



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all managed to find some time to spend with family last week and have been enjoying a slightly sunnier end to this week.

From today, buying school uniform is now being outsourced to Valentino's of Knaphill; we are all set up on the website and there is an advert later in the newsletter with the details on delivery options and a link for you at the bottom of this page to get you going. Initially, items available will be limited to what we have provided to them. The logoed uniform is currently being ordered, so there will be a slight delay before parents can order these items from Valentino's. Unfortunately, our supplier can no longer provide us with the logoed uniforms, so we are unable to "bridge the gap" during this time. Remember that FOPs still sell second hand stock from time to time, should you need some extra!

Below is a message from our "coffee man", Mark:

Thank you so much for your tremendous support on Wednesday mornings and at the recent school cross country event - it has been great to meet you all and I hope you're enjoying the drinks. I will be making a donation of £50 to school funds this week and will make further donations this year. Many thanks and kind regards. Mark Bodian - Cafe2U Woking.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of parents to our Learning Look later today. Remember, this is for the children to show you what they are proud of so lots of praise is required as they are all working very hard!

Next week is a particularly sporty one, with a Cross Country event for selected Year 5 and 6 children, Sportshall Athletics for some of the Years 2-4, a boys' football match away to Hermitage School and Year 6 continuing their tennis coaching across the road from us. What a week! Friday alone sees us dressing up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day, The Big Read at 2.45pm (all welcome!) and a Year 4 cake sale – donations welcome from across the school though please.

Until then, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Coming Up –

3rd - WASPS Cross Country – Year 5/6

4th - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)

4th – Boys' Football Match v Hermitage - Away

5th - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)

7th – World Book Day – DRESS UP

7th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)

7th - Cake Sale (Year 4 to Lead)

11th – 18th – The Travelling Book Fair

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!

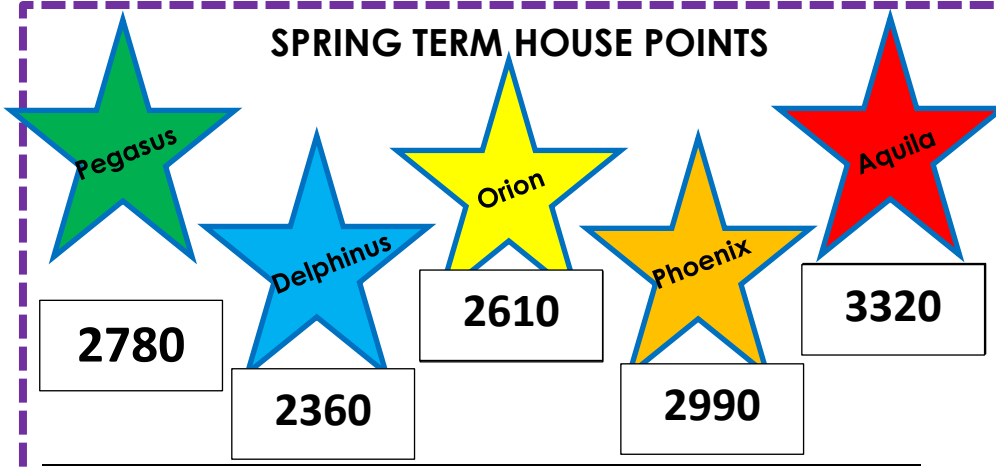
Cross-Country



Valentino Schoolwear

CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2BT – 96%	5LB – 97%

Whole School Year to Date

95.89%

The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Cordelia (2HJ) who has completed her half-marathon. Well done!



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



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.



Junior Bake Off

We've been contacted by Kate from Love Productions - the company behind The Great British Bake Off, who are looking for budding bakers for their next Junior Bake-Off series. Interested bakers, aged between 9 and 15 years old, can apply online at

- www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Filming would take place from July 2025, but applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025. You can call 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions regarding the above.

28th February-
30th March

Ramadan

Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar, is a time for fasting, prayer, and spiritual reflection. Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Friday 28th February and end on the evening of Sunday, 30 March, though these dates may change depending on the moon sighting. During this month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, refraining from food, drink, and other physical needs to develop self-discipline and empathy for the less fortunate. Ramadan is a time to grow closer to Allah, seek forgiveness, and give to charity. The month ends with Eid al-Fitr, a celebration of gratitude, community and joy.

