



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's been wonderful to see the children return full of energy, smiles, and ready to learn. The buzz around the school this week has been fantastic and it already feels as though we've hit the ground running with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Yesterday, our Year 3 children had a brilliant day at Butser Farm. They loved stepping back in time to experience life in the Iron Age - from cordage to learning ancient building techniques. The staff at Butser commented on how engaged and curious the children were throughout the day, and we were so proud of the way they represented our school.

This morning, many of us gathered for a very special Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery. It was a truly moving occasion. The children read their poems beautifully, showing such thoughtfulness and maturity. Their calmness and respect throughout the service were a real credit to them and a wonderful example of our school value of *Respect* in action. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members joining us to mark this important moment together.

A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Alex Day and our Chair of Governors, Julia Douetil, for their thoughtful prayer and poem, which added so much to the service. Thanks also go to Emma Cameron for organising, collecting and displaying the children's stunning bead poppies - they looked absolutely amazing and added such a special touch to the commemoration.

As we head into the weekend, I hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest - and perhaps even the chance to see a few more fireworks lighting up the sky!

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

If you have a change to going home arrangements, please email the school office on info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk rather than emailing class teachers. Class teachers are busy teaching (not checking emails) in the afternoon and will miss any last-minute changes to plan. The office keeps an eye out for these emails and pass on messages.



Coming Up October November

9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery (1015)

10th - 14th Anti-Bullying Week

10th - Odd Socks Day

10th - Flu

Immunisations

11th - Year 5 & Year 6

Football Matches @ Home V Hermitage

12th - Year 6 - World War II Creative Day

12th - Active Surrey Bike Donation

14th - FOPS Mufti - Toys

14th - FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening

20th - Year 5 Potions Day

21st - Year 2 Brazil Day

22nd - The FOPS Christmas Fair

(2:00pm - 5:00pm)

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

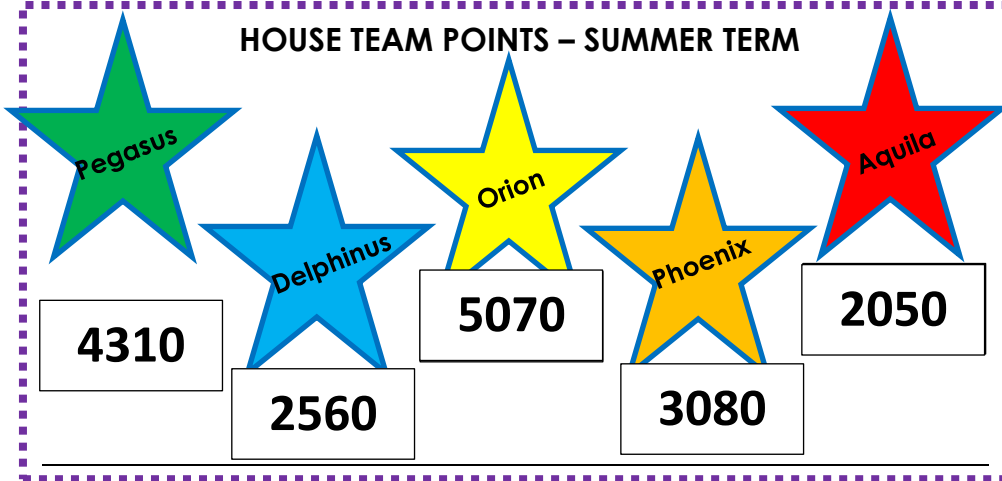
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2BT 99%	5GJ – 99.6%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.3%	



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



[Click here to order!](#)



The Daily Mile! Role of Honour...
 Congratulations to our Half Marathoners—Bernie (Year 1) & Bertie (Year 5). Well done!

Reminder
 Fruit is provided by the government for breaktimes for R&KS1. KS2 children need to bring their own fruit/veg snack each day. Thanks!

