Pirbright Village Primary School

Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 8 **5th November 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is hard to believe that our first two-week October half term already feels like a distant memory! We are very much back into the swing of things now, and the weeks seem to be flying by as we settle back into our routines, embrace the learning opportunities ahead and enjoy all that school life has to offer.

This morning, we held our Remembrance Service, providing an important opportunity for us all to pause, reflect and remember. I was particularly proud of the way the children supported one another throughout the service. A special mention must go to our Year 6 children, who traditionally buddy up with a Reception child as they make their way to Brookwood Cemetery. It is always such a lovely example of our older children looking after our youngest, showing kindness, care and a real sense of responsibility. These moments really do demonstrate the strength of our school community.

With Bonfire Night having just passed, I hope that the children have managed to enjoy, or are looking forward to enjoying, some fireworks this weekend, if they haven't already! Whether watching a display or enjoying the sparkle from a safe distance, I hope there are some lovely family moments to be had.

This afternoon, I will be attending my second Service Children Hub meeting of the academic year. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to continue developing my understanding of the experiences and needs of our military families, as well as sharing ideas and learning from other schools. It is important that we continue to reflect on how we can best support our service children and their families, recognising the unique circumstances that can come with military life and ensuring that every child feels understood, supported and valued.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to see the children growing in confidence, supporting one another and making the most of each day.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind regards,
Pete
Pete Wright
Head Teacher

Coming Up

NOVEMBER
8th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery
9th Flu Immunisations
10th – Year 1 Village Walks
11th – Year 6 WWII Day (Dress Up)
12th - Surrey Wildlife Trust – Wilder Schools Project – Year 2
13th – Whole School Cross Country (1:40pm KS2/2:20pm YR&KS1) Parents Invited
16th – 20th Anti-Bullying Week
20th - FOPS Christmas Bonanza
27th – Learning Look - AM
DECEMBER
2nd - Year 5 Potions Day (Dress Up)
7th – 11th SHOWS WEEK

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar! Head here and click on he +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.

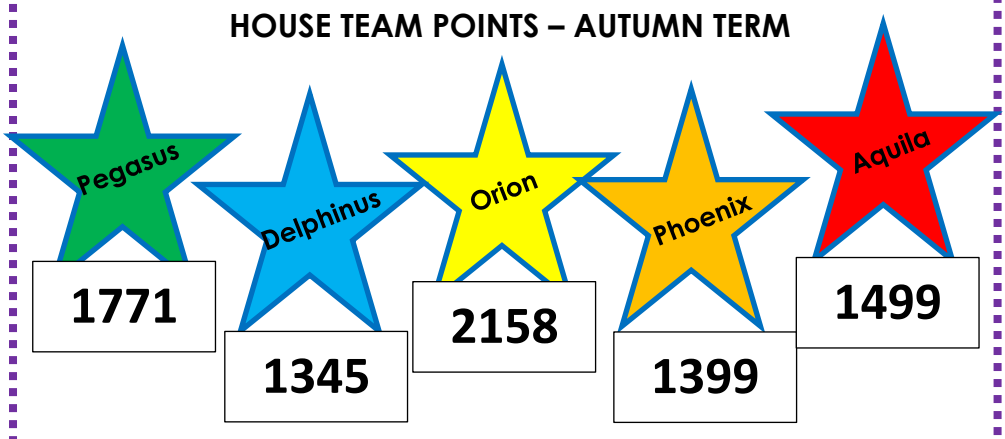
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TEMPEST UPDATE
Parents should have received an email from TEMPEST with the details of their child's photo which was taken before half term. There are no contact sheets anymore in a bid to reduce waste. The email might have gone to either (or both) priority 1 so if you don't have one and no one else has one, please let Miss Egelton know at info@pirbright.surrey.scu.uk and she will resend it for you.

Retakes are happening on 16th November and can be booked via info@pirbright.surrey.scu.uk. We cannot retake any pre-school sibling photos.

