



Dear Parents & Carers,

In a further attempt to encourage us all to drive and park more considerately, I have given up my weekly newsletter slot to a local resident who emailed me this week.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair this afternoon.

Kind regards,

Pete

To Whom it may concern,

I'm a new resident to Dawneys Road (GU24 0JP), across the road from your schools, and enjoying the area immensely. Unfortunately, however, it has become apparent very quickly that the locality of Dawneys Road to Knowl Hill School and Pirbright Village Primary School, has resulted in parents taking liberties with their parking and driving along this restricted access residential road.

Since moving into the property, during school drop off especially, but also during pick up times parents are abandoning their vehicles along the road to drop off children. This has frequently blocked access and exit of the road, as well as driveways themselves. Further to this, it has been noted that when the arrival time gets closer to school start time (c.0830 - 0845) drivers are far more willing to breach the 10mph speed limit of the road. Considering this is a key walking route for any students walking to your schools from the north, and with the compounding effect of the aforementioned vehicles I fear there is a real risk to your students, beyond just the annoyance this is causing residents.

Ignoring (for now) the fact that this is a military access only road, and therefore unless the driver is a resident or works vehicles for a resident, this road should not be used at all. I therefore implore you to remind parents to plan accordingly to drop off their children at a reasonable time, rather than creating at least an inconvenience to local residents, and at most a dangerous situation.

Specifically, for Pirbright Village Primary School, noting on your website that you have a Christmas Fair this Friday, I envision a situation where parents fill this road in direct contradiction of the highway code.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this, and hope this can be resolved swiftly.

Kind regards

Upcoming Dates –

2nd – Year 4 Swimming

5th – Happy Bag Drop-Off

6th – Happy Bag Drop-Off

6th – Girls' Football

Match Home v

Hermitage

9th – 13th SHOWS WEEK

13th – PJ Day & Movie Afternoon

16th – Club Class Christmas Party

17th – Christmas Quiz
18th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

20th – 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright's Hall (Parents Welcome)

20th – 1:30pm – End of Term

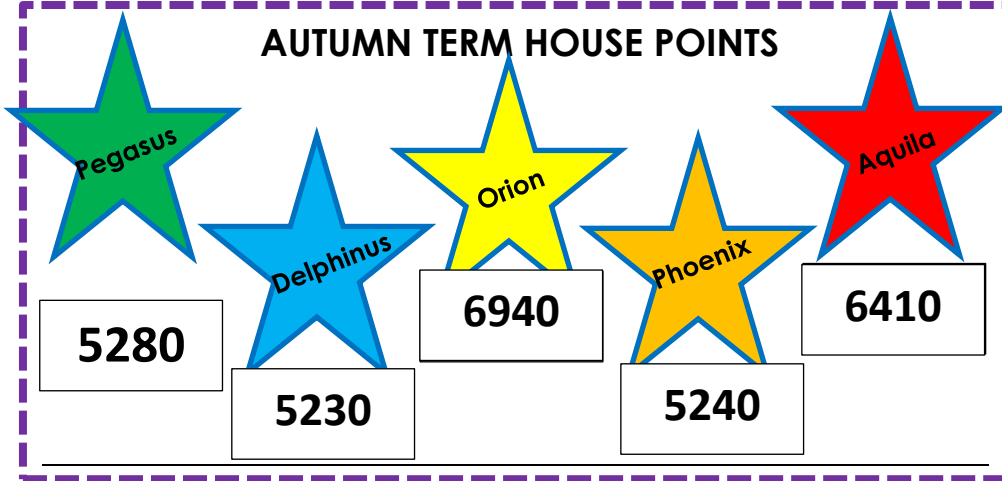
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Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1JR 100%	4SG 98.2%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.5%	



The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Hunter Holt who achieved his Marathon this week and to Hannah Collins who achieved her half-marathon this week.

"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY" (KS2) "LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION 2! THE SEQUIN" (KS1) THE RECEPTION NATIVITY: "A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME"

The second wave of Christmas production tickets has been very successful with just shy of 1000 tickets now allocated. If you have missed the boat or not been reading the newsletter for the past three weeks and you don't have a coloured ticket in hand, the only way you can get tickets now is to email Mrs Dow directly on cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk with your request. Please be clear on how many tickets you would ideally like and which show you would like to attend. There are tickets left for all shows (although KS2 evening shows are almost sold out) so please act quickly if you have missed out.

