

Bosley Bulletin

20TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Bosley families,

Attendance is a major priority for us at Bosley. Unfortunately, our current attendance figures are lower than we would like, and we really need everyone's support to improve them. Every day in school matters, and even occasional absences can add up to significant lost learning. This week, we've launched our Attendance HEROES – **Here Every day, Ready On time!** Please read the special attendance supplement included with this week's Bulletin for more information about our renewed focus.

A reminder that parents' evening is on Wednesday 25th November. Please book your appointment through Compass. Meetings will take place in classrooms this year, giving you an opportunity to see your child's learning environment. Teachers will discuss academic progress, social and emotional development and attendance.

We're noticing an increasing number of sugary snacks being brought into school at break time. Please help us encourage healthy eating by choosing nutritious alternatives. You'll find some suggestions later in the Bulletin, and remember that fruit is always available in school.

We've also emailed parents about our Jigsaw PSHE and RSHE consultation. Please check your inbox for further information and the opportunity to share your views.

Finally, we're really looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December! Please see the poster later in the Bulletin for details. We hope to see lots of you there!

Best wishes,

Rebecca Hadfield
Headteacher

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Loving God, thank you for our friends. Help us be kind, patient and fair with one another, both in school and beyond it. Amen.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

Attendance

96%
Attendance Target

Year Group	Last Week w/c 9th November	This Week w/c 16th November
Reception	92.5%	100%
Year 1	98.2%	95.5%
Year 2	100%	94.3%
Year 3	96%	100%
Year 4	80%	96.7%
Year 5	94.2%	92.9%
Year 6	93.8%	96.3%

90%	91-92%	93-94%	95%

- **Be on time:** Children must be in school by 8.50am.
- **Report absence:** Contact the office promptly, every day your child is absent.
- **Come in when well:** Minor ailments do not usually require time off.
- **Talk to us:** Contact us early if attendance is becoming difficult.
- **Avoid term-time holidays:** These are unauthorised and may result in a fine.

Attendance Penalties
Per parent, per child

First: £80 within 21 days **OR Later payment:** £160
Second in 3 years: £160
Further offences: Court action and a fine of up to £2,500



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I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME – PHILIPPIANS 4:13



ATTENDANCE TAKEOVER!

A BOSLEY BULLETIN ATTENDANCE SPECIAL

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ARE YOU AN ATTENDANCE HERO?

BEING IN SCHOOL ISN'T JUST ABOUT LESSONS!

It's about learning, friendships, confidence, routines and belonging. Every day gives children another opportunity to flourish.

WHAT DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE REALLY MEAN?

100%	=	**0** days of lost learning
95%	=	around **9½** days of lost learning
90%	=	around **19** days of lost learning
85%	=	around **28½** days of lost learning
80%	=	around **38** days of lost learning

Based on a 190-day school year.

DID YOU KNOW?

Attendance in Year 1 matters all the way to GCSEs!

Research shows that children who miss more school in Year 1 are more likely to achieve lower GCSE results later on.

EVERY DAY HELPS CHILDREN TO...

- LEARN
- MAKE FRIENDS
- BELONG
- BUILD CONFIDENCE

HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!

SCHOOL DAYS ARE NOT HOLIDAY DAYS!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY.

Taking children out of school during term time means missed learning, missed opportunities and time away from friends. Even a few days can create gaps that are hard to close.



CAN HOLIDAYS BE AUTHORISED?

Term-time holidays will not normally be authorised. Headteachers can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances. Requests must be made in writing, in advance.

WHEN CAN A PENALTY NOTICE BE CONSIDERED?

A penalty notice may be considered when a child has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) within a rolling 10-school-week period.

FIRST NOTICE:

£80

Per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Rises to **£160** if paid within 28 days.

SECOND NOTICE IN 3 YEARS:

£160

Per parent, per child.

FURTHER UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE MAY LEAD TO LEGAL ACTION.



WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?

For two parents and two children, an unauthorised holiday could mean four separate penalty notices.

PLEASE PLAN HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE TERM TIME.

YOUR ATTENDANCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

MY CHILD ISN'T FEELING WELL. SHOULD I SEND THEM IN?

Unless your child is genuinely too unwell to manage the school day, please bring them in. Children often perk up once they're with their friends and settled into their routine. We can make adjustments, such as keeping them indoors at break or lunchtime. If they become too unwell to stay, we'll give you a call.

MY CHILD IS TIRED. SHOULD I KEEP THEM AT HOME?

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Please bring them in! More often than not, children feel brighter and more alert once they're in school, learning and spending time with their friends.

MY CHILD IS ANXIOUS OR DOESN'T WANT TO COME TO SCHOOL. WHAT CAN I DO?

We know how difficult these mornings can be. Please give us a call rather than keeping your child at home. Often, getting into school and joining familiar routines can really help. We can arrange to meet you at the gate, offer breakfast or put other practical support in place to make the start of the day easier.

MY CHILD HAS A MEDICAL OR DENTAL APPOINTMENT. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Please arrange appointments outside school hours or during the holidays wherever possible. If an appointment during school time is unavoidable, try to book it as late in the day as possible to minimise missed learning. Your child should attend school before or after the appointment whenever they can.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITION?

