



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week with the launch of our Book Fair on Wednesday, which will continue running until Tuesday afternoon next week. The new location in the hall has been a very welcome change and has made browsing and buying books much easier for everyone. Thank you to all the families who have already visited and supported the fair. A special thank you also goes to our fantastic parent helpers and LSAs who have generously given up their time to help sell books and keep everything running smoothly.

This afternoon we are looking forward to our annual cross-country run. It's a great opportunity for all of the children to take part, have fun and challenge themselves, whatever their running experience. Do keep an eye out for Debbie, our resident coffee vendor, who will be on hand selling coffees and teas for spectators. Let's hope the rain stays away and we can enjoy a dry afternoon together! Next week, Years 3 and 4 will complete the remaining cross country meets against local schools, so watch this space for the overall Key Stage 2 results once all races have been run.

We also have a busy sporting calendar ahead, with a rugby tournament being hosted here on Thursday afternoon. Fingers crossed our teams can do a little better than the men's national side at the moment...!

We'll then round off the week in slightly less energetic fashion with some Red Nose Day silliness on Friday. The Year 2 cake sale will be taking place in the afternoon and, to finish the week in style, we have our ever-popular Chocolate Bingo in the evening. I can't wait!

We are supporting the Smartphone Free School Campaign, which encourages families to delay giving children smartphones and promotes healthier, distraction-free lives. The campaign highlights growing concerns about the impact of early smartphone use on children's wellbeing, sleep, focus and social development. Please see the attached letter for more information about the campaign and how families can get involved.

And finally, a big thanks to Mrs Proud, who gave her time to support the smooth running of the Kiss and Drop bays yesterday morning. Please remember that these can now be used but Key Stage 1 children if you are happy with this arrangement.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school and the many events that bring our community together.

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

Head Teacher

Coming Up February

17th Cross Country
Years 3 & 4

18th - Year 6 Wildfire
Education Sessions

19th - Rock & Pop
Performance Morning
(No Parents)

19th - WASPS Rugby
Tournament - Pirbright
Hosting

19th - Writing
Competition Prize
Giving

20th - FOPS
Chocolate Bingo

20th - Learning Looks
- PM

20th - Year 2 Cake
Sale

23rd - Healthy Teeth
Talk - School Nurse
(YR)

23rd - Year 2 Visit to
Nower Wood

Add our calendar
to your electronic
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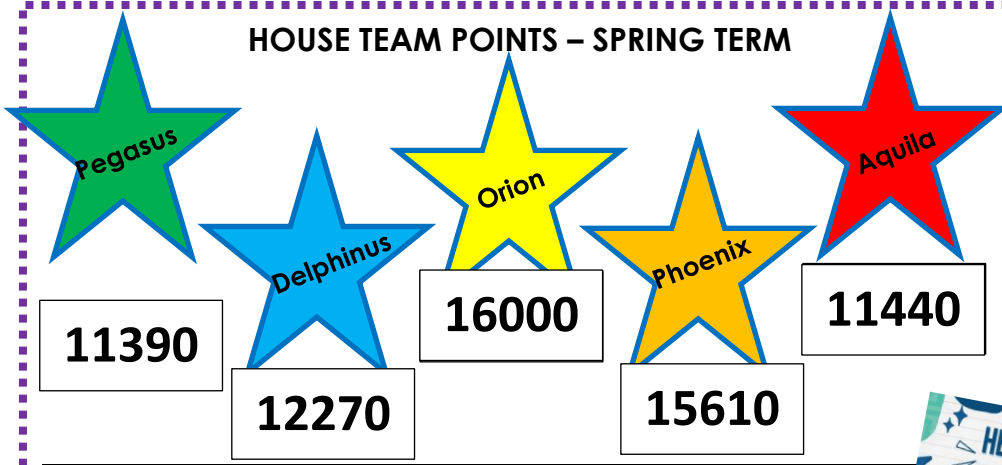
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calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!
1RG CLASS
ASSEMBLY



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SPRING TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
6DC 98%	RRE 98.1%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.6%	

Valentino Schoolwear



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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to Max (Y4) and Bertie (Y5) on their marathons. Excellent running!



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

Keeping Children Safe Online

Do you know what your child does online and how safe they are? We have teamed up with Daniel Sykes from the Cyber Protect Team at Surrey & Sussex Police and will be hosting an online session about how to protect children from online harm.

