



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather has turned wet and windy, it seems like a good time to shut up shop for a week for everyone to recharge the batteries, and yes - I do have kids too so understand how this might be a short charge...!

This week we were very privileged to have our Military Governor, Emma Cameron, in to share with our LSAs what military life can be like for many of our families. Emma explained a lot of the procedures and processes and answered all of our questions to help us better understand. Emma will be in again next half term to present to the class teachers. Thank you, Emma!

Just to remind you all that tomorrow is a school Inset Day so we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 3rd November for the rest of the autumn term. Tomorrow morning, all of the teachers and LSAs are heading off to King's College Guildford for sessions on Behaviour & Inclusion with the Paul Dix Team and Pond Meadow – a special school in our academy. On return to school, we continue the theme of behaviour with a focus on regulation and the introduction of Zones of Regulation to the LSAs with an expert from the STIPS (Specialist Teachers of Inclusive Practice) Team, whilst the teachers explore the curriculum that we will be all teaching from January across the school. There will be much more information about this before Christmas, including how the Zones of Regulation can help support you at home. I think, right now, the staff and children might be edging towards the blue zone in feeling very tired and ready for a break. Hopefully, after half term, we will be returning to school in the green zone and raring to go!

The Friday of the following week (7th November) is our Remembrance Service for the whole school at Brookwood Cemetery. This was such a highlight for the staff and children last year and I'm sure this year will be just as poignant and memorable. A special thanks to FOPS (and again to Emma Cameron) for all her hard work in organising the poppies; they will look lovely!

I hope you have a restful half term,

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

Head Teacher

Reception Intake SIBLINGS

It is essential that you apply for a school place for your children coming into Reception in 2026 – even if you already have children at Pirbright, you must still apply! Please apply! Someone gets caught out every year – don't let it be you!

Coming Up October

24th – INSET DAY

27th - 31st – HALF

TERM

November

3rd – Start of second half term

6th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm

7th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC)

9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery

10th – 14th Anti-Bullying Week

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

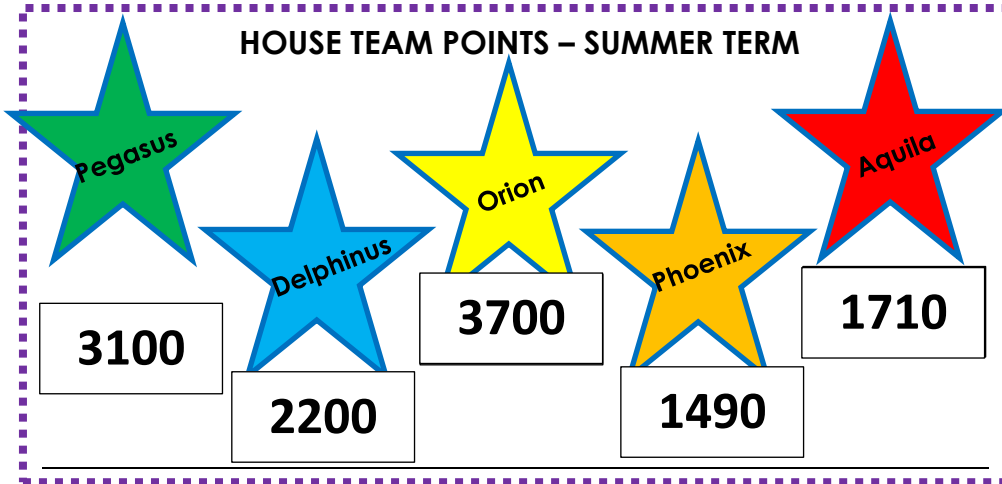
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 GoogleCalendar

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HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1DG 98%	5SF – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.3%	

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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



The Daily Mile! Role of Honour...
Congratulations to our Half Marathoners—Albi, Josh & Rory from Year 5! They will get their certificates after half-term in assembly...

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.



SCHOOL TOURS

PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL

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Keeping Children Safe Online

CLICK HERE

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is essential that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers going online. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey. In the guide, you'll find tips such as managing screen time, block in-app purchases and using devices together. It also useful advice for children in Year R and KS1!



Remembrance

As a school, we will all head down to Brookwood on the morning of **Friday 7th November**, which you are very welcome to join if you can, to have a short Remembrance ceremony. It is always a very special occasion and a lovely opportunity for the whole school to make the journey together. If you would like to come along, please meet at **the KS1 gate for 10:15am** where we will all gather together and then walk over to the ceremony. The gate will remain locked until we are all ready to depart and the children will file out through the gate and you will be able to join the class as they walk past. Reception and Year 6 will go first, then Years 1- 5 in order. There is no need to sign in at the school office, but it would be good to let class teachers know if you are coming so they can keep an eye out for you.

