. As well as the professional fireworks display, there were amusements and food and drinks on sale. The current total raised by this this event stands at **£2612.64**. As with all fundraising, this is greatly appreciated by both schools.
We would like to thank all of the BSA members for organising and delivering such a great event as we appreciate how much time and effort it takes. We would also like to thank all of the other volunteers and members of staff for giving their time on the night. And, thank you to everyone who attended. Everyone's continued support is greatly appreciated.

Essex County Council

Creating a Safer Broome Grove

Recently we made some changes along Broome Grove to help improve the safety of children and their parents when traveling to school. These included:

- **Red route parking restrictions** outside the school, helping to reduce congestion and improve visibility.
- **Carriageway resurfacing**
- **Build-outs** to improve ease of crossing for people walking
- New **'Child Crossing' road** markings to increase driver awareness near key walking routes.
- **Cycle training for children**
- Increased presence of **Enforcement Officers**

We would now like to hear about the impact these new changes have made on and around the Broome Grove area. Your feedback will help us better understand how people experience the street and explore ways we can work together to make it safer for everyone.

Please scan the QR code or use the link below to complete our survey. The closing date is the 30th November 2026. **By completing our survey, you can be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a £100 Love 2 Shop voucher.**

https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/broome-grove-wivenhoe/surveys/broome-grove

If you have any questions or would like to request a paper copy of the survey, please email sgh.routes@essex.gov.uk.

For further information regarding Broome Grove, visit:

https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/broome-grove-wivenhoe

COLNE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
ALUMNI

Calling all former Colne students!

We are launching an Alumni Network, and we want you to be a part of it.

Our goal is to build a vibrant community of former Colne students who can help complement our careers programme, inspire and motivate the next generation, and give our current students the tools they need to succeed.

We want to show our students exactly what is possible by highlighting the stories of those who once sat in their seats and who walked their corridors.

Inspire & Raise Aspirations:

Share your journey from our classrooms to your current career. Show our students what is possible.

Become a Mentor:

Offer invaluable advice, industry insights, and encouragement to a student navigating their next steps.

Support Careers Education:

Participate in career fairs, mock interviews, deliver a short talk about your industry or facilitate work experience placements.

Build Resilience:

Help students understand that career paths aren't always linear, sharing how you overcame challenges along the way.

Celebrate achievement:

Join our student recognition and awards events.





If you are interested in being part of the Alumni network, please contact us at mail@colne.school

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.
- Check carefully before sending food into school for celebrations or special events.

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 hand washing before and after eating.
- Learn from incidents and near misses to continually improve safety.

