

Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your patience and cooperation today.

I am re-sending yesterday's letter, with some minor edits, as some parents have told us that they did not receive the original text. It may be an issue with some providers and their spam/junk filtering, so a paper copy is going out with those children who are left in school today.

The temperature is set to rise again tomorrow and continue rising throughout Thursday and Friday, now forecast to be peaking anywhere between 33 degrees Celsius and 36 degrees Celsius.

The highest temperatures on these next three days will be from approximately 2.00 pm through to the late afternoon/early evening. With this in mind, and with the well-being of our pupils, families and staff as a priority, I am asking that parents collect their children early tomorrow, **and on Thursday & Friday.**

I am still working on the principle that it will be easier to keep children cooler and safer in smaller family groups than trying to keep over 450 children cool in one place. It also avoids the afternoon school run taking place at the very hottest time of the day.

The end of school worked pretty smoothly today, considering that this was our first ever early closure due to extreme heat. We will keep to the same plan as today.

School dinners will be served at the usual times, but with a slightly staggered end of the day between 1.20 pm and 1.30 pm.

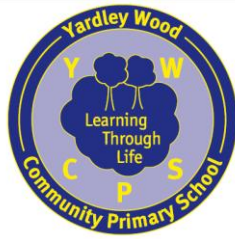
Pick up times:

1.20 pm Nursery & Reception from EYFS playground

1.25 pm Year 1, Year 2 and Y3 from the main playground

1.30 pm Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 from the main playground

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I appreciate that this are exceptional circumstances and apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you cannot pick up your child from school at these times, please let us know via Class Dojo or email the office at: enquiry@ydlywood.bham.sch.uk

We will make arrangements to take care of those who can't be collected early, working in smaller groups and in the coolest classrooms. As I said yesterday, this is one of those 'damned if you do but damned if you don't' situations – however the decision has been made with the very best intentions for your children's well-being at heart. The risks from extreme heat are very real and I believe that this is a sensible move.

Having spoken to parents and carers at the school gates this afternoon, there seems an overwhelming support for this decision.

Thank you to the nearly 93% of parents who sent their children in today. We need to see you all in again tomorrow.. and then some! Several classes had attendance in the high 90's, with 100% attendance in 1J & 6H, but we also had 20 children missing from KS2 & KS2. Let's push attendance up tomorrow!

Each day this week, children who usually go to Bouncing Bears for after school care will be kept here in school until the end of the school day, unless we hear from parents with any plans to the contrary.

Year 6H will still be going swimming tomorrow and we have the mornings filled with workshops and activities for our ongoing Science fortnight, so lots to look forward to.

Can we please ensure that children come to school tomorrow morning dressed appropriately for the heat, wearing loose cotton clothes; t-shirts, shorts and sun hats. Water will be available throughout the day and we will do all that we can to keep everybody as cool and as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully

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