All Things Art!

Miss Leppard has worked with some of the school's artists across Key Stage 1 & 2 in some special workshops to create our entry for the Pirbright Art Club's Annual Art Exhibition. The artwork the children create will be on show **this weekend**, if you wanted to head down and have a look.



SATURDAY 30th
NOVEMBER
10am-5.30pm
and SUNDAY 1st
DECEMBER
11am-3.30pm
Lord Pirbright's
Hall, The Green,
Pirbright, Surrey
GU24 0JE

PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB/ 25th Anniversary EXHIBITION

Free!

Admission
& Parking



Original framed
& unframed
pictures, prints
& cards for sale

Cafe, craft stalls,
raffle

www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK...

A Guide to the Christmas Productions for New Parents (& Old Parents Who Need a Reminder...)

At this time of year across the school, staff are busy preparing pupils for our Christmas shows, if you have not been to one at Pirbright before, you are in for a treat!

Reception: Reception will perform their own nativity show in a separate performance. All parents are welcome to four seats in the hall and do not need to book online. It's on Thursday 12th December at 10am. Children will be busy singing and learning their lines; teachers might be smiling nicely at you for costumes...

Key Stage 1: Year 1 and 2 take to the stage for their performance. Class teachers will be providing pupils with scripts and lines to be learnt, where appropriate, and you may find teachers trying to catch you on the door to discuss any costume options! Two performances take place in the afternoon of Plays Week. They usually start at 1.30 with the shows expected to be finished before the end of the school day, giving just enough time for pupils to get changed and be ready for collection at the usual time. The shows are on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December. Pre-school aged children can come on Wednesday (but are expected to be able to sit quietly – it is not a panto!) but Thursday is adults and older children only! We're very strict on this so please choose your performance wisely.

Key Stage 2 Production: This is run by Mr. Wright. Main parts are taken by the Year 6 pupils, with every year group having a song and dance number as part of the show. It's great to do something that involves everyone. As well as this, there are opportunities to join Miss Durdle's dance troupe for Year 6 and Mrs Davies is at the helm of the singing which add a little sparkle to proceedings. Year groups will come home with song words to learn; perhaps some other lines for their scenes as well as requests to help them with costumes. If you need any help then speak to the class teacher who can guide you in the right direction.

We have one performance during school time (Tuesday 10th – 1:30pm start) but the other performances are in the evening of the Plays Week (Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December). Pre-school aged children can come on Tuesday (but are expected to be able to sit quietly – it is not a panto!); Wednesday & Thursday is adults and older children only! **Pupils need to be back at school for 6:30pm. It is really important for pupils to be back at school and to be part of the production, as this is a big part of belonging to the Pirbright family. If there is an exceptional reason for a child not to be back for a performance (such as illness) then please let the class teacher know as soon as possible.** On returning to school, children should have had their dinner at home. If you need to send them in with a healthy snack, please do so but it needs to follow normal school rules and not be chocolate or contain nuts.

We will give you an indication of end timings as soon as we know, usually around 8:30pm. Children can be collected from classroom doors whether you have seen the show or are just doing the pick-up. The front doors will only be for exiting after the show, so please don't use them to enter at the end of the evening to collect children. We will confirm timings when we have actually had a practise on the stage!

ALL CHILDREN IN KS2 ARE INVOLVED IN THE SHOWS SO WE'RE EXPECTING THEM

Parental Expectations for the Shows

We will endeavour to put on some great shows for you in Shows Week but need your help! In order for everyone to enjoy the show, we would like to draw your attention to the following...

- Photos can be taken, but please don't put any images of other children on social media. Please also be mindful of phones blocking others' views.
- You must remain in your seat throughout the show. We need to keep exits clear for many reasons so please be seated and enjoy!
- Pre-schoolers are welcome on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons. Neither show is interactive and neither is a panto so please ensure your tiny human is not spoiling the show for anyone else. If they can't sit quietly for the duration then please think about alternative child care.
- We will ask you to leave buggies and pushchairs (on Tuesday and Wednesday) outside so please prepare for this.
- You need a ticket for entry. If you don't have one or you have the wrong colour, you may have to wait until the end to be seated.