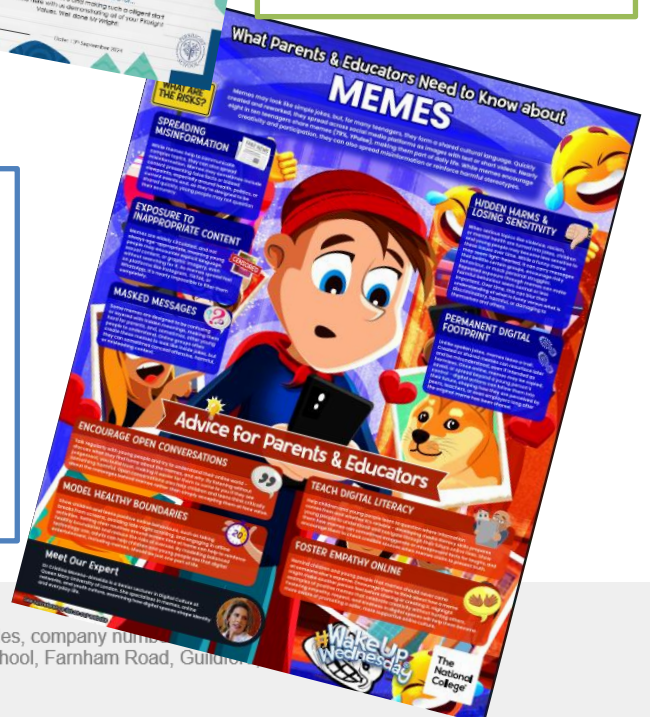
HEAD TEACHER AWARDS are given out on a Thursday during assembly where we have the opportunity to hear about the children's successes of the previous week and celebrate how they embodied the Pirbright Values.



Keeping Children Safe Online

Memes are everywhere - quick, witty, and wildly shareable. For many young people they are more than jokes, they're a way to connect, express themselves and interpret the world. But behind the humour, there can be risks. This from guide from 'Wake Up Wednesday' helps adults understand how memes work and why they matter to young people today. It highlights the potential pitfalls of meme culture and shares practical tips on digital literacy, empathy and open conversations.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Remembrance

We always represent the school at Brookwood Military Cemetery for their Sunday service (9th November) and will be at the cemetery to meet children at **10:15am**. We will wait up on the grassy corner at the end of the road through the first part of the cemetery. Keep walking until you see us! If you would like to leave your children with us to represent the school then you are more than welcome, but you need to remain on site and nearby in case there is an emergency. At the end of the ceremony, please head our way to collect your children – we will keep them with us for the service and hand them back to you. If you would like to come but would also like to spend the time with your children yourselves then that is absolutely fine too: they don't have to join us. Feel free to come and stand with us or near us. We know there will be lots of other children there with Beavers, Cubs and other groups which is always lovely to see so we have no worries about our representation at the event! There is no need for the children to wear their school uniform.

Active Surrey/Pirbright Bike Donation

Ms Jackson is teaming up with **Active Surrey** on an exciting bike recycling project to support our local school communities. The **Active Surrey Communities Team**, in partnership with the **Bikeability** programme, aims to ensure that every child who completes their Bikeability training can have access to a bike — free of charge — thanks to recycled donations. It's a fantastic initiative that helps both children and the environment!

We'll be collecting **unused or outgrown bikes at school on Wednesday 12th November**. Ms Jackson and the Active Surrey Team will be on hand to receive your donations and make sure each bike reaches their warehouse before being passed on to a child who needs it.

Half-term is the perfect time to have a clear-out, perhaps while tidying the garden for winter, and check whether your children's bikes still fit. If you find one that's no longer needed, please bring it along on the 12th November, and we'll gladly take it off your hands.

Thank you!



Give Your Old Bike a New Life!

DATE: Wednesday 12th November

LOCATION: Pirbright Primary School, School Ln, Pirbright, Woking GU24 0JN

TIME: From 8:20am until school starts

Help a child ride to school, get active, and have fun.

Got a bike gathering dust in the shed? Donate it today and make a big difference to Surrey residents.

Remembrance 2025 - Seven Oak Trees

Each year, we endeavour to create something memorable for Remembrance. In the past we've created giant poppy collages, hall displays and even planted over 1000 bulbs at the front of the school – which grace us each spring with their blooms!

This year, during a hot summer term, we certainly sought out shade on the field whenever we could, and we decided to look to the future and plant some more trees along the top of the grass bank.



Within a flourishing Forest School area, we have a plentiful supply of healthy young oak saplings vying for space, so we've selected seven (one for each year group) to transplant.

Though we won't see the benefit of them in our time at the school, it is hoped that future generations of pupils and staff will sit happily in their shade!

We'll share photographs next week in the school newsletter.



CHRISTMAS SHOWS 2025

We are very excited to be thinking about the absolute highlight of the Pirbright entertainment calendar – the shows! Drum roll please... the shows will be...