The session is designed to give parents easy to implement advice so that they can help their children to grow up in the digital age with confidence and security.

Key Topics Include:

Online Risk: The art of spotting a scam and keeping children safe from harm and criminal activity online.

Social Media and Chatroom Safety: The risks of social media, social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and account compromises.

Gaming: Understand what the risks are to young people when they are gaming, and discover how to monitor and restrict their use.

Cyber Security For Parents: learn how to secure devices and keep children safe.

Q&A: Ask us anything!

Wednesday 6th May (8pm-9pm)

To join the webinar, use this link and login details: www.tinyurl.com/s2bavxx4

Meeting ID: 323 966 853 230 51

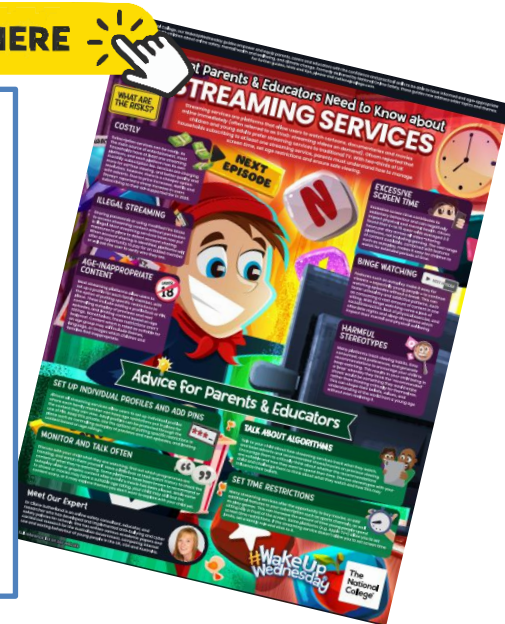
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Streaming Services:

Streaming services have become the go-to entertainment choice for many families, with children often favouring on-demand platforms over traditional television. This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the realities behind these services, from rising subscription costs and advert-supported tiers to the impact of auto play and endless content libraries on young viewers' screen time and wellbeing. It also highlights key safeguarding concerns, including age-inappropriate material, binge watching, algorithm-driven recommendations and phishing scams. With practical tips on profiles, PINs, time limits, and discussing algorithms and stereotypes, this guide helps families build safer, healthier streaming habits.



Parking – Surrey Wildlife Trust

A polite reminder that the Surrey Wildlife Trust's car park is private and we do not expect parents to be using it for parking. Please respect our neighbours and park considerately.



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

EASTER GARDENING FUN

30th March – 2nd April (Mon -Thurs)

Join us for a fab, fun-filled Easter Holiday Club packed with green-fingered adventures!

Children will enjoy planting, growing, designing, crafting, cooking, and letting their imagination bloom - all inspired by the wonderful world of the garden.

£30 PER DAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BRING A PACKED LUNCH

How to Book

- If you are registered already, head to SCOPAY and get booking.
- If you are NOT registered, go to Pirbright Club Class on the school website and register first, then book on SCOPAY.

Bookings Close Thursday 26th March

Club Class: Easter Holiday Club

How do I book childcare?

Once we have registered your child and you are all set up, continued bookings are quick and easy!

1. Complete the **registration form** (found on the school website or collected from the office).
2. After successful registration, **payment and booking via Scopay** will be enabled by the school office. Sign into the website and book your sessions.

⚠ Important:

- No bookings can be made without a **credit balance on your account**, unless you are using the **government tax-free childcare scheme/childcare vouchers**.
- **Bookings close on the last Thursday before each holiday**, and after this date bookings cannot be cancelled.

🌱 Spaces fill quickly, so book early and let your child enjoy a week of creative garden-inspired fun! 🌿

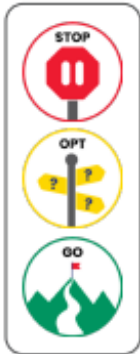
Zones of Regulation

This term we are using *Zones of Regulation* in PSHE to help children understand and manage their emotions. We will share weekly updates in the newsletter, along with ideas to support learning at home. A parent guide and more information are available on the website. [HERE!](#)

**PARENTS'
GUIDE VIDEO
CLICK HERE**



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?



