

# Churchtown Chatter

Newsletter 21



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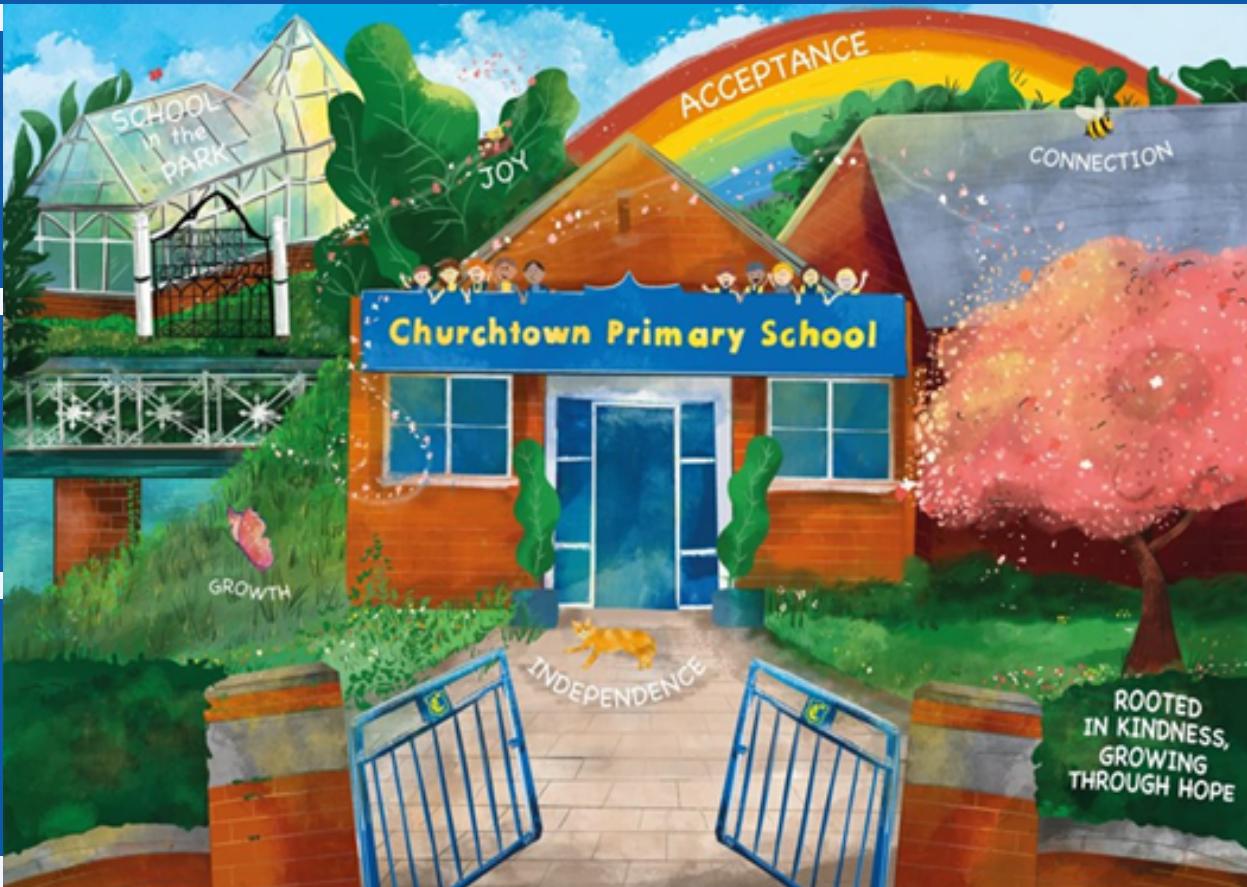


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## A message from the Headteacher:

It has certainly been a busy week in school with lots going on! Year 5 Alder class enjoyed an exciting STEM Day at Stanley High School and Flourish class had a fantastic visit to Greenbank High School to watch their production of Shrek the Musical.

Across the school, classes have also taken part in activities to mark Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week, helping our pupils to understand how to stay safe online and look after their wellbeing.

A huge thank you to our School Council for their organisation and creativity in preparing for Thursday's Cake & Craft Sale. The crafts they made were fantastic, and we are so grateful to everyone who donated cakes and came along to support the event. We were delighted with the turnout and incredibly proud of the community spirit shown, together we raised a wonderful amount for our chosen charities.