A note from Club Class to remind parents that due to the busy nature of "going home time", if children haven't brought all of their belongings over to club with them, they cannot go on a hunt for them around the school as it is simply too busy! Rest assured, teachers & LSAs spend their lives matching children up with their stuff (when it is named!) so we will keep going with this, but all agree they still seem to leave things everywhere! We will keep trying but some things might need to be left at school for the next day!

The Pirbright Guide to all Things Festive!

The usual Pirbright Christmas Extravaganza is HUGE and we thought you might like to know all of the details in a handy table. We've even popped in a table for what you might need to think about as parents; Newsletter HQ is very kind this week!

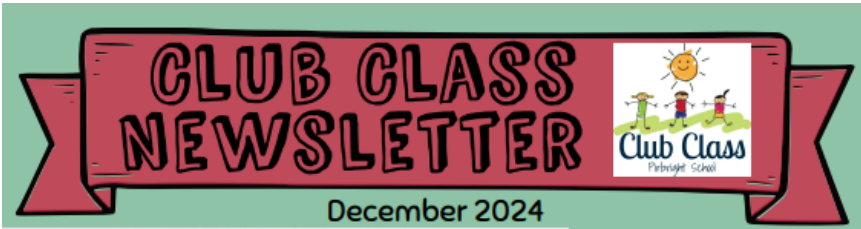
Date	Event	Details	Parental Requirements...
Mon 2 nd December	Christmas Cards	This Pirbright Christmas post-box officially opens! It will be outside the library and the Year 5 postal elves are responsible for delivery – let's hope there is no strike action! Any cards need to be clearly labelled with names and classes.	Christmas cards if you would like to.
Tues 10 th – Thurs 12 th	SHOWS "WEEK"!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Book Tickets. ✓ Costumes. ✓ Bring KS2 back for the evenings. ✓ Enjoy the shows!
Fri 13 th	PJ & Christmas Movie Afternoon	Children can come into school in their pyjamas (outdoor shoes on feet, slippers in a bag if they would like). In the afternoon, classes will choose a Christmas movie to watch. Each year group will have two film choices for children to choose between and the teachers will communicate these to you before the event. If you would rather your child watched one over the other (i.e. you choose not them!) please email the class teacher and we will steer them in the right direction!	PJs and slippers on for school please!
Tues 17 th Dec	The Pirbright Christmas Quiz	All of the children come together to watch the staff in a Christmas Quiz. There are teams and rounds and it is all VERY silly. Sometimes there are photos; sometimes we take staff bribes to NEVER share the photos – we'll just have to wait and see!	Nothing Required
Wed 18 th	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers	Cleverchefs will be cooking up a storm as we all eat Christmas lunch together in the hall. KS1 & Reception eat whilst served by KS2 teachers and then we swap. Much merriment will be had at sharing a lunch together – menu has been published so get signed up.	<p>Order online with IPAY by Monday 9th December.</p> <p>School Uniform & Christmas Jumpers</p>
Fri 20 th	Festive Carols at Lord Pirbright's Hall	The whole school will head down to Lord Pirbright's Hall for a Festive Carol Service. Parents are all invited – but there is very little room! Standing room at the back for those who can fit in; peering through the windows and listening to the songs ring out if we are too busy. Totally worth coming just for the lovely walk down!	<p>Meet at the Reception class gate at 10am if you would like to join us.</p> <p>Christmas Jumpers</p>
Fri 20 th	Early Finish	Early Finish	1:30pm collection time!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF WHO HAVE RUN LUNCHTIME CLUBS THIS YEAR AND ALL THE DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN WHO HAVE ATTENDED! CLUBS ARE NOW FINISHED FOR THE AUTUMN TERM AND CLUBS HQ IS BUSY WORKING ON THE SPRING TERM OFFER.

Don't forget, we finish at 1:30pm on Friday 20th December as it is the end of term.

It's been in the newsletter for almost a year now but we just want to draw your attention to the unusual WEDNESDAY INSET DAY on 29th January so no one gets caught out. This is an INSET date chosen by The Learning Partners Trust.