"ELF" (KS2) "BETHLEHEM BAKE OFF" (KS1) THE RECEPTION NATIVITY

Tickets go "live" when The Box Office officially opens on Friday 14th November - you will receive the all-important Google Form links to book your tickets in the school newsletter. You will have a week to have a think about the tickets you need to book and sort out any childcare – these tickets will be allocated the following Thursday (20th November) as Phase 1 tickets. The biggest piece of advice we can give you is to PLEASE engage with the forms and book your tickets as once they are gone, they are gone! Hopefully there will be some left for the following week for anyone who has missed out and this gives everyone the chance to have a fair go at getting tickets. We have more children now at Pirbright (we are very popular!) than we have had over the last ten years so this makes competition for seats higher than ever.

All dates are in the dates list and on the school's calendar so please have a look ready to book your tickets next week. **Reception parents** don't need to book any tickets for their show – we like to ease you in gently! Anyone with children in KS1 or KS2 will need a ticket so please keep your eyes peeled...

Odd Socks Day 

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10th November 2025

Andy and the Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

The banner features a group of five people dressed as the band Andy and the Odd Socks. From left to right: a man with a large afro and sunglasses, a man with curly hair and a silver jacket, a man with glasses and a red jacket, a woman in a pink shirt sitting on a colorful drum set, and a man with long hair and a purple jacket holding a yellow guitar. The background is white with blue arrows pointing upwards.

Painting Shirts/Aprons

Miss Leppard is looking for a new stock of shirts or aprons for the children to wear when they are hard at work unleashing their inner Picasso in The Art Suite. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop them directly at her Reception classroom, the school office or via class teachers and we will make sure they get to her. Thank you!

Flu immunisations

are booked or Monday 10th November but it is an opt in service. Please don't forget to give consent if you would like your child to have the nasal spray at school.

WE ARE HOSTING

The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life


AT PVPS

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions:

Tuesday 13th January 2026	Tuesday 10th February	Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 20th January	Tuesday 24th February	Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 27th January	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 3rd February		

 9:30-11:30am

 Pirbright School, School Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JN

 Book at: www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events

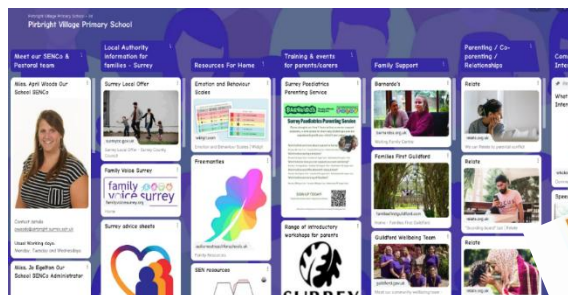


The Nurturing Programme

From January we are very excited to be hosting The Nurturing Programme, on site, at school. The Family Support Team from Guildford Family Centre are a lovely bunch who we regularly work with to support families and they are coming here to run their 10-session course which is a great opportunity for parents to drop off their children and then come into school. They will be in The Science Lab each week sharing their wealth of experience, helping parents to network and share their own journeys and will be on hand with all the tips and knowledge to help you navigate the wonderful world of parenting.

SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet

Just a reminder that Miss Woods and Miss Egelton have been very busy putting together a Padlet which is jam packed full of information and resources which you might need as a parent. Whilst they primarily have SEND parents in mind, the wealth of pastoral, learning and parenting based resources is absolutely incredible and will certainly benefit all of our families so please take a look.



CLICK HERE



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Autumn Half Term (2026)

In line with Surrey's proposal to change the length of the autumn half term 2026, The Learning Partners Trust will mirror those dates.

Autumn half term next year (2026) will be from Monday 19th – Friday 30th October with the children returning to school on Monday 2nd November. However, Friday 16th October is an INSET Day.

Parent Plan

We just wanted to say a big thank you to the Pirbright community for supporting Parent Plan, the app built by parents, for parents.

Parent Plan helps you stay organised and in control of school and club life. It connects to your email (Gmail, Outlook and Hotmail) and pulls out key dates, reminders and updates, so you never miss things like mufti days, performances or forms.

