



Randlay Primary School Newsletter

'Working Together as One'

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well and you have had a lovely summer holiday together. I would like to welcome you all back to a new and exciting academic year and for those families who are joining us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to Randlay Primary School and Nursery.

School Hours

We are looking forward to seeing the children in Reception to Year 6 in school tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd September and our Nursery children on Wednesday 4th September, as we begin our new school year.

Reception - Year 6

8.35-8.45am - 3.15pm

Nursery

AM 8.30-11.30am

PM 12.15-3.15pm

School attendance and punctuality

Attendance at Randlay Primary School and Nursery is very good and usually meets the national averages. We do set ourselves attendance targets and last year's aim was 96.5%. Whilst we completely appreciate that at times, illness cannot be avoided, we do all need to aim to ensure children are in school when they are fit and well. The chart below indicates the impact of low attendance. Please try to ensure your child attends each and every day unless they are too ill to do so.

Attendance During One School Year	Equals Days Absent	Which is Approximately Weeks Absent	Which Means This Number of Lessons Missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

We do have regular attendance meetings in school which is attended by the local Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Any child with attendance lower than 90% is deemed as 'persistently absent' and it does become a cause of concern. All children should be aiming to have attendance of 96.5% or above.

Attendance Reminder

Please be reminded, the Government have introduced a new 'National Framework for Penalty Notices'. These will apply across Telford and Wrekin from 1st September 2024. For more information regarding attendance / unauthorised leave please refer to the letter that we have sent and the attached poster below.

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The Impact of Arriving Late for School

Please also see the impact of arriving late to school. This can have a significant effect on how a child settles into a class and lost minutes of learning can also quickly add up over time. Trying to get into good habits with punctuality really does help.

Minutes Late per Day	Equivalent of Missing
5 Minutes every day	3.4 School Days per year
10 Minutes every day	6.9 School Days per year
15 Minutes every day	10.3 School days per year
20 Minutes every day	13.8 School Days per year
30 Minutes every day	20.7 School Days per year

School Holiday Dates 2024–2025

Randlay Primary School and Nursery School Term and Holiday Dates September 2024 to July 2025

August 2024						
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September 2024						
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November 2024						
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January 2025						
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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2024 / 2025

	School Day
	School Holiday
	UK Bank Holiday
	PD Day

PD Days

2nd September
25th October
6th January
2nd June
21st July

Bank Holidays

26th August
25th December
26th December
1st January
18th April
21st April
5th May
26th May

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School uniform

Throughout the year many external visitors have highly commended our children on their positive learning attitudes and smart appearance. Please help us to keep up these high standards by ensuring the correct school uniform is purchased for **both the school day and PE**.

Children should be in full school uniform each day which includes shoes and NOT trainers. Trainers are not permitted on school days (unless it is a PE day) so please ensure that your child wears school shoes.

On days where children have PE, children can come to school wearing their PE kit.

Hair

If your child has hair that is shoulder length or longer, for safety reasons we recommend that it is tied up (particularly on PE days). No ornate or colourful hair accessories to be used. We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts/styles.

Jewellery

School does not permit the wearing of jewellery on Health and Safety grounds. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious /sentimental significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. Staff will ask children remove these during PE lessons or cover them with a plaster.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club does not require parents to book in advance. Doors open at 7.45am and close at 8.30am. Children are then taken to their class base in time for registration. The cost per day is **£2.50/day (FSM = £1.50)**

Further details are available on the school website.

Honeybees

The Honeybees Wraparound Club is an extension to our school day and offers parents additional hours for afterschool care. Honeybees is open from **3.15pm- 5.30pm, Monday to Friday**.

Places are limited, therefore a prebooking form and enrolment form are required before your child/ren can attend the club. These are available from the school office or on our website.

School Dinners - Children in Year 3 - Year 6

The cost of a paid school meal will be **£2.60** and is paid for in **ADVANCE** via ParentPay.

Water Bottles

We follow the Local Authority and National guidelines which state that children should only have plain, still or sparkling water in school to drink in the classroom. This should be brought into school in a **clearly labelled PLASTIC bottle (NO metal/steel bottles are not allowed in school)**.

We have cold water bottle containers around school for the children to refill their bottles with during the school day.

Healthy Eating - Snacks

We are proud to be a Healthy Eating School. We would like our parents/carers to be mindful of what they send their child/ren to eat and to encourage them to eat a well balanced diet where possible.

Morning break: a piece of fruit, or veg (carrot sticks,) a healthy cereal bar (NO NUTS) oatcakes etc. (EYFS/KS1 Fruit is provided by school as a Government funded incentive) **Please do not send sweets or crisps for morning break.**

Packed Lunches: School meals are a great choice but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then please try and provide a healthy lunchbox. Please find a link to the NHS website for some healthy lunchbox ideas click link: [Lunchbox ideas and recipes - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/lunchbox-ideas-recipes)

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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

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The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education'.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

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Childcare Choices

Not sure what support **you** could get with childcare costs? Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk

When your child turns 2 or 3	They can get 15 or 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply*
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July

*You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time.

	3-4 years	2 years
Previously	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for Talking TWO Year Olds
April 2024	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for TWO Year Olds and working families
Sept 2024	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for TWO Year Olds and working families
Sept 2025	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for TWO Year Olds 30 hours for working families

Randlay Primary School and Nursery enrol children from the term they turn three years old.

For more information please contact the school office on 386986 or email a2172@taw.org.uk

Family Connect

Family Connect is a free, confidential service providing, impartial advice, information, guidance and support on a full range of children's services available across the borough including childcare, activities, school admissions and finance. Family Connect aims to ensure that families are getting the right help at the right time.



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Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 2nd Sept	PD Day - School closed	N/A
Tue 3rd Sept	Reception to Year 6 First day back - doors open at 8.35am	N/A
Wed 4th Sept	Nursery First day back—AM 8.30am / PM 12.15pm	N/A
12th September	Year 4 - First swimming session takes place	Letters sent
18th September	Year 3 and Year 4 West Midlands Safari Park	Letters sent
6th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Black Country Museum Visit	Letters to follow
21st November	Year 4 - Last swimming session	Letters sent
Tue 17th December	Year 3 to Year 6 - Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton Beauty and the Beast	Letters to follow
Fri 20th December	LAST DAY of term (Nursery, Reception to Year 6)	N/A
Tue 7th January	FIRST DAY back (Spring Term)	N/A
19th—23rd May <u>2025</u>	Year 6 Arthog Residential	Letters to follow
26th—27th June <u>2025</u>	Year 1 and Year 2 Coalbrookdale Residential	Letters to follow

Year 4 there will be no overnight residential for the year 4 children during the academic year 2024-2025

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