

GRAVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - KEY DATES and REMINDERS

(updated 11/9/2026)

Date	EVENT
Monday 21 st September – Friday 25 th September	Bikeability (selected pupils from Badger Class).
Wednesday 30 th September	Badger Class trip to Mill Green Museum (information sent out). Please complete the Google permission form and make payment in Arbor.
Thursday 1 st October	Census Day Lunch Menu. Choice of breaded chicken burger; beef burger; bean and vegetable burger; cheese baguette or jacket potato.
Thursday 8 th October	Flu nasal spray (consent forms sent out by Vaccination UK Team).
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (information sent out).
Wednesday 14 th October	AM - Individual and sibling photos. If you would like your child to have photos with their younger pre-school siblings, please come to the school office from 8:30am – 8:50am.
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival (information will be provided nearer the time).
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October (inclusive)	HALF TERM (school closed).
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school.

Weekly Class Attendance (for week commencing 7th September 2026)

Hedgehogs - 91.4%

Squirrels - 96.4%

Foxes - 94%

Badgers - 93.8%

P.E. days

- Reception – bring P.E. kits into school. P.E. day Monday.
- Year 1 – wear P.E. kits to school Monday and Thursday.
- Year 2 - wear P.E. kits to school Tuesday and Friday.
- Year 3 and 4 - wear P.E. kits to school Monday and Wednesday.
- Year 5 and 6 - wear P.E. kits to school Tuesday and Friday

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Apply for school on time



Applying for a school place for
September 2027

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Saturday 31 October 2026

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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