



Newsletter 2

As the weather is now getting colder and certainly wetter may we ask that every child wears a coat to school and any hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named with your child's full name. We will make sure that your child wears their coats and hats/gloves/scarves during lunch and breaktimes.

Consideration of our neighbours

We have had several complaints from our neighbours and other road users, about how some of our parents are parking, stopping and leaving their cars on the road and entering onto school site and also the aggressive behaviour of some drivers. Staff are there to ensure that our children are brought on and off the school site in a safe way and to answer any questions parents and carers may have. When the child is in the care of their parent or carer, the responsibility of safety and care remains with the parents or carer. All drivers should be aware of the Highway Code and their responsibility to follow the code. We ask that drivers and road users abide by the Highway Code and pay extra attention to ensure that all users of the school site are kept safe and free from harm.

Important dates



Term dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

Inset days



Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 14th February

Monday 31st March

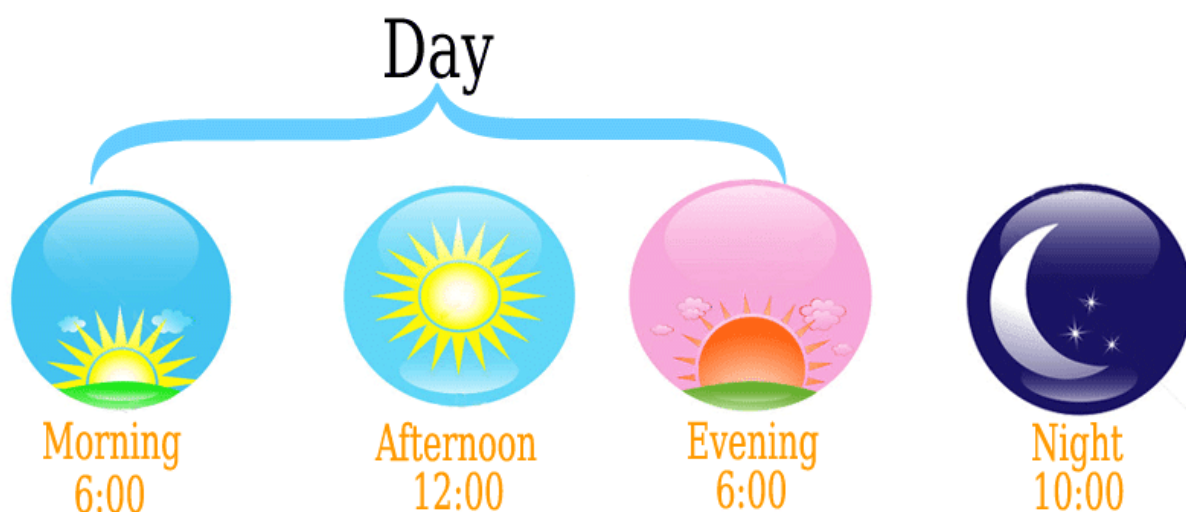
Tuesday 1st April

Monday 9th June

Friday 4th July

Monday 21st July

Times of day



Gates will open at 8.25am.

Doors to classrooms will open at 8.30am

Registration is at 8.35am

Gates will close at 8.50am

End of day arrangements

Monday to Thursday

Gates will open on Bromford Road at 3.15pm. This is to enable parents to wait inside the driveway and to avoid congestion on the actual Bromford Road.

Use of school car park will remain limited.

School staff walking children to parents has now stopped as we can no longer support this.

Gates on Twycross Grove will open at 3.15pm to enable parents to wait alongside the school pathway

Access to the classes and to the KS2 playground will be at 3.25pm

School finishes at 3.25pm

Friday

Gates will open on Bromford Road at 1.40pm. This is to enable parents to wait inside the driveway and to avoid congestion on the actual Bromford Road.

Use of school car park will remain limited.

School staff walking children to parents has now stopped as we can no longer support this.

Gates on Twycross Grove will open at 1.40pm to enable parents to wait alongside the school pathway

Access to the classes and to the KS2 playground will be at 1.50pm

School finishes at 1.50pm

Attendance



Our attendance target is 97%. Last year, despite lots of hard work we fell short of this target by a large amount.

To support families in their religious observance, Create Partnership Trust has asked its schools to authorise 1 day of absence per specific religious celebration. Up to 2 days per year can be authorised and these days are linked to the recognised religious observances.

The new Government guidance has taken away the Holiday code which means that schools cannot agree to holidays taken in term time as the occurrence isn't recognised in the coding for attendance. Any holiday taken during term time will be coded as unauthorised absence.

The school's target for attendance remains at 97% as we understand over the course of a school year, a child may become unwell. This means that all children are expected to attend school every day the school is open and when they are well enough to do so. 5 days of absence will result in the child achieving an attendance of 97%. That's 5 days of absence. If a child has 19 days of absence over the course of a year, the percentage drops to 90% and this means the child is classed as being

persistently absent. When a child becomes persistently absent, a legal process then begins with parents potentially facing a Court appearance.

We want to make sure that this doesn't happen to any of our families and try very hard to work to support families to ensure children attend school. There are lots of people in school to speak to: class teacher, Mr Clayton and Mrs Hemming, Mrs Begum and any of the Leaders especially Mr I Rose.

If you need to travel during term time, we ask that you continue to let the school know and don't just go. We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and any absence is always followed up including home visits, speaking to all contacts we have been given and on rare occasions, contacting the police for a safe and well check.

Application for secondary school places - September 2025

Parents of Year 6 children are reminded that they need to apply for a secondary school place for their child by **OCTOBER 31st**

To do this please go to <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Here is a short video to support.

If you need any further support, please contact the school office.



HODGE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parents are reminded that if you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be able to start school in September 2025.

Children in Birmingham can start school (reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.

Applications for primary school in September 2025 open at 9:00am on 1 October 2024. The closing date is at 11:59pm on 15 January 2025.

All applications are made online at [Apply online - changes of preferences | Apply for reception class or primary school | Birmingham City Council](#)

For support please see [parent's guide to online applications, change of preferences and password resets](#). or alternatively please speak to a member of our Admin/Office team.

Please do not assume that if you children already at our school, your rising 5 child will automatically be given a place. You have to submit an application form to the Local Authority.

Medicines and supporting pupils with medical needs



If your child needs medicine including cream, to be administered during the school day, it is vital that parents bring the medicine including creams to the main school office , where a series of forms will be completed to ensure that administration is done correctly. It is also very important that Parents ensure that any inhalers and epi pens are kept in date.