At Pirbright, we learn about the six major religions as part of our study, in line with the Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2023-2028). For more details, you can refer to the Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2023-2028) here: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/surrey-agreed-syllabus/>





Just a little reminder that our next Learning Look will take place on **TODAY**. This time, it will be at the end of the school day so please head to your child's classroom from **2.45pm to 3.10pm**. This will give you the opportunity to look at books, displays and other pieces of work to celebrate your child's learning with them. During the session, we would love you to chat to your child about what they are proud of and write a positive comment on a Proud Scroll about what has made you feel proud. Learning Looks are spread out across the school year and the dates and times for all of the sessions are on the school calendar. These sessions are entirely optional but if you are unable to attend it is really useful if we know in advance. Please let your child's class teacher know so your child can be paired up with another family, a friend or school adult. Also, please note that the session **finishes at 3.10pm** so the children have a few minutes to gather their home time things and say goodbye before meeting you outside the classroom (or meeting spot if they are in KS2).

Valentino Schoolwear

Shopping with us!

You can shop with us both instore and online.

Shopping in store:

You can pop into store to make your purchase from Monday-Saturday, 9.00am-5.30pm. No appointment needed. Valentino Schoolwear, 23-29 Broadway, Knaphill, GU21 2DR.

Shopping online:

You can order your uniform online in as simple as a few clicks.

1. Visit our website on www.valentinoschoolwear.com
2. Add to your basket.
3. Select preferred delivery method at checkout.

Valentino Schoolwear

with us!

CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

Click & Collect

We will notify you via email as soon as your order is bagged and ready for your collection.

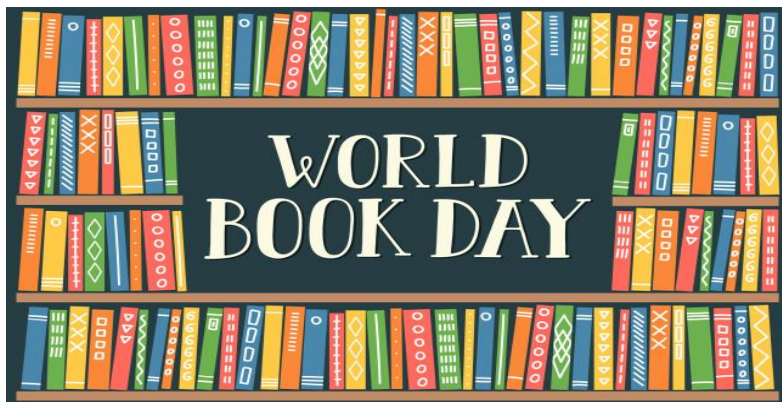
Delivery to school

We offer a FREE delivery to your school office; this service is available every Friday during term time

Home delivery

We offer FREE home delivery on any order over £75

For every online order we will update you on the status of your order via email.



The Travelling Book Fair!

We are now also looking forward to the exciting arrival of our annual Travelling Book Fair! The book fair doors (located in the music suite) will officially open at 3:15 PM on **Tuesday, 11th March**. The fair will then be open every morning from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM and every afternoon from 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM, with the final session on **Tuesday morning on the 18th March**. We understand that time and money are precious, but we encourage you to visit the fair and discover new and exciting reading materials for your child.

We will accept cash at the fair, but for those who prefer more modern payment methods, we will also have a card machine available. Additionally, you can scan a barcode with your phone to make payments or purchase vouchers online, which you can print at home and use as cash at the fair. This option helps avoid the need for children to bring loose change to school.

Each pound spent at the book fair generates a generous commission for the school, which we will use to purchase more books for the classrooms. With our budgets being tighter, this is a great help and we are very grateful for it.

In previous years, some kind families have chosen to purchase books for their child's classroom. If you would like to do the same, simply mention that the book is a donation when making your purchase, and it will be placed in the classroom with a beautiful plaque inside, recognising your contribution.

Thank you for your support, and happy reading!

The Travelling Book Fair! – volunteers needed!

If you can lend a hand, we would be so grateful!