SCHOOL PHOTOS!
Remembrance

HOUSE TEAM POINTS – AUTUMN TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1DG – 99%	5RG – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.4%	

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Keeping Children Safe Online

AI Companions:
This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights the growing popularity of AI companions, such as virtual chatbots and digital friends. While they can be entertaining and creative, there are important risks to be aware of, including emotional dependency, inappropriate content, privacy concerns and unreliable advice. The guide offers practical tips for parents on supporting children to use AI safely, promoting healthy offline relationships and encouraging them to seek support from trusted adults when needed.



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CHRISTMAS SHOWS 2026

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…

"Mr Humbug Sees The Light" (KS2)
"Rootin Tootin" (KS1)
The Reception Nativity

Tickets go "live" when The Box Office officially opens on Friday 13th 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 (19th 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.

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…

Remembrance
We always represent the school at Brookwood Military Cemetery for their **Sunday service (8th 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.

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Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE)
At Pirbright Village Primary School, we believe that Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) plays an important role in helping children to lead happy, healthy, safe and responsible lives.
Through our Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) curriculum, we support children to develop positive relationships, understand their emotions, respect differences and make safe, informed choices as they grow. Relationships Education and Health Education are statutory and all pupils are expected to participate. We have decided to use the **Jigsaw 3–11 PSHE programme** to deliver a progressive, age-appropriate curriculum, supported by learning in Science and Computing.

Miss Collins and Miss Cass have put together a presentation on the school website to fully explain how we teach RSHE and we would love to have some feedback from parents. We would like to put together an FAQs page to also sit on the website so if you would like to be involved, please have a read through all of the materials on the webpage and let us know your questions. There is the RSHE webpage, a policy, a presentation and a Jigsaw overview of topics. If you have any questions, please email info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and we will ensure they reach the team. Once we have collated some FAQs we will publish them on the website and direct you back to them. Thank you!
Click here for the website...



SCHOOL COUNCIL

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PE Kits on PE Days...
Following an enthusiastic discussion and whole school vote following an extraordinary School Council meeting, pupils have expressed strong support for the idea of wearing their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. The proposal received 86% of votes in favour and 14% against!

The children felt this would save valuable learning time, allowing lessons to be longer, with less time spent getting changed. They also raised some sensible considerations, including the possibility of getting muddy during the school day and remembering which days they have PE. **No final decision has been made at this stage.** We would like to gather feedback from parents before deciding whether and how to introduce this change. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions that you think we should consider, please do get in touch. We want to make sure that any changes we make work well for our children and families. The full minutes of the extraordinary School Council meeting can be found by clicking on the link for School Council ← Please email any thoughts to Mrs Dow at cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Pirbright X-Country – Friday 13th November – Parents Welcome

The last few years have not been kind to us for our X-Country event with the exceptional rain we have and due to the nature of the field, when it is boggy – it is boggy for a good few months. We said we would review the timing of events with the ever-changing climate and this is the first adaptation we have made - the school's inter-house X-Country events are going early! We don't mind a bit of rain, but hopefully the early date will mean the chance of the field being saturated is much reduced and the even is less likely to be postponed – we can but try!

All children run and all children score points for their house teams. The captains will be on hand to support the littlest legs running around the field – we are always amazed at the bar Reception set in perseverance and resilience! All children can come to school in their PE kit, including their all-important house t-shirt ready for the event. Reception children (and all children new to the school) will receive their t-shirt nearer the day so please don't worry, we have that covered. Parents are welcome to come and spectate; entrance is at the KS2 gate and KS2 children run first from 1:40pm with Reception & KS1 to follow at 2:20pm. Please note, as we have done for the past few years, parents will be asked to stand in an allocated viewing area for the safety of the children! We will be watching the weather closely but really hope this change is for the good!

Boom Reader

Reading regularly at home is vital for developing children's confidence, fluency and love of reading. This remains just as important throughout Key Stage 2, as children continue to develop their comprehension, vocabulary and reading stamina.

Logging reads on Boom Reader helps us track progress, celebrate achievements and identify where extra support may be needed. We also record reading in school to support your child's progress.

Please log reads using your parent account. You can do this by scanning the QR code on the login information sent home, tapping the three lines in the top-right corner, then selecting *Parents*. Alternatively, you can visit boomreader.co.uk/parents.

Children can log their own reads by logging in through the pupils section, but it is equally important that you log whenever you hear your child read.

Please ask if you need your Boom Reader login details. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Flu immunisations are booked or Monday 9th 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.

