

# CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Cromwell Learning Community Multi Academy Trust

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### Summer (i) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

While this half term is short, it remains a very busy time for children and staff alike.

We have also experienced unusually warm weather and, as such it seems pertinent to remind parents to send children into school with hats/caps for break and lunchtimes when they are out in the playground and higher temperatures are predicted.

#### **KS2 SATs**

The children in Yr.6 will be sitting their **KS2 SATs** next week (see details below). The children have accessed workshops via Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Team to manage any anxiety attached to these assessments. The school will also be supporting their well-being and this week will be offering the children breakfast at 8.15am each morning. It is important families offer further support by ensuring the children have sufficient rest and time to relax when they return home at the end of the day.

As a community we are sure, you will want to join us in wishing the children every success next week. The year group have worked hard, and they deserve the positive outcomes anticipated!

**Monday, May 12th:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling - Paper 1 (45mins) & Paper 2 (15mins)

**Tuesday, May 13th:** English reading (60mins)

**Wednesday, May 14th:** Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic 30mins) & Paper 2 (Reasoning 40mins)

**Thursday, May 15th:** Mathematics - Paper 3 (Reasoning 40mins)

To draw the children's week to a close they will be spending **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Drayton Manor**.

The cost of this day out is £24, and payable via SchoolMoney.



#### **Coffee Morning**

Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Team will be in school on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May**.

Working on a one – to – one basis, or group support they focus on building coping skills and strategies for a range of issues, including:

- Low mood and motivation
- Anxiety and irrational fears
- Challenging behaviours like angry outbursts or frustration
- Difficulties in family and peer relationships
- Adjusting to change and transitions.
- Managing emotions effectively

Please come along **9.00 – 10.00am** and meet the team, hear more about their service and some additional support you may wish to access for your child.

#### **Attendance & Term Time Leave**

Unfortunately, since the pandemic there has been a shift in the attitude of some parents, up and down the country, to schooling. Across the MAT we uphold the view that school is important, not only in terms of the children acquiring



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knowledge and skills, but its role in supporting a child's social development and their future success. In response to this, we continue to monitor attendance on a daily, weekly and half termly basis to ensure the children don't miss out on their education, but also the many additional experiences we offer. Thank you to all those parents who ensure regular attendance – it really is appreciated.

Where there are concerns, further discussions will however, be taking place with families who are regularly taking time off school. Such absences are impacting on individual outcomes, but also the school as a whole.

In addition, a number of families in our school have also recently received fines for term time leave. The criteria for authorised leave is very limited and consequently the local authority have imposed £80 fines for children missing school, for holidays, visits to relatives, medical appointments etc. When issuing fines, they are applicable to **both** parents (i.e this would amount to £160 for each child within a two-parent family / those with parental responsibility, even though they may not be living with the child). It should also be noted that any fines not paid within 21 days will automatically rise to £160 per child. To avoid such a situation, it is important that families discuss visits with Snr. Leaders before making any bookings, and the school community adheres to school holiday periods.

## **Academic Year 2025 - 2026**

### **Nursery**

Children who have reached their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 could be accessing a Nursery place when the school returns in September. This year our Nursery will be offering its 15 hours over Monday (9.00am – 3.00pm), Tuesday (9.00am – 3.00pm) and Wednesday (9.00am – 12.00pm). Please contact us, if you are interested in securing a place for your child.

### **Reception**

Open Days will be held for the new intake on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. Parents will be contacted beforehand, but we hope you and your child will visit the school to see the setting and meet the staff who will be a part of the children's Early Years' experience. Sessions will run 9.00am – 11.00am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

### **Grammar School Entry Exams**

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2026).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The test will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

[www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

*Rubina Darr*

R.Darr (Mrs)

Senior Executive Leader

### **Term time dates**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Summer Term (i)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Term (ii)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Summer Holiday**