

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. This time of year, is always extremely busy with statutory assessments, end of year reports and ongoing visits / visitors to enrich the curriculum and foster a love of learning. There will also be a range of sporting events, including the Aston Olympians, swimming sessions and after-school clubs with external providers. Drama sessions have been timetabled to support the Yr.6 leavers' assembly and their evening disco has also been booked!

Visits

A visit to **Southfields Farm** has been organised for **Nursery and Reception** next week on Monday 16th June. Planned as a stimulus for their learning they will travel by coach to the setting. A risk assessment will be in place and the children will be accompanied by a Paediatric First Aider. The cost will be £15 in total and should be paid by School Money prior to the day of the visit. This is an exciting opportunity for the children as shown by reviews on Farmer John's website: *"The children absolutely loved visiting your farm. They were completely immersed in nature - hunting for insects, pond dipping, feeding the sheep and chickens, taking the goats for a walk, riding on the trailer."*



Swimming

All children from **Yrs. 3 – 6** will be involved in weekly swimming sessions during the time the 'pop-up pool' is on site – **30th June – 17th July 2025**. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and we expect all children within the identified year groups to be fully involved.

Why swimming education is essential

Statistics highlight the necessity of swimming education. Sadly, drowning remains a leading cause of accidental death in children in the UK [[Royal Life Saving Society](#)]. Our swimming sessions, delivered by qualified providers, will, in response, revolve around an understanding of water safety, performing a safe self-rescue, and being familiar with various swimming techniques.

Current research by Swim England shows that only 52% of children are leaving primary school as confident swimmers, capable of fulfilling the National Curriculum requirement of swimming at least 25 metres unaided, and as such, this demonstrates the importance of your child being a part of the sessions being provided in the school.

Swim wear

To participate, children **MUST** attend with the appropriate swim wear for each of their timetabled sessions. The children will need the correct **swim wear** (girls – require a **burkini or full swimming costume with tee shirt and leggings if preferred**; boys – need **long shorts or wet suit**), **swimming cap** (a new requirement this year), **swim shoes** / flip flops, **large towel** and **plastic bag**. Details have been posted on Class Dojo and parents should log on for further information.



Attendance & Term Time Leave

Whole school attendance at the end of the Spring Term stood at 96.3% which is in line with the expectation of 96%. Attendance of individual year groups highlights areas for improvement within Early Years and Yr.1.

Nursery	90.6%
Reception	94.6%
Yr.1	94.5%



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Yr.2	96.9%
Yr.3	96.2%
Yr.4	97.6%
Yr.5	97.9%
Yr.6	97.8%

While concerns particularly revolve around children who are regularly missing from class, a number of parents are also continuing to take children out of school during term time, and consequently the child's record shows a period of *unauthorised absence*. In line with local authority / Government guidelines these absences are now resulting in fines. As we move into the final few weeks, parents should be mindful of the consequences of term time leave and the impact on children's learning. Similarly, children who do not return promptly at the beginning of the academic year are always at a disadvantage. They miss important transition sessions and then find it difficult to settle into their new class and its routines. It is important that **all** parents support attendance to help maintain the high levels of attainment that have been achieved to date.

School Meals



MiQuills are our school meals provider. Fresh, local and sustainable ingredients are used in their dishes and the lunches include a daily choice of a main meal or vegetarian option, as well as seasonable vegetables, salad bar and fresh bread. Alongside this there is a choice of desserts. Meals cost £2.45 a day which are payable in advance, via School Money. Please see the menus on our website.

While the Government provides meals for the children in EYFS and KS1, they are payable from Yr.3. Parents of pupils in Yr.2, who are not eligible for FSM, need to decide whether they are going to continue with a hot meal (£9.80 a week) or provide their child with a packed lunch when they return in September. If parents can inform a member of the Admin staff, before the end of term, it would be appreciated.

Breakfast Bagels

Funding from Magic Breakfast enables us to continue to offer all our children a toasted bagel in the morning. Studies show that children missing breakfast may lack focus in the classroom. We are though, also aware that there are many families in our community facing difficulties who may not be able to provide breakfast on a daily basis. We hope the provision of breakfast bagels for every child in our school reassures parents and you will encourage your child to eat when they come into the classroom in the morning. We know it makes a difference. In satisfying their hunger, their behaviour changes, their mood lifts, it keeps them going and it allows them to be, and do, their best.

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Nursery

Children who have reached their 3rd birthday by 31st August 2025 could be attending Nursery when the school returns in September. This year our Nursery will be offering its 15 hours over Wednesday (9.00am – 3.00pm), Thursday (9.00am – 3.00pm) and Friday (9.00am – 12.00pm). Please contact us, if you are interested.

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 27th June 2025. The test will take place on 13th September 2025.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Term time dates

School closes on Thursday 17th July and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd September 2025