Reception Intake SIBLINGS

It is essential that you apply for a school place for your children coming into Reception in 2027 – 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!

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.

Understanding Anxiety

Parent workshop to empower and support

Date: Thursday 12th November

Location: Pirbright Village School, GU24 0JN

Time: 6:30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Anxiety Workshop - Thursday 12th November 2026

Delivered by
Nikki Brunton-Smith, Primary Mental Health Worker (PMHW) for Guildford.

During this workshop we aim...

- To gain an understanding of what anxiety is.
- To gain understanding and knowledge of how our body works when we are anxious and why we have these bodily reactions.
- To understand what normal anxiety is.
- To gain knowledge and understanding of how children can present when anxious.
- To explore how anxiety can be managed by exploring some helpful suggestions and strategies.

Please complete our online form to confirm your attendance via the QR code.

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SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet

Just a reminder that Miss Woods and Miss Egelton have 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.

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Please be aware that Free School Meal children are eligible for FREE instrumental lessons. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to learn a new instrument! Any queries to Mrs Peers - cpeers@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



Head Teacher Awards are given out on a Monday 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.

1	**Hugo Harvey**	Always displaying his Pirbright Values and shining as a wonderful member of 1DG. His politeness and kindness is evident in everything he does. The world would be a brighter place if we were all just a little more like Hugo!
1	**Lyla Akberali**	Creating a fantastic self-portrait piece of art inspired by Henri Matisse's shape art. You have shown wonderful creativity in your choice and arrangement of shapes, as well as great perseverance in developing your ideas. What a super piece of artwork! Well done, Lyla!
2	**Oliver Smith**	…your wonderful work in Geography! Your knowledge of the world always impresses us and your enthusiasm and curiosity have really shone through. From using an atlas to locate the countries of the UK to comparing the weather in the UK and Australia, you have shown fantastic knowledge and a brilliant attitude to learning. We are so proud of you, and you should be proud of yourself too!
2	**Rose McKie**	When writing her final write, a diary of a wombat, she used her value of organisation and perseverance to use a huge number of techniques from our year 2 writing wish list including joining words, expanded noun phrases, capital letter for 'I', exclamation mark, phonics, capital letters and full stops. You are an amazing writer!
3	**Leo Calver**	Creating a fantastic final piece in our Stonehenge silhouette artwork. I really like the way you ripped the paper to create the jagged edges of the rocks and made rocks of different sizes. The watercolour sunset is such an effective background. I am so proud of the resilience and pride you have been showing in all of your learning. Keep up the great work Leo.
3	**Thea Flower**	Your amazing setting description of the cave from our story 'Stone Age Boy'. You really took onboard our learning over the three weeks and used descriptive vocabulary to engage the reader, as well as lots of prepositions to help the reader picture the setting in their mind. It was a pleasure to read – keep up the good work Thea!
4	**Belle Geeves**	Showing resilience and perseverance all through last half term. You consistently try your best in everything you do and are now asking for help if you need it. Not only that, by pushing past your worries, you delivered a wonderful performance in our Harvest Festival Assembly. We are so proud of you, Belle!
4	**Cora Voce Russell**	Living our school values every single day! You are kind, caring and considerate to all of the children in 4LB and a wonderful role model to all. You work hard and take pride in all that you do, you are enthusiastic and keen to give anything a go! You are a super School Council representative and we are very lucky to have you in 4LB.
5	**Jude Webb**	Your outstanding artwork! You used oil pastels in such a unique and creative way, achieving an almost watercolour effect and creating a truly breathtaking piece of art. Your creativity, artistic flair and imagination have really shone through! Your talent is clear for everyone to see, and who knows? You may well be an amazing artist one day!
6	**Amelia Taylor**	…her excellent balanced argument in English! Amelia considered both sides of the argument carefully when making a decision as to whether the villagers of Budmouth Point should help a stricken enemy pilot or not. She included all the features we had practised. Well done!
6	**Florence Wilson**	Your enthusiasm when writing poetry last half term. You came up with some fantastic ideas and even had a go at writing some at home. Well done!