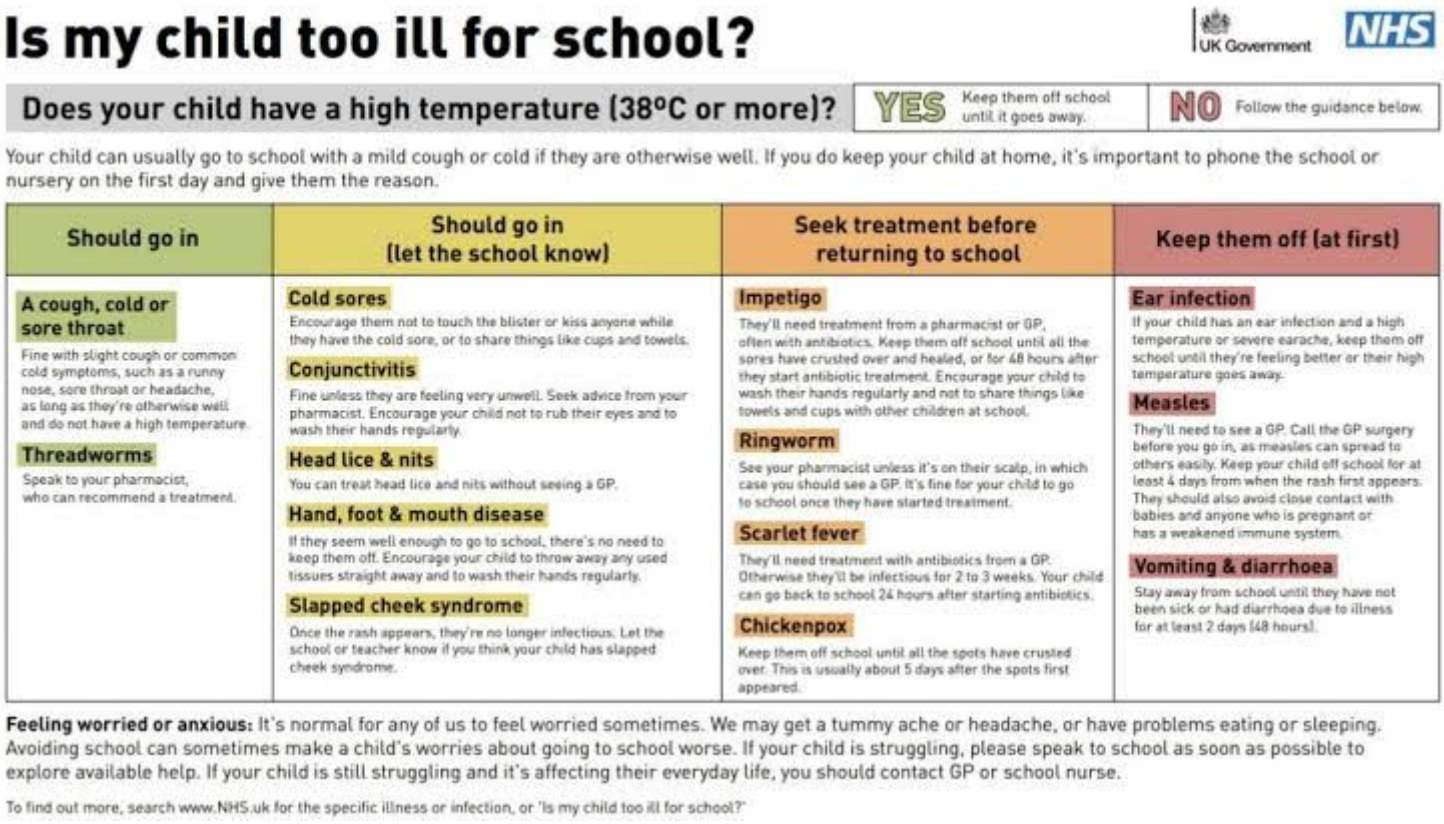
A shared responsibility

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

For more information, see:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?es_c=8BCAF2042B7AEB3470171FEBCE49290C&es_cl=4752CB2B6311FF3A3ECB3F4B0BD0D00B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat
Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms
Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores
Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis
Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits
You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease
If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome
Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo
They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm
See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever
They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox
Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection
If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles
They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea
Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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:

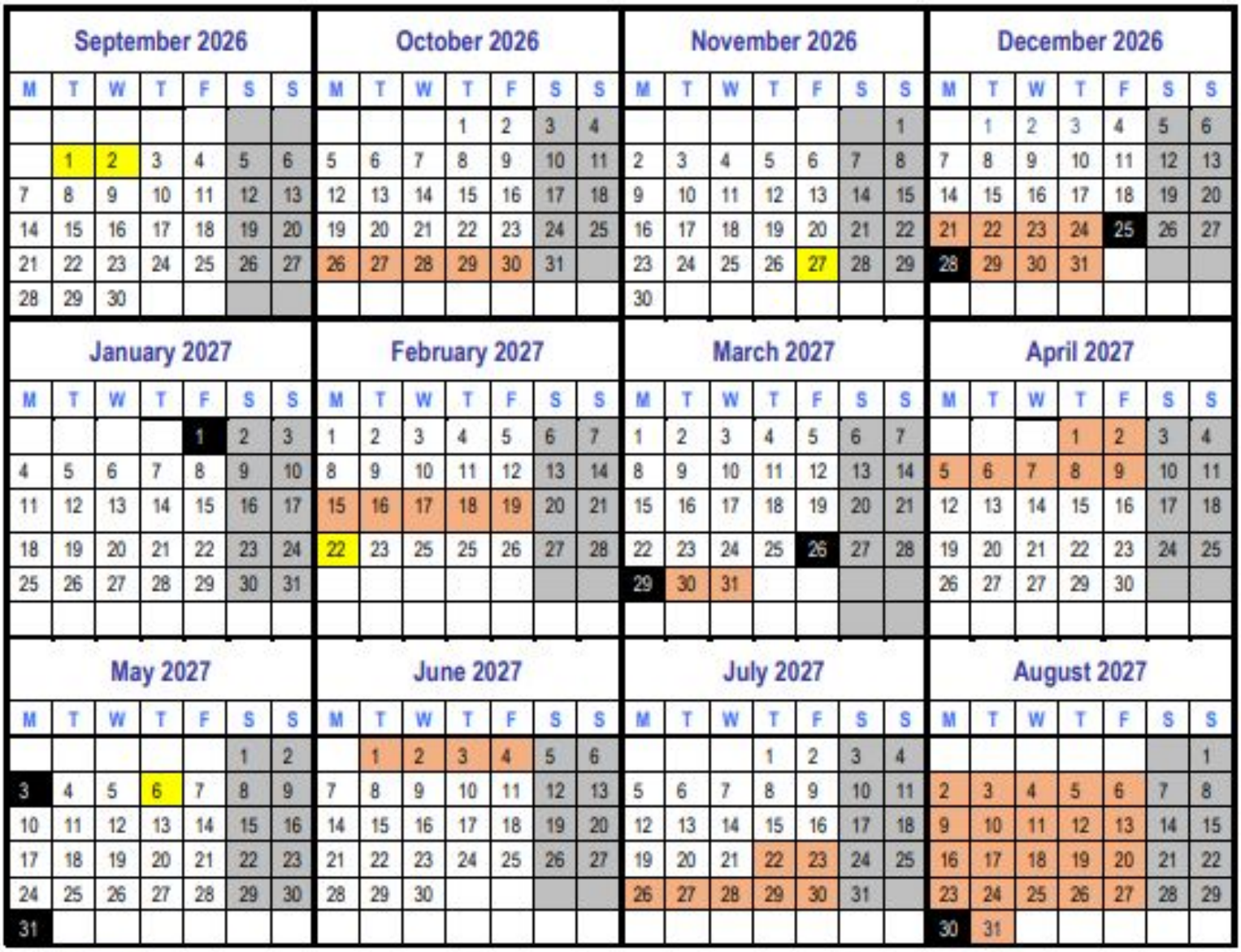
£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

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'.

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.