Good luck to our Melody Makers who are performing at Co-op Live tonight as part of Young Voices. We all loved hearing your sneak peek performance on the stage before school on Thursday. We know you will represent our school brilliantly.

Well done as well to our talented performers who took part in the Meols Cop Dance Festival, the show was absolutely brilliant.

Have a wonderful half term break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

**Have a great weekend, from Mrs Payne**

# Attendance



This week's attendance champions are:

**Tulips**

for 100% attendance!



The year group with the highest attendance this week is:

**Year 3**

Well done everybody!



## Parent's Evening- Wednesday 25 February 2026

Our Spring Term Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 25 February 2026 and will be held face to face in school.

Appointments are with your child's class teacher and will focus on academic progress and engagement in learning.

School will close at 2.00pm, with appointments starting from 2.30pm.

Appointment booking opened on Wednesday 4 February via Arbor and will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 24 February.

A separate letter has been sent to parents with further information, including access arrangements, room locations, additional appointments and wraparound care. Please contact the school office if you require support with booking.



# Love My Community- A BIG THANKYOU



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our School Council Cake and Craft Sale. We are so grateful for all the generous donations and enthusiastic support from our wonderful school community.

Special thanks go to our fantastic School Council, who worked so hard organising the event and creating beautiful craft items to sell. Your dedication and teamwork truly made the day such a success.

A big well done as well to our wonderful Melody Makers, who sang beautifully on the playground in the morning and helped raise additional donations to add to the total. You brought such joy and community spirit to the start of our day! Thank you to all our children, staff, parents and carers for donating and buying cakes, crafts and supporting Mufti Day, your kindness and generosity made a real difference.

We are incredibly proud to share that together we raised an amazing:

**£1014**



for three very special charities:

Alice's WonderDance

Bebe's Hive

Elsie's Story

It truly was an all-round wonderful couple of days, full of kindness, generosity and community spirit. We are so proud of our school community!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make it such a success.



## February Half Term Challenge 2026

<b>Activity 1</b> <b>Valentines Fun</b> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February is Valentines day. Why not treat someone you love by creating something fabulous for them? Here are some ideas <a href="#">30 Valentine's Day Activities for Kids (with Printable List!)</a>	<b>Activity 2</b> <b>Chinese New Year</b> 17th February marks the start of the Chinese New year celebrations. 2026 is the year of the horse. Find out 5 facts about Chinese New Year, including which animal you are! Here is a link for some ideas <a href="#">Chinese New Year: 2026—Year of the Horse (Lunar New Year)</a>	<b>Activity 3</b> <b>Pancake Day</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> February is Pancake Day! With the help of an adult, have a go at making pancakes. You could choose different toppings, savoury or sweet! We would love to see your recipe as well as a photo of your best pancake! <a href="#">Pancake Day recipes - BBC Food</a>	<b>Activity 4</b> <b>National Year of Reading Bingo</b> 2026 is the National year of reading so each half term we will set 3 new reading challenges! 1. Read a book that you borrowed or swapped 2. Recommend something you have enjoyed reading 3. Read a book that makes you laugh "Send a picture & record your answers"
<b>Activity 5</b> <b>Heart month 2026</b> February is heart month, so set yourself a challenge to raise your heart rate each day of half term • Check your pulse at rest for 1 minute • Check again after a few minutes exercise (eg walking, skipping, running, dancing, boxing) • Make a chart to record your resting heart rate versus after exercise, don't forget to record the type of exercise you do each day!	<b>Activity 6</b> <b>Still life drawing</b> Why not collect items from around your home and arrange them together ready to create a still life drawing/painting? You can choose a vase, plant, fruit...anything that doesn't move! You will need paper and pencils/paints/crayons. Get some ideas here! <a href="#">Still Life - BBC Bitesize</a>	<b>Activity 7</b> <b>Fun Science experiments</b> If science is your thing, why not try out one of these experiments? You might choose 'Brush, brush', 'Floating fish', 'Sticky Ice' or 'Invisible Ink'! Record what you did and include a photo! <a href="#">45 Best Science Experiments for Kids to Do at Home or In School</a>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

# Meols Cop Dance Festival



A huge congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Meols Cop Dance Festival on Wednesday and Thursday evening. They have been rehearsing tirelessly since October to perfect their routine, and their commitment and perseverance truly paid off as they sparkled on stage. Performing with tremendous energy and radiant smiles, they delivered outstanding performances that made everyone at Churchtown incredibly proud.