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Hello, Hola, Bonjour…. A lot to unpack this week so let's all sit down with a cup of tea and catch up on all things fundraising…. Because it's a lot. Juicy. Gossip. Scandal. All of it. Ok, there's not that much scandal, but I need a hook, ya know?



FOPS CHRISTMAS BONANZA – Friday **20th November.** We won't be hosting a full Christmas fair this year, but instead some activities at School for the children, followed by an hour after school with a few small stalls, a raffle, Christmas music, and a chance for everyone to get into the festive spirit.
We will have a 'FOPS Christmas Market' at School, whereby the children can choose a special Christmas present for someone, and it will come home with them beautifully wrapped and ready to go under the tree. We will ask that tickets for the Christmas Market are purchased in advance – booking link coming soon.

We will also be having a visit from the big man in the red suit himself in the afternoon for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Tickets will go on sale and FOPS will be on hand in school in the afternoon to collect children from their classrooms and take the in small groups to spend some time with Father Christmas in the grotto (AKA The Writing Shed!).

MUFTI DAY Thursday 12th November – please help to stock our FOPS Christmas Market by bringing in a donation; a gift set, nice candle, box of chocolates, or another lovely Christmas gift – think about something you would like to receive…

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE SPONSOR – CLAIRE SEAGER PILATES Claire Seager, former school mum who now has a niece and nephew at PVPS, is sponsoring our raffle this year! Thank you very much! She has just opened an amazing Reformer Pilates studio here in Pirbright, opposite the pond in Pirbright, behind the kitchen shop. There are classes after School drop-off (9am) and before pick-up (2pm), as well as early morning, evening and Saturday classes. Claire is offering 50% off your first class with the discount code PVPS50 – discount valid until 31st January 2027 – new customers only. Visit her website today: www.claireseagerpilates.com or email Claire on info@claireseagerpilates.com

And lastly – **A REALLY IMPORTANT FOPS APPEAL** – We urgently need someone to take over as Chair of FOPS. As of right now, the future of FOPS is at risk. If no one comes forward, unfortunately FOPS will cease fundraising.

We also need individuals or smaller groups to come forward and take ownership of events and fundraising activities; like Chocolate Bingo.

We all benefit from the work FOPS does – it funds so many extras and opportunities that benefit every child in the School. It would be such a shame to see this disappear but is inevitable unless we have a chair person to lead the charity and a good handful of supporting volunteers. If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the time. Please email us Pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like to volunteer.

Thank you!



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CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

We know that some children have a mobile phone because they walk to or from school, or because their grown-ups need to be able to contact them outside of school.

1. Turn your phone off when you arrive at the school gate.



2. Hand it in to the adult on duty at the school gate as you come in OR to the school office, if you come in that way.

3. You can collect it at the end of the school day from the school office. Please leave through the front door (right by the office).

4. You can turn your phone back on when you are out of the school gates.



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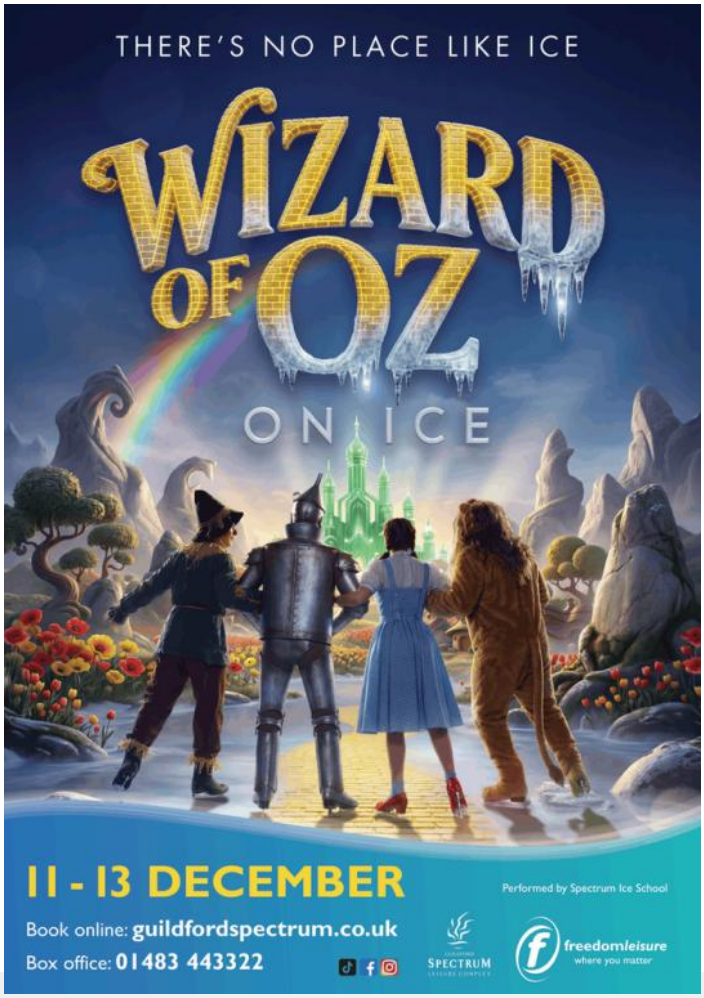
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CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

