

Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

Monday 22nd June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you will have seen in the news, the temperature is set to rise tomorrow and continue rising throughout Wednesday and Thursday, peaking anywhere between 35 degrees Celsius (BBC) and 39 degrees Celsius (Met Office).

The highest temperatures on these coming 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. I am 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.

School dinners will be offered 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

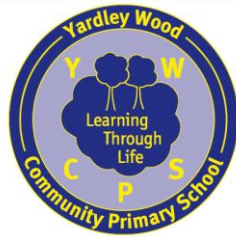
1.30 pm Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 from the main playground

I appreciate that this is very short notice and apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you cannot pick up your child from school at the times above, 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. This is one of those 'damned if you do / 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.

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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.

The Reception Classes' trip to Martineau Gardens will continue as normal tomorrow, as they will be lucky enough to be spending the whole day in deep, natural shade – much cooler than being in school or at home.

Year 6 will also still be going swimming on Wednesday 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Turner".

Ben Turner