The response has been incredible, and we've heard countless stories of how Parent Plan's timely reminders have saved the day for busy parents/carers. We are continuing to grow, and we have recently added exciting new features based on your feedback, these include:

- ☑ A new Action Box home screen showing what you need to do, sorted by child
- ☑ Clearer summaries and reminders with times, so you don't miss key dates or events
- ☑ Simpler setup and cleaner design

For those already enjoying Parent Plan, please ensure you update your app to access these new features. If you've not tried it yet, it's free (yes free) and takes just a minute to set up. Check it out here:

👉 parentplan.ai Thanks again for being the very first school community to support us, we're so grateful. If you have any questions please reach out to us directly through our site.

Rav & Abbi, Parent Plan co-founders (and fellow Pirbright parents)

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Weekly In-School Rock & Pop Music Lessons

Delivered by Accredited
Professional Musicians

Learn to play

- Guitar
- Drums
- Keys
- Piano
- In a band or sing in our vocal academy

All lessons lead to accredited qualifications



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www.rockandpopfoundation.com/musicassembly

Hello fine folks and welcome back to another half-term at wonderful Pirbright School!

Now that the Hallowe'en decs have been safely stashed back up the loft and we can start drinking regular coffee again (pumpkin-spiced anything can get in the bin), I feel like it's time to get in your sleigh and jingle all the way to Christmas!! It really isn't that far away, and we're kicking off the festive season with our very own PIRBRIGHT WINTER WONDERLAND. The Cricketers on the Green will be our caterers for the event, we have a spinning teacup ride, BAR HUMBUG (run by a few merry elves) and the most fabulous raffle!! 22nd November, 2-5pm here at school! I would advise riding a teacup *before* drinking multiple large steaming mugs of mulled wine... take it from someone who knows... we live and we learn.

Early bird token sales end TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT. I am useless at maths, but you can buy £12 worth of tokens for £10. So that's a saving of... something... percent. Girl math says it's a free drink at the bar. Click here: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

Santa Slots are nearly all sold out – you can book yours via the link above.

I am on a roll! Let's continue.

OUR BELOVED CHILDREN will be decorating little gingerbread houses and filling them with sweet treats and chocolates. These will be **sent home** at some point next week and you will need to employ your best IKEA flatpack skills to construct said houses and decorate as you see fit (or go minimal if you prefer, très chic!). If you could be so kind as to send in the houses filled with all those hallowe'en sweets which you really don't want in your cupboards anymore (I admit I'll be buying sweets as I'm a 36 year old sugar monster and can't be trusted around haribo) by Friday 21st November then they will be ready to sell at the fair the following day.

14th November is MUFTI – toy donation or £1 coin to the FOPS shed in the morning at drop off!

Last but by no means least; big shout out to Emma Cameron who organised the beautiful poppy display at Brookwood Cemetery and to all the children and parents who made such gorgeous poppies in memory of our fallen soldiers. I have popped down to see them myself and I think it's a truly lovely sight to behold. Well done!

To summarise:

22nd November - Christmas Fair (2-5pm)

Early bird token deals ends tonight

Sweet donations by 17th November (no later please)

14th November – MUFTI (Toy or £1)





**Join us in the garden!
Support sessions for families in Guildford**

The Family Centre will be running a series of sessions to support parents of children and young people who are finding it difficult to attend school or another education setting.

These sessions are designed for parents and children to attend together. However, if your child prefers not to join, or has been able to attend school on the day you are very welcome to come along on your own.

There is no obligation to attend all four sessions, you can join as many as you wish.

Don't worry about bad weather — we have plenty of indoor space too!



What to Expect

- Friendly, informal sessions in a welcoming environment
- Practical support and ideas to help your child re-engage with education
- A chance to connect with other parents and share experiences
- Shared experience for parents and children together (parents can come alone if more suitable for your family)

If you would like to join us please let us know so we can provide resources for everyone, call us on 01483 510570

When: Every Tuesday, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Starting: Tuesday, 4th November
(running for 4 weeks, last session is on 25th Nov)

Where: Guildford Family Centre Community Garden,
Hazel Avenue, GU1 1NR


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MONDAY - Years 1-4 -spaces left
WEDNESDAY GIRLS - Years 2-6 - spaces left
FRIDAY - Years 5&6 - *FULL*
Time: 3.05pm - 4.15pm

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GET PLAYING Trumpet

Join our new group music lessons

Get playing music and enjoy the benefits of learning and playing music together. Come and play music together at Pirbright School.

Trumpet lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Lessons from £10

Financial assistance and instrument hire available subject to meeting eligibility criteria.



