

# Bedwell Primary School



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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear parents, carers, and staff,

## Consultation on Proposed Changes to the School Day (32.5 Hours)

I am writing to consult you on a proposal to adjust our school's opening and closing times. This change is being proposed to meet the Department for Education's (DfE) expectation that all mainstream, state-funded schools provide a minimum school week of 32.5 hours.

### The Proposal

Our current school week is currently 31 hours and 40 minutes. To meet the 32.5-hour requirement, we propose the following change starting from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

- **Current Times:** 8:50am - 3:10pm
- **Proposed New Times:** 8:40am - 3:10pm

### Why is this changing?

The additional time will allow us to increase time for core English activities:

- Phonics in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1
- Handwriting and spelling in Year 3/4
- Grammar in Year 5/6

We believe this will have a positive impact on children's progress and enable us to use the additional ten minutes a day in the most effective way.

### Have Your Say

Before a final decision is made by the Governing Body, we want to hear your views. Please share your feedback by:

- Completing our brief online survey <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zjeZdwggyN>
- Completing the paper survey (which will be sent out next week on our return to school)
- Attending an informal Q&A session on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 4:30pm in the Junior Hall.

The consultation period will run from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Following this, we will review all feedback and notify you of the final decision by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss E. Shaw  
Headteacher

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day at Bedwell School



*curiosity + independence + perseverance + co-operation + empathy + reflectiveness*