Please contact btodd@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Digital Tokens

This year for World Book Day, along with the traditional book day tokens, we wanted to inform you about the digital tokens! These can be accessed online by visiting [World Book Day Digital Tokens](#) and clicking on the £1 token link. Once downloaded, it says on the tokens that they can be scanned directly from a phone or print them out. Happy reading!

Dress-Up

Every year we celebrate World Book Day and every other year we celebrate Comic Relief – this year is just World Book Day for us! Whilst we wouldn't say we are low-key when it comes to dressing up here (Mr Fuller once dressed up as a full shower system, including the curtain!) – we certainly are low pressure for parents and will take absolutely anything that works for you! We don't have "best dressed" prizes as we know the pressure this can add.

World Book Day – Celebrated at Pirbright on **FRIDAY 7th March** (celebrated nationally on Thursday 6th but no one needs a Thursday dress up day in their life!). Please come to school dressed as a book character or anything inspired by a book. We'll take (almost) anything! There is no Comic Relief celebration at Pirbright this year; see you next year for that one!

Potato Competition

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we're inviting you to get creative and design your very own Potato Book Character!

Here's your challenge: Take a potato – any shape or size – and transform it into a book character of your choice. Use your imagination and have fun with it! You can use any materials you like – paints, fabric, googly eyes or whatever else you can think of! Your character must be inspired by a book, so bring your favourite literary figure to life in a whole new way.

Prizes are up for grabs for the most creative designs!

Please bring your potatoes in on **Friday 7th March** when we celebrate World Book Day!

We can't wait to see your spud-tacular creations!



Inter House Cross Country 2025

We were so lucky this year to have the weather on our side and avoid the drama of last year's constant re-scheduling of the Cross-Country - hurrah! The children had spent weeks preparing for the event and had been working on their strength and stamina particularly up the formidable bank! Firstly Reception and KS1 lined up at the start; there was so much excitement and enthusiasm they couldn't wait to get going! All of the runners accumulated points for their House Team and the children should be very proud of their perseverance and commitment. Thank you as always to Ms Jackson for her organising and to the Year 6 children for the additional support they provided to the younger children.

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 - OVERALL		YEARS 3 AND 4 - OVERALL		YEARS 5 AND 6 - OVERALL	
Girls' Race	Boys' Race	Girls' Race	Boys' Race	Girls' Race	Boys' Race
Abigail S	Callum McC	Zoe H	Alexander S	Amy-Beth GG	Nico DA
Madison-Mae G	Lucas D	Orlaith McC	Ezra F	Annie M	Thomas U
Carolina C	Danilo FR	Edie R	Kirk L	Gabriella TB	Arlo CM
Cordelia DA	Ernie C	Ella N	Alex H	Jessica R	Thomas G
Eloise G	Isaac D	Lily K	Duarte C	Abigail W	Arthur I
Thea F	Tom P	Eilidh W/Sammi W	Daniel D	Fearne S	Henry H
Matilda T	Finn C	Esme H	Cullen S	Lily C	Rowan G
Cora VR	Rory C	Isabella Z	Max M	Lucy S	Thor C
Maria S	Aaron N	Betty M	Albi I	Caitlyn C	Daniel H
Isabelle D	Alex AS	Sydney D	George R	Ellie P	Ellis R

KEY STAGE 1 & RECEPTION	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Girls' Top 5	Juno S Ella M Charlotte D Asia M Abigail C	Thea F Matilda T Isabelle D Astrid G Grace W	Abigail S Madison-Mae G Carolina C Cordelia DA Eloise G
Boys' Top 5	Jacob G Maxi S Wilder N Alfie Y Tommy R	Tom P Alex AS Lucian S Riyaz A Toby W	Callum McC Lucas B Danilo FR Ernie C Isaac D

KEY STAGE 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Girls' Top 5	Orlaith McC Esme H Amabel P Holly B Rose K	Zoe H Edie R Ella N Eilidh W/Sammi W Isabella Z	Annie M Gabriella TB Caitlyn C Mae B Koula H	Amy-Beth G Jessica R Abigail W Fearne S Lily C
Boys' Top 5	Kirk L Cullen S Max M George R Axel H	Alexander S Ezra F Alex H Duarte C Daniel D	Thomas U Arlo CM Rowan G Thor C Daniel H	Nico DA Thomas G Arthur I Henry H Jake E