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MORE HERE

surreycc.gov.uk/music



Gates Open 6pm
Bonfire 7pm
Fireworks 7:30pm

1st Knaphill
Scouts

Spectacular FIREWORK DISPLAY

Sat 8th Nov

Adults £8 (Advance) £10 (Gate)

Children £4

Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
£20 (Advance) £22 (Gate)

Burgers
Bangers
Hot Drinks

Stalls
Kid's Funfair
Kid's Tombola

THE VYNE FIELD - REDDING WAY - KNAPHILL

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
Sorry, no sparklers or alcohol allowed at this event

Tickets: www.1stknaphillscoutgroup.org.uk/events/annual-firework-display
A limited number of tickets will be available on the night: Contactless preferred.
Discounts for advance purchases. Sorry, no public toilets on site.



Is your child starting school in September 2026?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **3 November 2025** and **15 January 2026**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
3 November 2025
and 15 January 2026



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

November 2025	<p>9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery (1015) 10th – 14th Anti-Bullying Week 10th – Odd Socks Day 10th - Flu Immunisations 11th – Year 5 & Year 6 Football Matches @ Home V Hermitage 12th - Year 6 - World War II Creative Day 12th - Active Surrey Bike Donation 14th – FOPS Mufti – Toys 14th – FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening 20th – Year 5 Potions Day 21st - Year 2 Brazil Day 22nd – The FOPS Christmas Fair (2:00pm– 5:00pm) 28th - Learning Looks – AM 28th - Year 5 Cake Sale</p>	December 2025	<p>8th – 11th SHOWS WEEK 9th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 12th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 15th - KS2 Singing at Cunningham House – 2pm 16th – Christmas Quiz 17th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 19th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome) 19th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>
January 2026	<p>5th – Start of the spring term W/B 19th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 1 23rd - Year 4 Cake Sale W/B 26th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 2 28th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p>	February 2026	<p>2nd - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening 4th - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents’ Consultation Evening 11th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics 16th – 20th - HALF TERM 23rd – World Thinking Day 27th - My First Steps Leadership Course – Year 2 27th - Year 3 Cake Sale</p>
March 2026	<p>W/B 22nd → Year 6 Bikeability Week 3 4th - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics 6th – World Book Day – DRESS UP W/B 9th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 4 10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 20th - Year 2 Cake Sale 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 26th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 27th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>	April 2026	<p>13th - 5th – Start of the summer term 17th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory (in lieu of official date in the holidays) 30th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House</p>
May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25th –29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>5th - Learning Looks – PM 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26th - Reception Cake Sale 27th - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green 29th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
July 2026	<p>1st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4th – The FOPS Summer Fair 9th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 10th – 10am Late Registration 13th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 15th – Year 6 Leavers’ Party (Eve) 5:30pm 16th – Year 6 Fun Day 17th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Parents Welcome) 17th – 1.30pm – End of Term 20th - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 21st – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

Term Dates 2025/2026

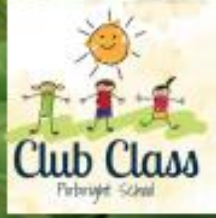
Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22nd December 2025	Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
SUMMER 2025	Monday 13 th April 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29 th May 2026

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 Friday 24th October 2025
Wednesday 28th January 2026
 Monday 29th June 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026
 Tuesday 21st July 2026

Class Assemblies 2025/2026

Friday 14 th November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 th January 2025 at 10am	3SC
Friday 23 rd January 2026 at 10am	1DG
Friday 30 th January 2026 at 10am	2CD
Friday 13 th February 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 20 th March 2026 at 10am	4LB
Friday 1 st May 2026 at 10am	4BC
Friday 8 th May 2026 at 10am	RRE
Friday 15 th May 2026 at 10am	RJL
Friday 22 nd May 2026 at 10am	5GJ
Friday 3 rd July 2026 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

£30 PER DAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holiday	Dates	Booking Closes
Autumn Half-Term	27 th - 31 st October	23 rd October
Christmas Shows Late Collection Sevice KS2	10 th & 11 th December 6-7pm	N/A
Spring Half-Term	16 th - 20 th February	12 th February
Easter Holiday	30 th March - 2 nd April	26 th March
Summer Half-Term	25 th - 29 th May	21 st May
Summer Holiday	20th July - 14th August	16 th July

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