As an added triumph, they were also awarded the prize for Best Costume – a fantastic and well-deserved achievement!

# RSPB Big School Birdwatch

Thank you to all who came on the RSPB birdwatch. We had 35 adults and children who braved the rain to help the RSPB understand how birds are doing in the UK. Our biggest find was a maximum 11 black-headed gulls at one time, followed by wood pigeons at 7. We also saw some robins, crows, blue tits, magpies and blackbirds.





Well done to all the incredible runners who took part in the Mad Dog 10K and Crazy Pups Race last weekend in support of Alice's WonderDance!

Your energy, determination and community spirit made it such a special event. Thanks to your amazing efforts, the JustGiving page now stands at an incredible £11,887 and is still open for donations.

If you'd like to support, please visit:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-grahamlang-3?  
utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-grahamlang-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

# WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

This year, each year group will be exploring a different traditional tale.

Throughout the day, children will dive into the story, get to know the characters, and take part in a variety of activities inspired by their tale.

Children will receive a World Book Day £1 token prior to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March which they can swap for any of the World Book Day £1 books or get £1 off a full price title any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99) at participating booksellers. More information can be found on the small print on the tokens.

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the story their class is studying, as a character from a different book, or even in their pyjamas for a cosy reading day!

Please note no face paint and or coloured hairspray.

Snowdrops: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Buttercups: The Three Little Pigs

Reception: The Gingerbread Man

Year 1: Hansel and Gretel

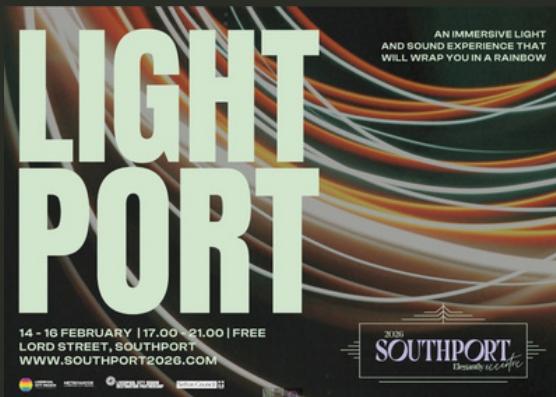
Year 2 & Flourish: Little Red Riding Hood

Year 3: Jack and the Beanstalk

Year 4: Puss in Boots

Year 5: The Three Little Pigs (The Wolf's Perspective)

Year 6: Jack and the Beanstalk – Hero or Thief?



## THE BOLD

**Rainbow Cocktails & Mocktails**

**Kids eat free when ordering 2 main courses (up to age 11)**

**Rainbow Loyalty Card – to be used at (The Grand, Punch Tarmeys, The Bold, Lord Street Hotel & Mavericks)**

**Rainbow Ice Cream Sundae**

**Rainbow Burgers**

**Free Balloon for kids**

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## PUNCH TARNEY'S: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 3 - 6PM

**PARTY BAND**

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## LORD STREET HOTEL: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 4 - 7PM

**Arts & Crafts**

**Face Paints (paid activity)**

**Kids Movies**

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## THE GRAND: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 4 - 7PM

**Rainbow Wonderland FreeeventforallthefamilySunday**

**K Pop Demon Hunters Show**

**Meet The Trolls, Stilt Walkers, DJ**

**Food & Drinks Huts including candy floss, sweets, hot drinks & hog roast &; The Grands Sharing Roast Dinner Platter**

**Live Pianist**

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## CAFE 1821

**Offer: Hot Drink & Cake for £5**

**Free: Rainbow scratch art & glow sticks (subject to availability)**

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## SOUTHPORT MARKET - STARKIDZ

**Ticketed Event-We're returning 16 and throwing the BIGGEST Valentine's party ever!**

**Join us at Southport Market for a love filled Starkidz birthday bash packed with 10 characters, dancing, prizes, glowsticks and disco vibes. Grab some amazing food from the market traders, then head onto Lord Street for Lightport to keep the magic going! Ain't no party like a Starkidz party!**

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## THE VINCENT HOTEL

**Rainbow Sushi Platter**

**Rainbow Ice Cream dessert**

**Rainbow Paradise Cocktail; Mocktail**

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## SILCOCKS FUNLAND

**Open late for Lightport - 11am - 10pm**

**Selling special Lightport Light Up Rainbow Slushy!**



# Beach Clean

We would like to invite you to a Beach Clean on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 9.30am till around 11.00am.