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FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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CHRISTMAS Menu

MAIN EVENT
Roast turkey, pig in blanket, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

VEGETARIAN
Nutless Roast, Vegan Sausage, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

DESSERT
Snowy Chocolate Brownie

ALLERGENS & Intolerances
At Cleverchefs we take food allergens and intolerances very seriously. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances you need to make us aware prior to ordering any food with us. We have a full breakdown of the 14 allergens on our primary school menu link on our website www.cleverchefs.co.uk or scan the QR code on this page.



**SIGN UP FOR
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
ON IPAY NOW!
WEDNESDAY 18TH
DECEMBER**

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 3rd December 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks,
Tempest Photography

IT'S CHRISTTTTTTMAAAASSSSSSSSSS!!!!

It's here, it starts NOW..... THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IS TODAY!! Now here's a question for you; (why am I typing this in a Welsh accent, why do I sound like Uncle Bryn?) What kind of newsletter reader are you? Are you Little Miss HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS, reading this as soon as it lands in your inbox? If so, you might be reading this BEFORE the Christmas Fair. Or... are you reading this on a Sunday night, perhaps you have printed it off? In which case, you are reading it after the Christmas Fair. Are you reading this at all....? I don't know, who knows, I don't WANT to know, that's your business, but I do want to say a HUMUNGOUS thank you on behalf of all ye merry FOPS team members for your donations over the last few weeks, the various tombola prizes, which have contributed in no small way to the smooth running of our annual winter term extravaganza. We hope you have/had a marvellous time at the Winter Fair! It will be/Wasn't it GREAT? Santa's grotto, Bar Humbug, Food, Candy Floss, Stalls, Games, Frolics. Awesome.

If you ordered tickets for Woking Panto then you should have received them by now – I have! So do check your inbox and contact us if you have any questions! Tea Towels – Still available to order via this link www.pta-events.co.uk/fops- custom artwork as created by your delightful little sprogs! I've suggested that they be given to folks as Christmas presents, but I have a new idea – A HAMPER. A shoe box, covered in wrapping paper, and then in it you pop a nice mug, a sachet of hot chocolate or some nice tea bags, a wrapped biscuit or cake, a cute little tea towel rolled up and then tie a bow around the whole thing. And to think, I don't even get paid to write this. You're getting great ideas, like that one, for free. Follow me for more life hacks. Like and subscribe!

Last thing, HAPPY SCHOOL BAG! Your child has been sent home with a big bag which you can fill with clothes, textiles, paired shoes, etc and send back into school on 4th and 5th December – drop off by KS1 entrance from 8.10am. I don't know if anyone has ever told you this but the time to have a clear out is always BEFORE Christmas, as it means that your pre-loved goodies could potentially be newly gifted to others FOR Christmas. Same applies to toys. Don't wait until January!

Blimey that was long. And ended on quite a serious note. Ho ho ho, sustainability a go-go! Feliz Navidad.



Jam Jar Winners!

Reception	Henry Peers & Malia Bell
Year 1	Mia Ridout & William Stormer
Year 2	Sophia Schaad-Jackson & Maria Siampos
Year 3	Eliana de Vivo & George Hayward
Year 4	Ilynn Gurung & Sydney Dyble
Year 5	Donni Lomanto & Caitlyn Cox
Year 6	Olivia Picket & Lucy Smither/Lily Cox

Butser Farm Recount

On an icy November morning last week Year 3 all filed into the classroom buzzing with excitement. It was the day of our trip to Butser Ancient Farm. When we arrived, everyone was bursting with joy going through their minds. Firstly, we went into an old, creepy Stone Age house. Inside was real animal skin and a burning, hot fire. We all sat beside the fire. Above my head they had a thatched roof. After, we finished talking about Stone Age things we went outside.

Outside we did archaeology in small squares of sand. We were all given a trowel and started digging. I found a piece of flint and a cool, sandy piece of pottery. Henry found the biggest thing but it was metal so we knew that it wasn't from the Stone Age.

Later that morning we swapped activity and we all learnt to make cordage. It was extremely hard for me so George's Dad had to help me. You had to twist a piece of straw and then flick it! I found it very complicated!