Inter House Cross Country 2025

AQUILA	PHOENIX	ORION	PEGASUS	DELPHINUS
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th

KS1 & Reception Girls



KS1 & Reception Boys



Year 3 & 4 Boys



Year 3 & 4 Girls



Year 5 & 6 Boys



Year 5 & 6 Girls



Hello, welcome back! Half term already feeling like a distant memory... and it's straight back in to ALL THINGS FUNDRAISING over here at Team Fops. And what a team we are... let's dive into a few thank-yous to the wonderful folks who have stepped up and volunteered to organise the next few school events:

TO STEPH AND EMMA, for once again volunteering to run CHOCOLATE BINGO this year – my personal favourite. For new parents, it's an evening of Bingo at school and the prizes are CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS! It's such a fun night with your children and it's just SO wholesome. I love it, and I know you will too. Tickets go on sale this Friday via our PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

On that, just briefly, if you fancy yourself as a BINGO CALLER for the evening, do let your class reps know! We need someone to read them out, and you can always make up your own little phrases for each one. I mean, it's 2025. Do we need 88 to be two fat ladies? Can't it be two naked snowmen? This newsletter is about to get WOKE. Watch out, Gen-Z! We also seek a few sponsors for the bingo games – local businesses, I know we ask a lot of you, but if you can sponsor a bingo game for the event, then this would really help FOPS to raise a great sum for the school!

THANK YOU to JASMINE AND CLAIRE for volunteering to organise the summer fair! Girls, I'm right behind you. I will run the bar. I did such a good job of that at Christmas, well, from what I can remember.... Got a bit hazy after I donated yet more cash to the school for my 7th mulled wine. But hey, all for a good cause. We'll be circulating sign up links in due course so you can all have a go at running a stall!

Thank you to Thorsten Schulz-Gerhardt for stepping up to take over as Treasurer of FOPS. He is replacing the brilliant Neil Manser, who has been working as treasurer for the last four years. Neil, we thank you for your service! And Thorsten, we know you'll do a great job!

WE STILL DON'T HAVE ANY NEW FOPS CHAIRPEOPLE TO TAKE OVER FROM KATE AND NERYS IN APRIL. It's getting desperate. FOPS cannot continue without chairs to run the organisation. We need you. MAYBE we could get a group of dads together – it's been a largely female-led team up until now... maybe it's time for some men to step up and take the reins? Lads on tour. FOPS beers. I dunno. We just need chairpeople. Could it be you?

Next cake sale – 7th March. Don't forget your pennies after school.

And lastly, the Uniform sale before half term raised £200! Thanks to Sherrie, Tracy and Becky for organising! And thank you to Emily for hosting the coffee morning! Well done, team!

That's enough outta' me. I'll be back next week with more updates about FOPS.

Peace out, Pirbright.

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.



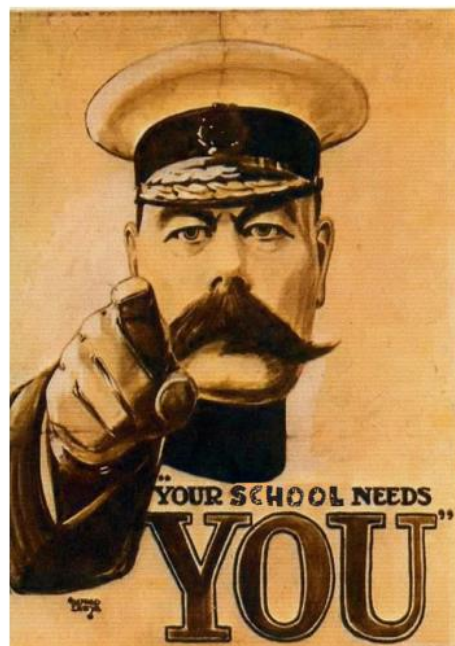
Wales, company number 660...
School, Farnham Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4LU.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

FOPS are holding a family bingo night at
 Pirbright School!
Friday 28th March 2025
 Tickets on sale
www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

Limited Tickets on sale Book Now!
 Entry per person including bingo card £6
 Pre Ordered Hot Dog £3.50
 Doors open 5pm Event runs 5.30 to 7.30pm
 (Bar open on the night)

JOIN THE FOPS TEAM !!!!