Regulating in the moment is challenging, especially when a problem, trigger, or spark happens. We may be quick to react with the first impulse or urge that comes to us. Slowing down to think about our options and goals (including our Now Goals of the moment and our Later Goals we work toward over time) can guide us in making healthy decisions around our regulation.

To help us with this, we learned how to Stop, Opt & Go:

- **STOP** Pause before you act on your first impulse.
- **OPT** Think about your **OPT**ions and how they may work out.
- **GO** Use your **GO**al to choose the option that will work well.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Stop, Opt & Go helps you control your impulses and consider your goals to make a choice that works well for you, which might include deciding to regulate with a tool.



ASK AND SHARE

To help with learning, discuss these questions together.

- *What was a trigger you recently experienced?*
- *What were two (or more) options you had? Was a regulation tool one of them?*
- *What was your goal? Were you able to meet it?*



BRIDGE ACTIVITY: PAUSE AND THINK ABOUT REGULATION

- 1 Choose a familiar book, tv show, video, or movie to explore together.
- 2 When a character experiences a trigger, spark, or problem, follow these steps:
 - **STOP:** Pause the scene before the character acts. What might their impulse be?
 - **OPT:** What are the character's options?
(Options can include following an impulse, using a regulation tool, and/or solving a problem.)
 - **GO:** What might their goal be? Which option(s) would help them to meet it?
- 3 After the scene is done, compare the option you chose with what the character decided to do. How did it work out?



Zones of Regulation

I wonder how you are feeling?



Some feelings in the BLUE ZONE



Recharge...



Some feelings in the GREEN ZONE



Ready to Learn...



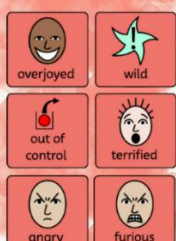
Some feelings in the YELLOW ZONE



Relax...



Some feelings in the RED ZONE



Take Control...



MCAS - My Child At School

You should be receiving double emails this half term. We will move fully to MCAS from the summer term so please ensure you are receiving the newsletter through MCAS/BromCom this half term (either via email or the app) and head into the office or email info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk if you need some support.

We are really lucky at Pirbright to have lots of clubs running during the lunchtimes. We know that many of you have a great time at the clubs, so with a brand-new selection being available soon we decided to interview some people to hear more about them.

Clubs are available to all KS2 children (and even the Year 2 children in the summer term.) The children we spoke to attend a wide range including Harry Potter club, chillout, drawing, chess, dancing, football... and of course- School Reporters!

They loved going to clubs because they can spend time with friends, particularly those from other classes and year groups. They also said they liked to learn new things that they don't always get to do at home. Some children said that their school club meant that they had then been chosen to represent the school in a school team.

As the summer term approaches, we also got to thinking about some new club ideas: squishy club, clay club, slime club, car and planes club or knitting club. Remember to keep your eyes out for the real list of new clubs in the school newsletter. Sign up and enjoy!



Action Day

Friday 27th March

8.45am – 10.15am and/or 10.45am – 12.15pm

Can you give up an hour or two of your time to volunteer around the school grounds and help us with a variety of jobs?

Painting the PE sheds, clearing the perimeter of the playgrounds, cutting back some of the rough areas, cleaning the bike shelter, spreading wood chippings around the hobbit house, refilling the sand pits, helping load the skip...

These are all jobs which take a team effort and make a real difference to our lovely site ready for the summer! Here are some additional motivators: You will be doing your bit for the school community and tea and biscuits will be provided! It's in the great outdoors – so good for your mental wellbeing. There will be no need to interact with children; they'll be tucked away – out of sight, out of mind!

To sign up, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/zdggmdeDYnQMbYg39>

Or click on the QR code:





Comic Relief – Friday 20th March

Every year we celebrate World Book Day and every other year we celebrate Comic Relief – this year it is the double whammy!

Comic Relief – Friday 20th March – anything funny for money. As wild or sedate as you would like.

There will be lots of things on offer in our RND Extravaganza. Please send children in with loose change for them to be able to spend on the activities on offer – each year group is running a “something” and children will have the chance to help run their year group’s fundraiser and move around the other activities and spend their money.

Children won’t need more than a few pounds but small change is the key – no Monzo cards please!



Just a little reminder that our next Learning Look will take place on **Friday 20th March 2026**. 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).