We understand that some children have additional medical needs. Our Children with Medical Needs Policy explains our approach, and we'll always work with families to make reasonable adjustments and support attendance wherever possible.

HOW DO I REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Please telephone our absence line or report through Compass every day your child is absent. We may call you back to discuss the absence, even if you've already provided a reason. Please don't be offended – it's part of working together to make sure every child is safe, well and attending regularly.

DOES BEING FIVE MINUTES LATE REALLY MATTER?

Absolutely! Just five minutes late each day adds up to almost

3 DAYS
of lost learning across a school year!

Arriving on time helps children settle, feel included and start their learning alongside their classmates.

WHAT IF WE'RE STRUGGLING TO GET OUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL REGULARLY?

Please talk to us. We're here to help, not to judge. The sooner we know there's a difficulty, the sooner we can work together to find practical solutions and get things back on track.

IF IN DOUBT, TALK TO US!

HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!


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PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARE YOU AN
ATTENDANCE
HERO?
ATTENDANCE HEROES
HERE EVERY DAY, READY ON TIME!
Our Attendance Heroes are helping to make attendance a positive focus across school, encouraging everyone to be in school, on time, every day they can be.
THE INCENTIVE
Children with great attendance will be celebrated with:
recognition in our assemblies
stickers and certificates
special rewards and events throughout the year

Class News

Blossom



Blossom class have been busy celebrating lots of calendar events. last week we were singing lots of songs for Nursery Rhyme Week, taking about firework displays and learning about Diwali. This week we have tried some Diwali traditions like making Rangoli patters and diya lamps from clay. We have also been spending time talking about anti-bullying week, giving kindness bands for kind acts, wearing odd socks and drawing smiles around the school to spread happiness.

Willow



Willow class have been so welcoming during the last two weeks and I have been really impressed with how they have been following the Bosley values and their attitude to their learning. In English, we have been describing different characters from the story ‘Oliver and Patch’ and in maths we have been busy adding three 1-digit numbers and adding two 2-digit numbers together. We have also had a great time starting to practice our nativity songs. Thank you so much Willow class, we are so proud of you!

Hazel



Another great week in Hazel class and our marble jar is filling up nicely! We started off the week wearing our ‘odd socks’ to celebrate that we are all different and unique. In Science we carried out a fun experiment to learn about how to alter the speed that ice melts. We discussed our text ‘The Dragon Machine’ and acted out a scene to learn how authors ‘infer’ meaning. We finished the week by continuig our art work and created some lovely ‘frottage’ designs by rubbing different leaves.

Oak



Oak Class have blown us away with their fantastic writing, creating wonderfully mysterious atmospheres as they described the circus tent in our new text, Leon and the Place Between. In ukulele, the children have been composing and performing their own music, while Science and Geography have focused on revisiting prior learning. We've even begun creating beautiful artwork for our upcoming Christingle Service! Importantly, we’ve celebrated Anti-Bullying Week by appreciating everyday acts of kindness!

Strong Foundations

Recall number bonds quickly

Number bonds are pairs of numbers that make a total (e.g. 7 + 3 = 10). Quick recall of these facts builds strong mathematical foundations and supports mental maths, calculation speed and confidence.

When number bonds are automatic, children can solve problems more efficiently and with less frustration.

What You Can Do

- Focus on quick recall rather than counting each time
- Practise little and often

Activity Ideas

- Quick-fire number bond games
- Dice and domino games
- Number bond flashcards
- Using real objects (toys, snacks, coins)
- Number bond songs and chants

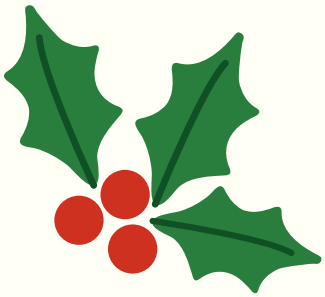


Coming Up

Events happening soon. Please keep an eye on Compass messages for more details.



Parents' evening
Wednesday 25th November
Book via Compass



Christmas Fayre
Saturday 5th December



The Borrowers at the New Vic
Wednesday 17th December

Bosley St Mary's Primary School

Christmas Fair



Saturday 5th December

12.30pm – 2.30pm

At Bosley St Mary's Primary School

Policy Focus

Allergy Management

Bosley is committed to ensuring that children with allergies can participate safely and confidently in every part of school life.

Why this matters

Allergic reactions can develop quickly and may be life-threatening. Accurate information, careful risk reduction and a confident emergency response protect children without unnecessarily excluding them.

What families need to know

- Bosley is a nut-free school.
- Allergies and treatment must be reported to school.
- Emergency medication must be available, in date and clearly labelled.
- Food must never be shared without adult permission.

What we do at Bosley

- Maintain allergy information and healthcare plans.
- Ensure relevant staff understand children's needs.
- Reduce exposure risks during meals, activities and trips.
- Respond immediately to suspected allergic reactions.