We will be meeting at the RSPB carpark (Marine Drive, opposite Marshside Road). The RSPB will be allowing us free parking to attend the beach clean. There may be limited carparking so it is suggested you car share with another family or get dropped off.

All equipment will be provided such as litter pickers, gloves and bin bags etc so all you need is yourselves and suitable footwear and clothing.

If you are interest, please could you fill out this interest form (It is just for numbers only).

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNp5vCgD0ZRhSdstgWgOcaHliDK\\_bLtQgyWXQWrYpn8rwagQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNp5vCgD0ZRhSdstgWgOcaHliDK_bLtQgyWXQWrYpn8rwagQ/viewform)



# YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



Front/top left logo on hoodie  
(2026)



EXAMPLE

Once again, we will be providing 2026 leavers' hoodies for our Year 6 children. Samples will be available in school for pupils to try on, allowing them to choose their preferred colour and size.

Orders will be placed before Easter so that the children have the opportunity to wear their hoodies as part of their school uniform after the May half-term.

We would like all Year 6 children to have the opportunity to purchase and wear their leavers' hoodies both in and out of school. Following the positive feedback received last year regarding the quality and design, these hoodies make a lovely keepsake to remember their time in primary school.

Further communication & pricing information will be shared shortly

Available Colours:



# APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?  
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

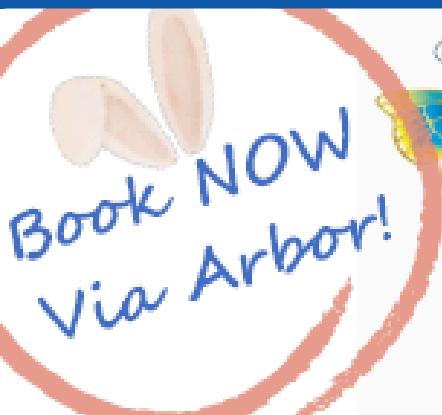


**Do you have a  
book toy that's  
ready for its next  
chapter?**

In our school library, we're creating story baskets, each one with a favourite book and the matching toy, so children can bring stories to life through play.

Paddington, the Gruffalo, the Tiger Who Came to Tea, and many other story friends are all welcome!

If you have any story book toys that are gently used and ready for a new chapter, we'd love to give them a happy home in our library, where they'll be read with, played with, and loved again. Please drop any toy donations to our school office.



## Butterflies Easter Holiday Club

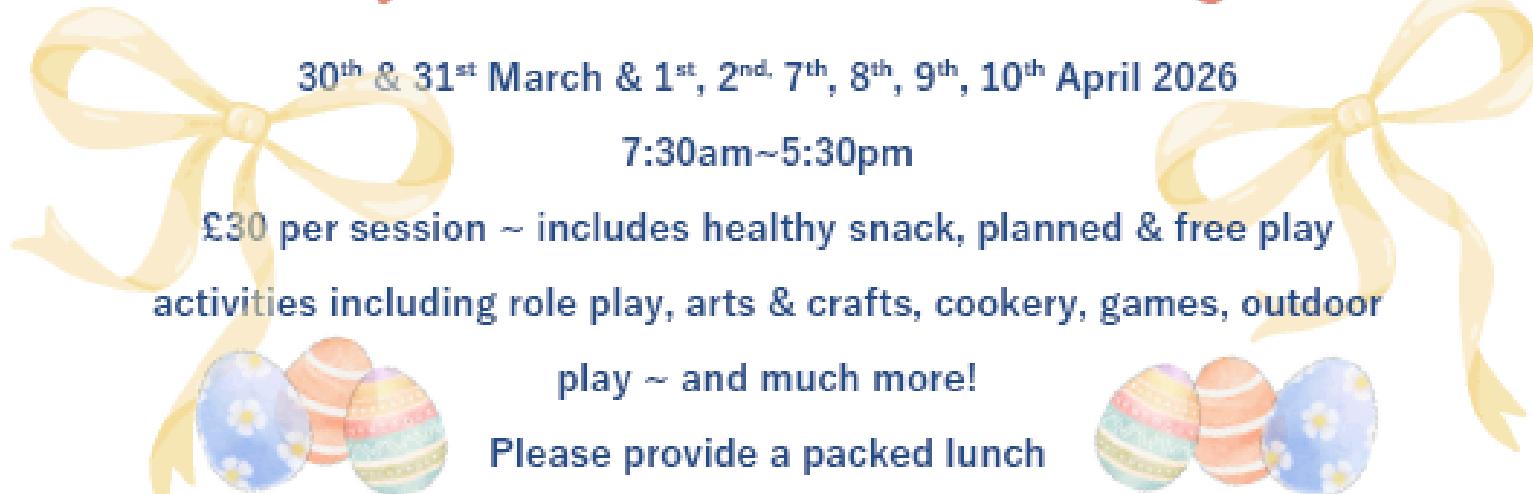
30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