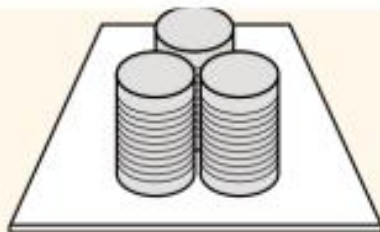
Spring has (finally) sprung and we are starting to see some colour in the natural world around us. Why not take some time during this season to support our natural world in the year ahead? Here is just one idea to help!



Britain has over 200 species of solitary bees and some of these species nest in tunnels while others use the empty stems of dead plants or old wood to create their nests. Lets help them out by building them a bee hotel?

WHAT YOU NEED

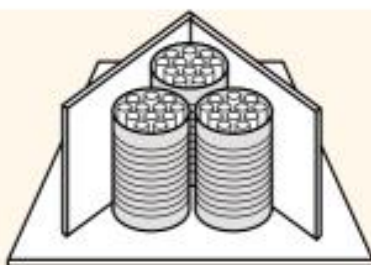
- A thin square piece of wood for the back of the hotel
- Non-toxic wood glue
- Three clean tin cans (with no sharp edges)
- Two thin pieces of wood for the roof
- Bamboo canes (recycled if possible)
- Non-toxic PVA glue
- Non-toxic paint



1. Place the piece of wood you have chosen for the back of your bee hotel on the ground. Put wood glue on the bottom of the cans and stick them to the wood in a triangle shape (one at the top and two underneath). Leave to dry for an hour.



2. Take the pieces of wood for your roof and place them in an inverted V to form two sides of a triangle round the cans. Glue the wood into place and leave them to dry for an hour.



3. Cut the bamboo canes into short sections the depth of the tin cans. Place a little PVA glue on the end of each cane and push it into the can. Fill up the can with the canes.



4. Now your bee hotel is nearly ready. Paint it in bright colours and patterns and leave it in a quiet, sunny (ideally south facing) place outside, ready for the bees

Warning: You may want to cut the bamboo canes in advance, but make sure there are no sharp pieces of wood. Also check the tins for any sharp edges.

Hello lads and lasses,
Well, do I have news for you...



I'm going to just start with some general housekeeping before I get to the good part... **Chocolate Bingo** was a pretty instant sell out so if for any reason, you can't make it then do let your class reps know as we have a long list of people wanting tickets and we can redistribute. I did tell you it was popular, didn't I? I'm a big hype gal for chocolate bingo because I feel like once you know, you KNOW. Always pays to read this column. Yes, we're sticking with column.

We're still planning this **FOPS Fun Run** (still not sure I can get on board with running being fun but each to their own) and I've been told that you must **SAVE THE DATE** for Saturday 27th June. 2k or 5k – turn up, and run, and look like you are loving it. Living your best life. Imagine there's a bakery at the end. Or a bar. Maybe I'll run a bar at "Fun" Run. See... already sounding more fun. I'm gonna take it to the girls at the top. All the good ideas, me. We will need volunteers on the day so if you like watching other people suffer, we need you.

Check your kids book bags tonight – as there's a little surprise in there from your wee rascals, organised by Team Fops. I won't say what it is, but I will let you know that there were a few of us this week feeling overwhelmed when the delivery was made and it was our job to divide them up into 418 bunches... Handtied with love.

AND FINALLY – ROLL UP, ROLL UP, THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO PIRBRIGHT. We will fling open the school gates on the 4th July and have circus-themed summer fair before you head to the Big Top on the school field and enjoy a professional circus that the whole family can enjoy!! We are so excited to be able to put on an event with a difference this year! I have such fond memories of going to see the travelling circus as a child, the smell of candy floss and popcorn and those solid red syrupy dummies on a string round your neck. The nostalgia! We would benefit from someone to oversee the day with help from the usual suspects – it's not the same scale as organising a full summer fair, so it would be good to have a coordinator who can help pull it together. Do it for the kids. Do it for yourself. Do it for the future. Ach... too much. Pop the date in your diary for now, and we'll be sharing more details over the coming weeks. That's all from me. Peace out!



Supporting Neurodiversity At Home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th March 2026 -

9am

All parents and carers are welcome!