£30 PER DAY
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Holiday	Dates	Booking Closes
October Half Term Week 1	19th - 23rd October 2026	15th October
Spring Half-Term	15th -19th February 2027	11th February
Easter Holidays Week 2	5th- 9th April 2027	24th March
Summer Half-Term	31st May - 4th June 2027	27th May
Summer Holidays Weeks 1-4	26th July - 20th August	22nd July

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Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

November 2026	2nd – Start of second half term 3rd - EYFS Curriculum Afternoon 4th - Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 6th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 8th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 9th Flu Immunisations 10th – Year 1 Village Walks 11th – Year 6 WWII Day (Dress Up) 12th - Surrey Wildlife Trust – Wilder Schools Project – Year 2 13th – Whole School Cross Country (1:40pm KS2/2:20pm YR&KS1) Parents Invited 16th – 20th Anti-Bullying Week 20th - FOPS Christmas Bonanza 27th – Learning Look - AM	**December 2026**	2nd - Year 5 Potions Day (Dress Up) 7th – 11th SHOWS WEEK **8th** - KS2 Christmas Performance **PM 1:30pm** – Pre-School Siblings Welcome **9th** - KS1 Christmas Performance **PM 1:30pm** – Pre-School Siblings Welcome **9th** - KS2 Christmas Performance **EVENING 7pm –** Adults and School Aged Siblings Only **10th** - **10:00am** Reception Nativity Performance - Pre-School Siblings Welcome **10th** - KS1 Christmas Performance **PM 1:30pm -** Adults and School Aged Siblings Only **10th** - KS2 Christmas Performance **EVENING 7pm -** Adults and School Aged Siblings Only) 11th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 15th – Christmas Quiz 16th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 18th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – School (No Parents) 18th - 1:30pm – End of Term

Class Assemblies 2026/2027

Friday 15th January 2026 at 10am	**1RE**
Friday 22nd January 2027 at 10am	**1DG**
Friday 29th January 2027 at 10am	**5RG**
Friday 5th February 2027 at 10am	**2CD**
Friday 12th February 2027 at 10am	**5SD**
Friday 12th March 2027 at 10am	**RGD**
Friday 19th March 2027 at 10am	**4CR**
Friday 23rd April 2027 at 10am	**3SC**
Friday 30th April 2027 at 10am	**4LB**
Friday 7th May 2027 at 10am	**2BT**
Friday 14th May 2027 at 10am	**3WS**
Friday 21ST May 2027 at 10am	**RJL**
Friday 2nd July 2027 **in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)**	**Y6**

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2026	01 September 2026	16 October 2026
Half term	*19 October 2026*	*30 October 2026*
	02 November 2026	18 December 2026
Christmas	*21 December 2026*	*01 January 2027*
SPRING 2024	04 January 2027	12 February 2027
Half term	*15 February 2027*	*19 February 2027*
	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
Easter	*26 March 2027*	*09 April 2027*
SUMMER 2024	12 April 2027	22 May 2026
Half term	*28 May 2027*	*04 June 2027*
	07 June 2027	23 July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 16th October 2026
Thursday 25th March 2027
Monday 28th June 2027
Monday 26th July 2027
Tuesday 27th July 2027
Wednesday 28th July 2027

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