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 and 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.

Rumour Has It...

KS1 have met at Christmas Shows HQ.

Each member of the team brought a baked item with them.

One of them had a very soggy bottom. Their baked item, not the actual person.

Alison Hammond couldn't make it as she was busy doing all her other shows.

Ready, Steady, Bake!

Baby Corner

This half term has seen the safe and healthy arrival of two Pirbright babies. Miss Russell gave birth baby girl Violet first and Miss Durdle gave birth to a baby boy just a few weeks later – both done and dusted by mid-September. Both Mums (and Dads!) are doing well and enjoying the joys of nappies, feeding and a lot of walks!

On Thursday, last week, the whole school gathered with a variety of their family members to share and enjoy lunch together. It was a lovely chance for our new Reception children especially as they not only got to eat with their Mums and Dads but also to enjoy the field for the first time. They certainly enjoyed it!

A special mention must go to the chefs for cooking up a delicious meal for all- lasagne and garlic bread alongside some tasty puddings. The amazing Year 6s played an important role too as they expertly collected children and (mostly!) delivered them to the right family members too. Not only did we all have a wonderful time but the sun shone too- even in October!

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.

**PLEASE
ORDER
LUNCHES
FOR AFTER
HALF TERM!**



Let's Celebrate Pirbright

If your child "achieves" or takes part in something special outside of school (local football team, village show, scouts award, sporting event and the like) then please send a photo and a short description to Mrs Dow either at her email address or at celebrate@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and she will pop it up on the display board in the hall for all to admire.



Hello Eco Warriors of Pirbright!

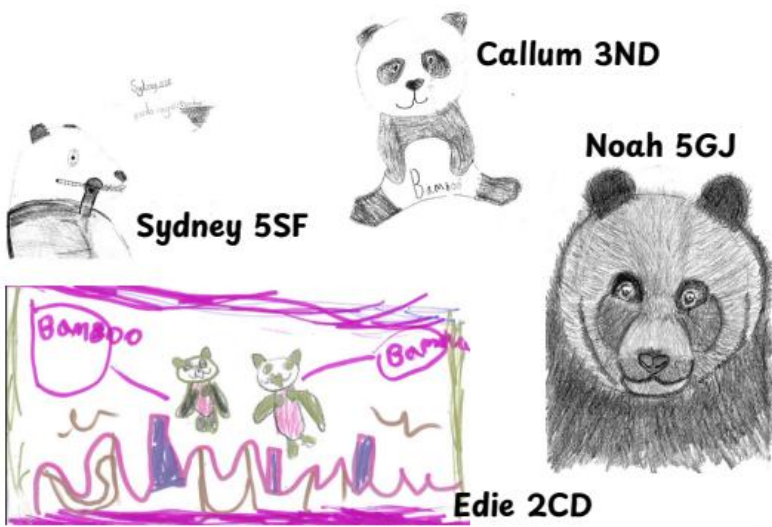


PVPS adopted a panda through the charity WWF this year.

Congratulations to the following winners who drew the most adorable pictures and all decided that our school panda should be named...



Bamboo



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Toys/Keyrings/ Distractions

We do our very best to keep distractions to a minimum so that children can focus on their learning. Recently, this has become more challenging as some children have been bringing toys* – such as Labubus – into school each day. Some of these are cleverly disguised as keyrings!

We'd like to remind everyone that toys (including keyrings that are actually toys) should not be brought into school. Please take a moment to check your child's bag and remove any hanging toys or similar items.

If toys are seen in school, they will be looked after by staff and will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the classroom a focused place for learning.

**There are a small handful of children that have an agreed item to bring in to school in consultation with teachers for whom this does not apply.*

Thank you!

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. They will continue to add to it so please let them know if there is anything in particular you would like them to cover.