This session is a chance to hear about the ND Padlet for Parents and Carers and chat with a SEND Support or Neurodiversity Advisor from Surrey County Council's Team Around the School Support Hub

The informal presentation will include:

- An introduction to the ND Padlet – a free online hub for printable resources for home use
- Helpful strategies to for managing daily routines and transitions between home and school
- Planning for school holidays in the way that supports your child's needs
- Signposting to local and nationwide support services for families



Please RSVP to register your interest to attend, so we can gauge numbers: awoods@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

16 APRIL
9AM

SCIENCE
LAB

Better Mornings

BRIGHTER DAYS

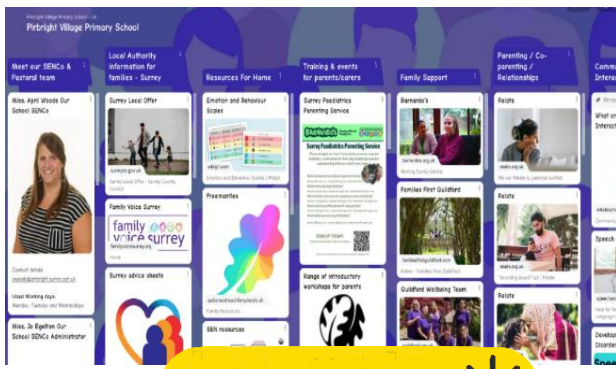
A parent workshop to support families who are having challenging mornings with their children and finding the journey to school difficult.

Led by Chiara Dow (PVPS) and Abi Rudall from Learning Partners Trust

An opportunity to learn about our school approach, receive advice, connect with parents in similar situations and take time to reflect on the impact on you as a parent

EMAIL
CDOW@PIRBRIGHT.SURREY.SCH.UK
TO BOOK A PLACE

This workshop is very much aimed at parents in the early stages of concerns regarding school related anxiety. You might not have told us about it before and that's ok. It is likely your child is making it into school on time and we are unaware there is an issue, but you are having a challenging time at home and a lot of effort is coming from you as parents to get them here. Please email Mrs Dow at cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk if you are interested and would like a place or have a chat on the gate if you have any questions.



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.

Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

March 2026	17 th Cross Country Years 3 & 4 18 th - Year 6 Wildfire Education Sessions 19 th - Rock & Pop Performance Morning (No Parents) 19 th - WASPS Rugby Tournament - Pirbright Hosting 19 th - Writing Competition Prize Giving 20 th - FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20 th - Learning Looks – PM 20 th - Year 2 Cake Sale 23 rd - Healthy Teeth Talk - School Nurse (YR) 23 rd - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood 23 rd - Cross Country Relays 25 th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25 th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 25 th - Year 4 Visit to Marwell Zoo 26 th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27 th – Action Morning Session 1 - Parent Help Needed (0845-1015) Action Morning Session 2 - Parent Help Needed (1045 – 1215) 27 th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 27 th - 1:30pm – End of Term	April 2026	13 th - 5 th – Start of the summer term 17 th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory (in lieu of official date in the holidays) 20 th - Tempest Class Photos 23 rd - WASPS Football Leagues Finals Day - at Pirbright 30 th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House 30 th - Year 5 Visit to The Church
May 2026	11 th – 14 th – KS2 SATS Week 15 th - Year 1 Cake Sale 18 th - Pirbright Has Talent Auditions – All Day 19 th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20 th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25 th –29 th May HALF TERM	June 2026	2 nd - Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre 3 rd - Year 4 Trip - Fishbourne Roman Palace 5 th - Learning Looks – PM 11 th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 18 th - Pirbright Has Talent Show PM (No Parents – sorry!) 19 th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26 th - Y5 trip to Woking Mosque (Shah Jahan Mosque) 26 th - Reception Cake Sale 27 th - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green 29 th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30 th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)
July 2026	1 st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4 th – The FOPS Summer Fair 9 th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 10 th – 10am Late Registration 13 th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 15 th – Year 6 Leavers' Party (Eve) 5:30pm 16 th – Year 6 Fun Day 17 th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome) 17 th – 1.30pm – End of Term 20 th - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 21 st – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)		

Term Dates 2025/2026

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<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 2026	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 2026	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 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 24 th April 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

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	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
<i>Easter</i>	26 March 2027	09 April 2027
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	07 June 2027	23 July 2027

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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 Service 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	20 th July - 14 th August	16 th July

BOOKING OPEN NOW!



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