After a quick lunch we went to make a wattle fence. You had to get a long, dry, thin branch of hazel and weave it between sticks from the ground.

Finally, we went into another ancient Stone Age house with more real animal skin. This one was my favourite because you got to dress up people (like cavemen!) and make beds with real Stone Age materials. After everything we went back to school on a coach. I loved Butser Farm so much I would love to come again.

By Hugo Hartley and Maddie Collier

Never one to miss a writing opportunity, Mrs Gifford has let her children lose on the newsletter! Enjoy!



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Woking Park Tennis

Schools Programme

We have a growing list of schools where we are actively visiting the site and running after school/ breakfast clubs. Through these groups, we offer further discounts and encouragement to join our park programme and continue their tennis development. The 20% discount is extended to all students at the school, as well as the ones attending the school sessions.

We are in a position currently where we have the coaching force to get out in to some new schools in the new year. If there is space within your current set up to have us come in and run some classes, it would be great to discuss further.

All coaches, are fully licensed with the appropriate safeguarding and DBS checks in place. In regards to venue, we would require no more than an indoor hall or a level playground. We can provide the equipment to get a large number of students safely playing tennis.

Woking Park Tennis Junior Programme

Woking Park Tennis is located around the back of Woking Leisure Centre, with sessions running across the park courts as well as our neighbouring club, Wishele LTC. We have groups for all ages and abilities, with our ethos being; 'enjoy what you do and you will always progress'.

We have a junior and adult coaching programme running all year round. For all schools involved with the WASPS introduction event, we would like to offer a 20% discount for your first six week course. This is eligible for all students, not just the ones in attendance on the day. This is also extended to all teachers and parents who want to come down and join the adult **Adult Programme**.

To make the most of the offer, please use the code 'Schools20'.

Junior Programme as of January 25'

Wednesday 5-6pm Mini Blue (ages 4-6yrs)

Wednesday 5-6pm Mini Red (ages 6-8yrs)

Wednesday 6-7pm Junior Squad (ages 11+)

Thursday 5.30-6.30pm Mini Green (ages 9-10yrs)

Saturday 9-10am Mini Blue (ages 4-6yrs)

Saturday 9-10am Mini Red (ages 6-8yrs)

Saturday 9-10am Mini Orange (ages 8-9yrs)

Saturday 10-11am Mini Green (ages 9-10yrs)

Saturday 12-1pm Junior Squad (ages 11+)

If you could please share this within your school that would be greatly appreciated. I have also attached a PDF file if that would be more suitable.

For any more information at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch; luke.anderson@wokingtennis.com
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/wokingparktennis>

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.

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

November 2024	29 th – The FOPS Christmas Fair	December 2024	2 nd – Year 4 Swimming 5 th – Happy Bag Drop-Off 6 th – Happy Bag Drop-Off 6 th – Girls' Football Match Home v Hermitage 9 th – 13 th SHOWS WEEK 10 th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11 th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11 th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 12 th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 12 th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 12 th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 13 th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 16 th – Club Class Christmas Party 17 th – Christmas Quiz 18 th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 20 th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright's Hall (Parents Welcome) 20 th - 1:30pm – End of Term
January 2025	6 th – Start of the spring term 13 th – 17 th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1 15 th - Year 6 SATs Meeting 20 th – 24 th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 2 29 th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children 3 rd – 7 th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 3 24 th – 28 th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1	February 2025	3 rd - 4.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening 5 th - 4:00 – 6:00pm Parents' Evening 6 th – Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 12 th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (PM) 14 th - 1.30pm Pirbright Cross-Country Events (parents welcome) 17 th – 21 st HALF TERM 24 th – World Thinking Day 28 th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look
March 2025	4 th - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM) 5 th - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM) 7 th – World Book Day – DRESS UP 7 th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 12 th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training 14 th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week) 25 th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood 27 th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 28 th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo	April 2025	2 nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum 4 th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 4 th – Term finishes at 1:30pm 25 th - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look 25 th - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look

Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 24 th January 2025 at 10am	3DG
Friday 14 th February 2025 at 10am	4SC
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

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 23rd December 2024	Friday 3rd 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