7:30am~5:30pm

£30 per session ~ includes healthy snack, planned & free play activities including role play, arts & crafts, cookery, games, outdoor play ~ and much more!

Please provide a packed lunch

Please note: Butterflies Holiday Club will only operate if bookings exceed the minimum required number





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## **Local visit consent on Arbor**

During the year there may be times when we would like to broaden the children's environmental experiences related to topic work by organising local visits e.g The local park, local shops, library, places of worship and swimming baths etc.

Please log into the Arbor App, view your consents and click on the Local Visit button to provide consent for your child/children.

**\*\* I give permission for my child to leave the school premises, under supervision, in order to make occasional visits to the local environment**

**Thank you**

# PTA Events



Churchtown PTA

## MOTHERS & SPECIAL OTHERS DAY

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be given the opportunity to choose and purchase a small gift for the special person in their life (1 per child).

Gifts will cost £3.50 and must be paid for in cash on the day of sale.

This event will be organised and led by the PTA. Please send all money in a named envelope as classes will visit the sale at different times throughout the school day. Money can be handed to staff in the classroom on the morning of the sale for safe keeping.

# Smarties/Jelly Tots Challenge



Our PTA would like to give you a you a yummy treat,  
so we're sending home these colourful sweets to eat!

Keep the tub, don't throw it away,  
do tasks and good deeds to earn your pay.  
So come on Churchtown, answer our call,  
so we can raise money for the good of our school!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

VIP Splash World  
Pass  
(for a family of 5)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

£20 voucher  
for RS Fine  
Chocolate

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

£15 voucher  
for Vue  
Cinema

## Parents/Guardians:

Each child from reception to year 6 will receive a tube of Smarties and children in Nursery will receive a tub of Jelly Tots. Then over the February half term, the children should be encouraged to complete activities to earn 20p pieces or mixed coins to fill up their tubes/tubs! And when the tube is brought back to school, they'll be entered into a raffle to earn a prize!

Tubes/tubs will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Tubes/tubs must be returned to class no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February



# Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term Week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parent's Evening (School closes at 2pm)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 3&4 Gymnastics Competition
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 2 EFC Football
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day (Date correction)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics
9th- 13th March 2026	National Science Week
Tuesday 10th March 2026	PTA Meeting (7pm in The Lodge)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 5 Visit to Stanley- Joesph the Musical
Monday 16th March 2026	Year 3 (Elm) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Tuesday 17th March 2026	Year 3 (Fir) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Reception Educational Visit to Windmill Farm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 3 (Oak) Educational Visit to Martin Mere Wetland Settlers
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 5 'The Past Presents' Greek Day (In School)

# Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 1 EFC Football
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School closes at 1:30pm for the Easter Holidays!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Buttercups Nursery Educational Visit to Martin Mere
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Class Photographs
Monday 25th- Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term Week
Friday 17th July 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET Day

Any text in red is a new addition to the calendar



## Butterflies Holiday Club

Age: Nursery (Buttercups) – Y6

Time: 7.30-5.30 Location: Dining Hall

Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Door

(previous F4K/BC entrance/exit)

Price: £30.00

Food: Snack provided school

Packed lunch to be provided

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 – Easter Holiday

CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July to Friday 28th August 2026 – Summer Holidays

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

## Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year)- closure dates 2026

CLOSED – Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April 2026 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 31st August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)



# 2026/27 Term Dates

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	INSET Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026	INSET Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Half Term Week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	Half Term Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term for Easter Holidays
Friday 26th March- Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Back to school, rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May- Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Half Term Week
Tuesday 20th July 2027	End of Term- School closes at 1:30pm for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET Day