



Attendance this week

Full School
92.50%

EYFS/KS1 best attenders

2SS
96.83%

KS2 best attenders

4MH
100%

A Message from Miss Pitts

It has been great to welcome all of our pupils back to school this week after the summer holidays. I hope that all of our families enjoyed the time over the summer and made some lovely memories with friends and family.

I have been extremely proud of the pupils this week and how well they have settled back into our routines and expectations this week. I have enjoyed visiting each classroom this week and seeing the enthusiasm for learning they are showing.

This half term we have a personal development focus on pupils using knives and forks at lunchtime. We will be giving out lots of TEAM points to those pupils showing that they can use them properly and will be helping those that can't to be able to.

Miss Pitts,
Principal



Griffin's Instagram

Contact Us

Call 01482 794122

Select **option 1** to report absences.

Select **option 2** to speak to a member of staff.

Email:

griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org

Important Information

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Attendance this week by class

Nursery	86.67%
RCM	94.05%
RLS	89.6%
1CS	95.07%
1MM	95.85%
2KR	93.6%
2SS	96.83%
3DC	92.51%
3SH	85.03%
4JL	92.38%
4MH	100%
5BA	93.88%
5SP	83.74%
6AH	95.71%
6TW	80.71%
6ZM	94.29%

PE days

Please see below PE days for each class from September when we return to school:

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
1CS	RCM	RLS		3SH
1MM	2SS	Year 6		3DC
5BA	2KR			4JL
5SP				4MH

Reading Corner

Did you know...

Did you know... Children who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.

Did you know... The child who reads for 20 minutes every day reads 1.8 million words a year!

Did you know... Reading leads to greater success in school and higher achievement in later life.

Remember to sign your child's bookmark when they have read at home. Book bags need returning to school every Friday and will be given out at the beginning of each new week.

Reminder - Roald Dahl Day is Friday 12th September. We hope you had fun over summer selecting your fancy dress outfits linked to your favourite Roald Dahl characters.

The book swap had to be cancelled this week due to forecast rain. Our next book swap will be Thursday 2nd October 2025.

Times Table Fact of the Week

Our Times Table fact of the week is ...

$$1 \times 2 = 2 \quad 2 \div 1 = 2$$

$$2 \times 1 = 2 \quad 2 \div 2 = 1$$

Griffin Values

The focus for next week is:

Teamwork

Each week, we choose one of our Griffin Values as a focus. At the end of the week, each teacher chooses a pupil who has shown that value to be their star of the week.

School closed

Training Day

School will be closed to all pupils for a Training Day on Friday 26th September 2025.



After School

Clubs

These are the after-school clubs which will be running this Autumn Term.

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2, 3 and 4 Boys Football • Year 5 and 6 Netball • Year 5 and 6 Dance
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Girls Football • Year 3 and 4 Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
Thursday	
Friday	

The clubs take place from 3.30 until 4.30pm.

At the end of the after-school clubs, pupils can be collected from the main school door. Please wait at the Barham Road gate to be let onto school site at 4.25pm.

If your child would like a place at one of the clubs, please contact the school office on 794122.

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Reading at home

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Thank you for your support in hearing your child read at home. As well as their home reading book, your child will also be bringing home a bookmark. Every time they are heard read at home, please put your initials in a circle on the bookmark. When the bookmark is full, pupils add them to one of our reading prize boxes. Once a half term a prize draw will take place and a number of pupils will win a book from the Bookinator and a bookmark!

Reading books and bookmarks will be sent home on a Monday and must be returned each Friday.

HALF-TERMLY PRIZE DRAW TO WIN A BOOK AND BOOKMARK!

Well Done!

Packed lunches

There has been some new guidance released by the Government regarding food safety in school. Some of this is relevant to packed lunches as well.

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Please see the information below and consider this when making packed lunches:

- Grapes should be cut lengthways and not left whole.
- Cherry and plum tomatoes should be cut into quarters and not left whole.
- Apples should be cut into slices and not chunks.

Griffin Tots

Griffin Tots will be re-starting on Thursday 11th September 2025. It takes place in the school hall from 9 until 10am.

There is no need to book a place, just turn up!

We look forward to seeing you there on Thursday.

Wraparound after-school

After-school wraparound care continues to be available from 3.30pm until 5.45pm on a Monday to Thursday; and from 3.30 until 5.30pm on a Friday.

Thursday afternoon from 1.50 until 3.30pm are also now part of wraparound care.

Places for these sessions can also be booked on the Arbor app.