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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a wonderfully busy and festive week at school! Our Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play is looking absolutely fantastic, and we can't wait to share their hard work and enthusiasm with families next week. Our talented musicians are also preparing for the Christmas Concert, which promises to be a real highlight of the term. In addition, we are so proud of our Year 6 children, who have begun their important role as 'Buddies' to our Reception pupils—they have done such a brilliant job supporting and welcoming our youngest learners. It's lovely to see our school values on display every day!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Ray

Each week, we share a new word with the children to develop their vocabulary.  Could you use it at home this weekend?			
Word of the Week derelict			
Definition	in very poor condition due to neglect or disuse		
Synonyms	abandoned, neglected, dilapidated		

## **Dates for your diary**

When	Who	What
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 & Musicians	Christmas Concert to parents/carers (2pm start)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	EYFS Christmas Craft for parents/carers (2:30 start)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2	Christmas Play (5:00 start)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir	Choir singing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Whole School	Spring Fair (Afternoon)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Whole School	Sports Day (Morning)

## Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding		
Whole School	Temporary menu end		

## **School Meals**

I'm pleased to share that our new catering equipment has now arrived and we are back up and running with our usual menu. Next week, will be week 3 on our usual menu, which can be found on the school website.

### **Parking**

If you are attending one of our events next week, please be sure to display following parking code if you are parking between 2pm and 3pm on these dates: **CPBA/I1L7/10DEC** 

## **Lost Property**

The colder weather inevitably brings an increase of lost property items in school. Please ensure all items - gloves, hats, coats, scarves – are clearly named so we can return them to their owners.

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# Celebrating our Learning Reception

The children have had a wonderful week of learning and are beginning to get very excited about Christmas! We have been practising our Christmas songs, which we are so excited to perform next Thursday to our families, and we have enjoyed making hats for this too! To support our learning this week, we have based lots of our activities around the book 'The Smeds and The Smoos'. We had so much fun learning how to mix red and blue paint together to create purple. We worked in teams to design our own planets and even created a large rocket together that we have really enjoyed pretending to control and zoom into space! In phonics, we have spent the week assessing the children and re-capping some of the trickier sounds. We have also continued to practise reading and writing words with the sounds we already know. The children are becoming fantastic at this, and we have also introduced alien words, which are funny made-up words using different sounds. This has really supported them with identifying the sounds when reading. In maths we have used practical resources to help us understand shapes with four sides. We have learnt new vocabulary and used these words to describe squares and rectangles. We were very impressed with the children's explanations on how the shapes are the same and different. This week, we have really enjoyed welcoming some of the Year 6 children into our classroom. We call them our Year 6 Buddies, and we will be planning weekly sessions with them to build our confidence around school as well as them supporting us with our learning. After Christmas, we will be joining the rest of the school in our Friday celebration assemblies and have been practising lining up and sitting quietly in the hall to prepare the children for this in the new year.

Just a gentle reminder to arrive at school on time. This is so important as our phonics lessons start at 9am each day. Well done, Reception! We are incredibly proud of all of you. Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss

French

















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#### Year 1

This week was assessment week, and everyone did an amazing job on their reading and maths papers. It was our first time doing these assessments and we really impressed our teachers by listening to their instructions and trying our very best. Well done, everyone! In English, we've been on the lookout for the mischievous Evil Pea! Our hunt for him helped us practise writing sentences with a subject and a verb. We also tried something new: self-assessing our writing. By reading our work back, we checked that it made sense and included as many learning steps as possible. In science, we explored the world of nocturnal animals and discovered why they mostly come out at night. We loved creating colourful fact posters about these creatures and they look fantastic! On Wednesday, we had a special visit from Anna and Steve from St John's Church. They shared the Christmas story with us, and we learned about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus from a Christian worldview. In RE, we discussed how both religious and non-religious worldviews can be guided by the Golden Rule. We even created posters to share what we learned so others can discover something new too. In computing, we continued learning how to program a robot. We focused on directions left, right, forwards, and backwards, and enjoyed programming our Bee-Bots to move to different destinations on a map and around the classroom. In Book Talk, we used our oracy skills to compare the themes, characters, and settings in the three books we've read so far. We noticed common themes of friendship, adventure, and belonging. What a busy and exciting week of learning! Finally, we all thoroughly enjoyed getting into our costumes for the Christmas show and rehearsing in them for the first time. We are so excited for everyone to watch it next week! We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Brett and Miss