FOPS are seeking a new chairperson to lead the Friends of Pirbright School Fundraising team

Contact us at
pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk



St. Michael's &
 St. Mark's Churches

POP IN for a Pancake

Enjoy freshly made
 pancakes with lots of
 delicious fillings

Tuesday 4th March
3.30-4.15pm

St. Mark's Church
 Hall
 GU3 2DA

WHISKED
by Cleverchefs

**WE'D LOVE YOUR
 feedback**

LOVE OUR MENUS AND DYING TO LET US KNOW?
 THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE?

Either way - we'd love to hear it.
 Scan the QR code to give us your honest opinion!

CLEVERCHEFS
Passionate foodies



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 - 4:00 Reception (New Class)
- 4:00 - 4:50 Yr 1/2
- 4:50 - 5:40 Yr 3/4
- 5:40 - 6:30 Yr 5/6/7



Contact Michael

07748 767339

info@tiger-tennis.co.uk

www.tiger-tennis.co.uk

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

March 2025	<p>3rd - WASPS Cross Country – Year 5/6</p> <p>4th - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)</p> <p>4th – Boys' Football Match v Hermitage - Away</p> <p>5th - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)</p> <p>7th – World Book Day – DRESS UP</p> <p>7th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>7th - Cake Sale (Year 4 to Lead)</p> <p>11th – 18th – The Travelling Book Fair</p> <p>12th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training</p> <p>14th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week)</p> <p>18th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4</p> <p>19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament</p> <p>24th - WASPS Cross Country – Relays</p> <p>25th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood</p> <p>27th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)</p> <p>28th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo</p>	April 2025	<p>2nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum</p> <p>4th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!)</p> <p>4th – Term finishes at 1:30pm</p> <p>4th - Cake Sale (Year 5 to Lead)</p> <p>25th - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look</p> <p>25th - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look</p>
May 2025	<p>7th - Tempest Class Photos</p> <p>12th – 16th – KS2 SATS Week</p> <p>13th - YR Visit to Wellington Country Park</p> <p>16th - Cake Sale (Year 3 to Lead)</p> <p>19th – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6)</p> <p>20th - Reception Health Check</p> <p>21st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House</p> <p>22nd - Year 5 Dynamo Cricket 1pm-5pm @ Old Woking CC</p> <p>26th –30th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2025	<p>4th - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre</p> <p>5th – Pirbright Has Talent Show! (No Parents, sorry!)</p> <p>6th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look</p> <p>9th – 12th - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset</p> <p>12th - Reception Zoo Lab Visit</p> <p>13th – Year 6 Late Registration (10am)</p> <p>13th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>16th – 17th – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court</p> <p>20th - Sports Day & Family Lunch</p> <p>30th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children</p>
July 2025	<p>1st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p> <p>2nd - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p> <p>4th - Year 6 Performance PM (Y6 parents invited PM)</p> <p>4th - Cake Sale (Year 2 to Lead)</p> <p>10th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>11th – 10am Late Registration</p> <p>14th – New Entrants Morning Session (10:30-11:30)</p> <p>14th – 3.15pm-4.30pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>16th – Leavers' Party (Eve) 5:30pm</p> <p>17th – Year 6 Fun Day</p> <p>18th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>18th – 1.30pm – End of Term</p> <p>18th - Cake Sale (Year 1 to Lead)</p> <p>21st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p> <p>22nd – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 28 th October 2024	Fri 1 st November 2024
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025
SPRING 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 7 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025
SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025

INSET DAYS 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Friday 25th October 2024
 Wednesday 29th January 2025
Monday 30th June 2025
 Monday 21st July 2025
 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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 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 2024/2025

Friday 14 th March 2025 at 10am	2HJ
Friday 21 st March 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 28 th March 2025 at 10am	4LB
Friday 2 nd May 2025 at 10am	1JR
Friday 9 th May 2025 at 10am	RGD
Friday 16 th May 2025 at 10am	1HE
Friday 23 rd May 2025 at 10am	RJL
Friday 6 th June 2025 at 10am	3ND
Friday 13 th June 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 4 th July 2025 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6