How families can help

- Do not send nuts or products containing nuts.
- Check labels on packed lunches and celebration food.
- Update us after medical advice or a new reaction.
- Replace used or expired medication immediately.



Contact the school office about diagnosed or suspected allergies. In an emergency, staff will follow the child's plan, administer prescribed medication and call 999 where required.

This page provides a family-friendly summary. The full policy is available from the school office or on our school website.

Healthy Break-Time Snacks

A quick, healthy snack can give children the energy and focus they need for a successful and happy day at school.

Why choose lower-sugar snacks?

Snacks that are high in sugar (such as sweets, chocolate, cakes and sugary biscuits) can give a quick burst of energy, but this can soon lead to a dip, making it harder to concentrate and stay focused.

Great snack ideas



Fresh fruit (e.g. apple, banana, grapes)



Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)



Plain crackers



Dried fruit (e.g. raisins, apricots)

Choose a lower-sugar snack for break time to help you stay energised, focused and ready to learn.



We always have fruit available for all children.



We are a nut-free school.

Please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts in your child's snacks or lunch.

Looking for more ideas?

The NHS website has lots of simple, healthy and child-friendly snack and lunch ideas:

nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

NHS

GAMING SAFELY ONLINE

A practical guide for parents and carers

Online games can be brilliant for creativity, problem-solving and friendships. But many also include chat, purchases and contact with people children do not know. Here are six simple ways to make gaming safer at home.

01 CHECK THE AGE RATING



Look at the game's PEGI age rating and its actual content. Remember: an age rating does not tell you whether a game has chat or messaging.

02 KEEP TALKING, AND LISTEN



Play a game together occasionally. Remind your child to tell you if anyone is unkind, asks for personal details or wants to move chats to another app.

03 KNOW WHO THEY PLAY WITH



Ask your child who is on their friends list. Consider turning off public chat or limiting contact to people they know in real life.

04 AGREE HEALTHY GAMING HABITS



Set realistic boundaries and give a warning before a session ends. A family agreement can make expectations clear to everyone.

05 EXPLORE THE SETTINGS TOGETHER



Use parental controls to manage chat, privacy, multiplayer access, spending and play time. Revisit these as your child grows.

06 WATCH OUT FOR SPENDING AND SCAMS



Turn off in-game purchases or set limits. Remind children that offers of 'free' game currency or items can be scams.



READ THE FULL NSPCC GUIDE

Includes advice on popular games such as Roblox and Minecraft.

Click here for the NSPCC's online gaming advice

Bosley St. Mary's CE Primary School

Term Dates 2026/27

2026/27	Pupils' first day in school	Pupils' last day in school
Autumn Half-Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn Half-Term 2	Wednesday 4th November	Friday 18th December 2026
Spring Half-Term 1	Tuesday 5th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
Spring Half-Term 2	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
Summer Half-Term 1	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
Summer Half-Term 2	Monday 7th June 2027	Wednesday 21st July 2027

School will be closed on Monday, 3rd May 2027 for the Spring Bank Holiday (May Day).
School reopens after the summer holidays on Thursday, 2nd September 2027.

Confirmed INSET Days (Staff only)

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Tuesday 3rd November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027

Updated October 2026

Bosley St. Mary's Events Calendar: 2026/2027



AUTUMN TERM (September - December)

SEPTEMBER

1st: INSET Day
2nd: INSET Day
3rd: First day back
11th: Welcome Service
15th: Parents' Welcome Evening

OCT & NOV

Oct 2: Harvest
Oct 23: Pumpkin Party & Last Day
Nov 2: INSET
Nov 3: First day back
Nov 25: Parents' Evening
Nov 20 & 27: Non-Uniform

DECEMBER

5th: Christmas Fayre (Saturday)
11th: Christingle
14th: Nativity
16th: New Vic Theatre Trip
17th: Christmas Service
18th: PTA Party & Last Day

SPRING TERM (January-March)

JANUARY

4th: INSET Day
5th: First day back
15th: Swimming starts (Y3 - Y5)
TBC: Assessment information evening

FEBRUARY

12th: PTA Film Night & Last Day
15th - 19th: Half term
22nd: First day back
24th: Parents' Evening

MARCH

18th-19th: School Trips (TBC)
18th: Singfest 2027 (Oak Class)
24th: Easter Service
25th: PTA Easter Egg Event & Last Day

SUMMER TERM (April-July)

APRIL & MAY

Apr 12-13: INSET / First Day
May 17-20: KS2 SATs
May 21: Y6 Treat
May 21 & 28: Non-Uniform
May 28: Last swimming lessons
TBC: Sports Day

MAY & JUNE

31 May - 4 June: Half term
7th: First Day Back
7th-18th: MTC window (Y4)
14th -18th: PSC window (Y1)
9th-11th: Oak Class Residential
19th: Rose Queen (Saturday)

JULY

15th: Leavers' Service
16th: Reports & PTA Event
19th: School Trip (TBC)
21st: Last Day of Term
21st: PTA Summer Party

All dates are subject to change; please see the Bosley Bulletin / Compass for the most up-to-date information.