Year 2

What another busy and brilliant week in Year 2. Year 1 and 2 have been putting the finishing touches to our Christmas performance - 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. All the children were really excited to put their costumes on for the first time this week! It was great to see how hard the children have worked over the last few weeks to get the show ready for our visitors to see. We know they cannot wait to show you their fantastic performance next week. We're all looking forward to seeing you on Thursday afternoon - please can the children be back at school at 4:30, ready to start the performance at 5pm. In our other curriculum lessons, the children have continued their work on 'shape' in maths. We have carried on looking at symmetry this week with the support of a mirror to help us complete the rest of the shape. In English this week, we have been focusing on using a range of different subordinating conjunctions in our writing such as because, when, if, to vary our style of sentences. We also looked at adverbs and using them to begin a sentence. It has been fantastic to see the children's confidence grow with using these grammatical skills to vary our sentence types. On Friday we planned our pirate story in preparation for writing it next week. As geographers, we continued our work at looking at maps. We spoke about how maps are covered in different symbols and how each symbol has a different meaning with it representing something in real life. The symbols are shown in a key so that we are able to identify them quickly on a map. We also had the chance to create our own symbols for a school, forest and pathway. In science, we have been continuing to look at materials. We spoke about how there are many different materials just in the classroom alone.

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Then we spoke about the main reasons for why a material has been chosen to be used such as wood being used for table. In computing, the children have been finding out about the impact of light on their photographs. The children had the opportunity to take different photographs with varying amounts of light. We used the torches to create an additional source of light when it was too dark to see the subject, we were taking a photograph of. We found out that lighting is very important and is needed when taking a photograph. Well done, Year 2 - what a hardworking week! Have a lovely restful week and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar









Year 3

Year 3 have got into the festive spirit this week. We have been excited to open the class advent calendar each morning, and we have listened to Christmas ambience music during our learning. On Tuesday, we took part in the live NFU Festive Farming quest, where we got to experience the life of a vet, became mistletoe experts, learned about caring for sheep, turkeys and even camels!

In our English lessons, we have been learning about persuasive writing and the techniques the writer uses to entice readers. We identified key features of the text and learned how to use modal verbs. As geographers, we discovered what earthquakes are and how they are caused. Using iPads, we researched how they are measured, the damage they can do, and which countries have the most earthquakes. As animators we made our own stop-frame animation. Using the iMotion app, we discovered how animations are made through a series of frames. We had fabulous animations, including someone skipping, a flying bird and a person catching stars! It has been wonderful to see so many children continue their learning at home and sharing their animations with us. As scientists, we investigated how magnets behave with one another, namely north and south poles. We focused on our prediction skills and then put the enquiry to the test. We enjoyed the 'attract' and 'repel' game which consolidated our learning of how opposite poles of a magnet attract, and the same poles repel.

As it has been assessment week in school, I would like to say how proud we are of all the children. We wish you all a great weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts









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## Year 4

It has been assessment week this week and Mrs Amphlett and I have been very pleased with all the children. They have all tried their best and performed well in these assessments. Away from the assessments, the children have been writing newspaper articles based on the short film, 'Marshmallows'. We have been very impressed with the quality of the children's writing. They have included: a headline; a short opening paragraph; quotes from eyewitnesses; and arranged their writing into columns with pictures and captions. In our maths lessons, the children have continued to learn about multiplication and division. This week, they have been introduced to the concept of factors and factor pairs. As scientists, the children have learnt about the different types of teeth and the importance of keeping their teeth clean. In our geography lesson, the children learnt about why people like to visit Catalonia and considered if they'd rather visit Catalonia or the West Midlands. As dancers, the children have continued to develop their Roman-inspired dance. They have created a 32-count motif, a traveling section and also worked in a pair to mirror each other's moves. In their music lesson with Miss Brett, the children have rehearsed their pieces on the glockenspiels, ready for next week's Christmas concert. On Friday, we welcomed visitors from Metrobank to the classroom and the children really enjoyed taking part in their Micro-Bit workshop. Next week we have Design & Technology week to look forward to. The children will be designing and making their own tote bag. This will include sewing so it would be helpful if your child could practice threading a needle at home beforehand. Well done, Year 4 – another super week. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams







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#### Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy planning and writing science fiction stories this week. We watched the John Lewis alien Christmas advert to give us some inspiration. Having practised DASH paragraphs, we set to work planning our stories. We have been focusing on editing our writing to check it makes sense, has accurate punctuation and spellings as well as trying to improve our vocabulary choices. We will complete our stories next week. In maths, we have completed our end of term assessments and continued with our fractions topic. In science, we thought about why the moon appears to change shape and looked at the lunar cycle. We also learnt about why we have night and day, due to the Earth spinning on its axis. In PSHE, we talked about the different ways we pay for things, including cash, debit cards and credit cards. It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas in Year 5 as we have been practising a song to sing to the rest of the school on our final assembly of the year. To and the week, we had our Victorian Day. We all dressed up as Victorians and the children encountered some very strict teachers in Year 5! The lessons were quite different from normal too. There was lots of chanting of the alphabet and times tables and everyone had to write on slates with chalk. We had to do 'Drill' which wasn't as much fun as PE! The pretend cane was given and hands were inspected for cleanliness. In the afternoon, we made some Victorian Christmas tree decorations to decorate our classroom tree. The children will be bringing these home at the end of term. What a super week! Well done, Year 5. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Mrs Cleveland







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## Year 6

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by mentioning our fantastic coding workshop last Friday which was organised courtesy of Metro Bank. The children had a fun-filled day of programming using BBC Micro:bit computers and created programmes which turned their Micro:bit into digital dice. The children even learnt how to enable Bluetooth communication between devices which enabled them to 'speak' to each other on separate devices. What's more, the children were able to take their Micro:bits home to keep. What a great event and thank you once again to Metro Bank for coming in and delivering an insightful session! As writers this week, the children have been exploring a range of non-fiction texts linked to dinosaurs. The children carried out a 'scavenger hunt' and worked in teams to find specific information across a range of texts. It was wonderful to see children interacting with print media and exploring a range of topics and layouts throughout the session. I'm certain the children will use this experience to support their own writing next week when they create their very own non chronological report.

As scientists, the class were learning about heredity and they discovered that physical traits are passed down from parents to their offspring. The children then explored examples of hybridisation. For example, when blackberries and raspberries are combined they can make loganberries. The children then explored a range of animals that are hybrids such as zonkeys and labradoodles. To reflect, the children then considered what the benefits might be of growing hybrid species of crops. The children deduced that farmers would do this to increase their yields and to ensure the quality of their product meets the needs of supermarkets and consumers. What a great lesson everyone.

Finally, I would like to extend a big well done to all the children as they completed their assessments this week. The children experienced a complete mock SAT procedure and worked incredibly hard to showcase all the skills and knowledge they have learnt since September.

Only two weeks to go until Christmas – have a wonderful weekend, everyone. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey

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# Our Achievers for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



# Our Stars of the w/e 5th December 2025

week!