CLICK HERE



Hello friends and parents,

Half term! It's hard to believe that it's that time already; living your life in term-time chunks does something to you, doesn't it? We have rather a lot to unpack this week so I'm gonna hit the ground running:

1. The **Year 6 Cake Sale** last week made £150!! Wow! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, and to everyone who devoured said cakes in the name of a good cause!
2. We are hosting a **Wreath Making event on Friday 14th November at Lord Pirbright Hall from 7.30-10pm** – with a class led by wreath making professionals, all the materials you will need included, as well as a complimentary glass of bubbles or soft drink and some delicious light bites. You can purchase your tickets here: <https://pta.events/wreath-making> **TICKET SALES END ON 6TH NOVEMBER!!!** This will be the loveliest and most festive experience and we know you'll leave planning a whole new career in floristry.
3. Christmas Fair - **SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 22nd November from 2-5pm** – tickets, early bird tokens and Santa slots on sale now – <https://pta.events/winter-wonderland> WE HAVE some amazing raffle prizes up for grabs too; a Kindle Fire 10, a light up scooter, VIP O2 event tickets worth £400, brunch for two with peach bellinis at the Gosling, £100 gaming party voucher, tickets to Brentford vs Tottenham on the 30th December and lots more to follow. Early bird tokens end on 4th November at midnight so get in quickly. Also 50% of the Santa slots have filled so best to get in now if you'd like your child to meet Santa.

And one final one for you all, and it's simply a reminder to be kind always. It's a funny thing this PTA malarkey, because believe me when I tell you that an awful lot of time and effort goes into every fundraising initiative and it's all done by good kind volunteers who often work full time and have families of their own to support. They give this precious commodity of their time so generously to ensure that we are able to raise superb totals for our school and fund lots of awesome resources for our kids. When things go a little pear shaped, as can happen from time to time, it's important to just remind ourselves of the good work that FOPS does for the school and the kids, and do as we teach our amazing kids to do by treating these volunteers with kindness. Let's not forget when venting frustrations that this is all led by volunteers and we're all just doing our best. That said, if you feel there's something we could do better then we always welcome extra volunteers and I promise that there's never a dull day when raising money for Pirbright School!*

*Unless it involves washing lost property. That's pretty dull.
Peace out, folks!

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.





Helping our children to feel heard and holding space.

As parents, it's only natural to want to protect our children from pain, whether it's hurt feelings, a tricky friendship, a disappointment, or a loss. But sometimes, the most powerful thing we can do is not rush in to fix things.

Instead, simply sit with them, listen, and allow them to feel what they're feeling, without jumping to solve it. It's really not easy, especially when all we want is for our children to be happy, but learning to cope with life's ups and downs, in a safe and supported way, helps children build resilience, emotional awareness, and confidence.

By holding space for their big emotions, without trying to change them, we teach our children a powerful truth: that they are capable of working through challenges and that they don't need to fear uncomfortable feelings. All feelings are normal.

It's not about getting it perfect. It's about being present. And that, truly, is a gift that lasts a lifetime.



PEDALS
Mrs Hinzman & Mrs Nuttall
pedals@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

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)

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.



SURREY ARTS

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.



surreycc.gov.uk/music

FIND OUT MORE HERE



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.





Woking Family Centre

3rd - 24th
November
10.00am - 11.45am
(online)

Keeping Your Child In Mind

Adults working together.

A FREE programme for parents and carers focusing on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children.

The course covers:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Boundaries and positive discipline
- Understanding empathy

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX



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Barnardos Surrey Family Centres

Online course
Saturday 8th & 22nd Nov
9.30-12.15pm

Parenting Workshop

A supportive, non-judgemental programme for parents/carers of children under 5.

Helping families to understand why their children behave as they do and to recognise the feelings behind their behaviour.

For more information scan the QR code and contact your local Family Centre



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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online 4 week course
11th Nov - 2nd December 2025
6.30pm - 8pm

Talking Teens

A free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens (8 years plus), looking for advice.

Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision making and strategies to reduce conflict.

The group aims to develop:

- relationships between teenagers and parents/carers
- a calmer home life
- confidence when talking about difficult issues
- an understanding of teenage needs and development

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



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Carers' Information Fair

Saturday 22nd November 2025
10am - 2pm

The HIVE, Park Barn Drive, Guildford, GU2 8EN

Practical & financial advice from Surrey charities & organisations

Action for Carers - Admiral Nurses - The Hunter Centre - Energy Manage - Surrey Sports Park - BRAAIN - Family Information Service - plus others



73% of people who are providing or have provided unpaid care do not identify themselves as a carer



Community Wellbeing

Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

November 2025	<p>3rd – Start of second half term 6th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 7th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 10th – 14th Anti-Bullying Week 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 – Pre-School Siblings Welcome 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – Pre-School Siblings Welcome 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 11th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 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

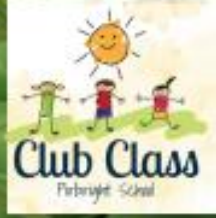
Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27th October 2025	Fri 31st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 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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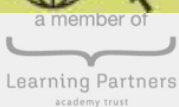
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FOR 2026 DATES!**



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