Year 1 - Magil

Year 2 - Hayal

Year 3 - Phoebe

Year 4 - Brooklyn

Year 5 - Natalie

Year 6 - Orla



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# Bronze Awards for Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025







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# Assembly Awards for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025





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## Clubs Autumn Term 2025

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Musical Theatre	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.75 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	<b>₩</b> Multi-Sports	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Hockey	Y3-5	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	3-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Madlabs Science	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	<b>Å</b> Games	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	<b>F</b> Gymnastics	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills	Y1-3	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Basketball	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Friday 3:30 – 4:30	Fun & Games	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	P*1	Music Lessons off	ered durin	g the school	day:
	Wednesday Thursday/Friday	Drums Flute/Keyboard	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	Please see website for cost

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## Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy
Or
Festive Cheese Pinwheel

## With

Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sprouts, Carrots, Parsnips & Cranberry Sauce

## Dessert Festive Cookie



This is for children who normally have a packed lunch from home, it is an ideal opportunity for your child to try a school lunch and see what great value for money they represent. If you wish your child to take part, simply log onto My Child at School by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December to give consent, the cost is only £2.50!

If you are in entitled to Free School Meals then this will be free of charge, please email <a href="mailto:admin@cannonparl.coventry.sch.uk">admin@cannonparl.coventry.sch.uk</a> to confirm this Christmas lunch!

If you require the vegetarian option, please inform the school before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

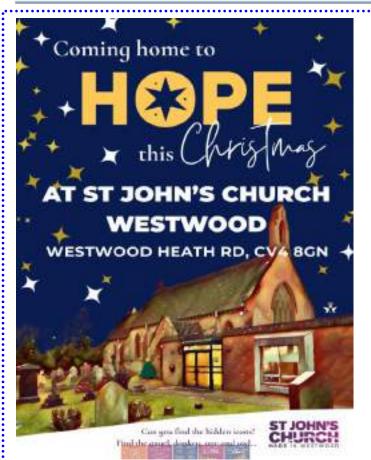


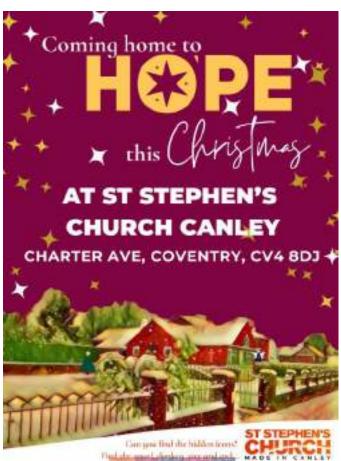
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Christmas Cards		Box, before they	are distributed	ridays and put in the following we		
Calendars 3	All children will	The Part of the State of the St				
Decorations	The staff are bus Christmas feel a		eir classrooms e	nsuring there is o	definitely a	
Christmas Concert	December, start as well as our so	Our annual Christmas Concert will return again this year on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, starting at 2pm. Our Y3/4 children will perform with their ukuleles as well as our soloists, who are learning to play instruments both inside and outside of school. Miss Brett has already sent out a letter about this event.				
EYFS Christmas Event	On Thursday 11	<sup>th</sup> December, pa	rents and carer	s of children in Re	eception are	
Y1/2 Christmas Play	Our children in I will be performe	invited to pop into class at 2.30pm for some Christmas festivities.  Our children in Key Stage 1 are busy rehearsing for their Christmas Play, which will be performed for parents/carers on Thursday 11th December at 5pm in the				
Christmas Jumper Day	All children and	school hall. Please ensure children arrive for 4.30 to get ready.  All children and staff will come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 11th December.				
Christmas Movie Night	On Monday 15th December, Mrs Amphlett is organising a Christmas Movie Night, after school. Please sign up on MCAS and see the separate letter for more details.					
Christmas Dinner	Bookings are still being taken for Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December. If you don't normally have a Christmas Dinner, you have until Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December to book one for this special occasion.					
Choir	COMPANY AND A STATE OF THE PARK AND A STATE OF THE PAR	On Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, our choir, led by Miss Brett, will be performing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre at 2pm.				
Class Christmas Parties  Mercus Christmas	The children will afternoon, Party	The children will enjoy their Christmas parties, held in each class during an afternoon. Party food will be provided by the school. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on these days. Here are the dates in the final week:				
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Reception Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Last Day of Term		ol wearing non-		the children will n may bring in a		
		Thank	you!			

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## CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

## NATIVITY TRAIL

7th Dec - 10:30am - 2pm
Step into the Nativity! Follow the Trail around
Canley and discover the true Christmas.
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

## CAROL'OKE

14th Dec - 6.30pm

Jingle Bell Rock your socks off! Come and sing all your festive favourites! With festive drinks, and the biggest Christmas cheer.

## SCRATCH NATIVITY

21st Dec - 10.30am

Calling all angels, shepherds, and kings! Join us for our family-friendly Nativity Dress up and take part in the story.

## MIDNIGHT SERVICE

24th Dec - 11pm

Join us for a calm candle lit service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

10AM 25TH DECEMBER AT ST JOHN'S



For more information and to learn more about other events scan the QR code.

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NTA'S GROTTO

Christmas Stay and Play sessions with exclusive access to a private Santa's Grotta experiencel All

SEND children and Siblings will receive a present

from Santa and his Elf

Sunday 14th December Saturday 20th December

Sunday 21st December

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

\*Please only book 15anta's

Grotto session per family\*



# RISTMAS PROVISIO

Ladybug Lodge are incredibly excited to host a range of activities over the Christmas break All activities must be booked separately, families are welcome to book all sessions types if they wish!

All sessions hosted at: Tiverton School, Ashington Grove Whitley, CV3 4DE

Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, Secure Playground and more

# BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Join us as we celebrate our 2nd Birthday partyl the hall

Sessions are suited for children and young people aged 0 - 19 with a range of needs. A diagnosis is not required to attend sessions. Hoist access and a changing places toilet is available.

Saturday 3rd January

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The session will run as a typical stay and play session with the addition of a bouncy castle in



Advance booking via the website is essential via QR code link or web address below www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday

PLEASE NOTE: All sessions require an upfront donation which can be made payable via the website.

Charity Number: 1207790



www.ladybuglodge.co.uk



# ACCESSIBLE AQUATICS

Part Funded by Sport Englands Movement Fund and the National Lottery! Ladybug Lodge begins 'Accessible Aquatics' providing the opportunity for children and young people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities and those with physical disabilities and conditions, to access physiotherapist supported Aquatic Therapy Sessions.

Tiverton School, Ashington Grave, CV3 40E

FRIDAY EVENINGS - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

\*Beginning Friday 17th October\*

Sessions are 30 minutes long and run for a 6 week block. Session 1 will include an assessment with Sessions 2-6 carrying out the recommended plan

Sessions cost: £20 per week. Reduced from £60

Sessions are delivered by 2 Qualified Paediatric Physiotherapists & Aquatic Therapists. Both have a wealth of experience with children and young people with PMLD and other Disabilities.

The pool is consistently heated to 32 degrees and has accessible changing facilities including changing beds, ceiling track hoisting and benches.

> To apply, please visit our website www.ladybuglodge.co.uk







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## Where?

Forrest Medical Centre 6 Prior Deram Walk, Coventry, CV4 8FT

#### When?

Most Saturdays (until end of March 26) 9.00am - 11.00am

#### What For?

This is a GP run clinic for acute (sudden onset) illnesses in children aged 0-11 years (inclusive), such as fevers, coughs etc. Do not just turn up, please call ahead to check availability

# FOR PATIENTS OF GO WEST PCN PRACTICES:

- Forrest Medical Centre
- Kensington Road Surgery
- Limbrick Wood Surgery
- Jubilee Healthcare
- Westwood Medical Centre
- Woodside Medical Centre

## \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

There are limited slots Please call 07442 933413 before attending to check availability





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# Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term (2025)

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Monday 1st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day of term
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2026)

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2026)

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day