



Miss Fowles and the staff at Coleshill Heath School would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

We break up on Friday 19th December 2025 and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5th January 2026

NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, we want to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm, and resilience shown by all our children. Their effort in lessons, their kindness towards each other and your commitment to good attendance have made this term a real success.

With the festive season upon us, we would like to wish all families who celebrate Christmas a very warm and happy Christmas. We also recognise and celebrate the many cultures, traditions, and beliefs within our school community. Whether your family is marking Christmas, another special festival, or simply enjoying a well-earned rest, we hope this holiday brings you peace, joy, and time together.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to families for the thoughtful gifts, cards, and kind messages shared with staff. Your generosity and support mean a great deal to us.

We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas performances as the children and staff put a great deal of effort into the preparation – as always, we can count on the children at CHS to spread the Christmas cheer! This week, each class has engaged in ‘Winter Wonderland’ activities and created some beautiful cards and calendars.

As we head into the break, we hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing, and refreshing holiday. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back next term, ready for new learning, new challenges, and new adventures.

Miss Budd

REMINDERS

Events during the Christmas Holiday



Fit Kids Zone CIC Solihull Winter Club: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December 2025 – 9.00am-1.00pm at Coleshill Heath School, Lime Grove, Chelmsley Wood B37 7PY. For school aged children in Reception to Year 6. This Winter Club will provide life skills and help build confidence, with fun activities and multi-sports. Children will be able to access a nutritious meal, as well as refreshments which will be provided by Fit Kids Zone CIC. Children must receive benefit related free school meals (FSM) and have a HAF code. If you receive this benefit, your child will be eligible to attend HAF sessions for free. Children not in receipt of free school meals are still welcome to attend for a small cost - £10 per day without food and £15 with food. To book a place go to:

www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs or call 07985607421



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INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

All applications for school places for September 2026 have to be made via the Council website:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. Parents need to apply on the portal under the home authority that they live within even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application. Children with EHCP's follow a different process, they should contact their EHCP officer.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2026

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2026. The closing date for applying online was 31st October 2025. **Offer day is 2nd March 2026.**

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2026

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 start full-time school in September 2026. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Please ensure that you apply online for a school place through the council website/portal before the closing date: 15th January 2026.** Offer day is 16th April 2026. Applications received after the closing date are late and will be processed after those applications that were received on time. Applying late will affect the offer parents can expect to get. **Children that attend our Nursery still need to apply.**

Parents can access the application portal using the following link: [Starting primary or secondary school | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Starting-primary-or-secondary-school) or <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

Reception held an Open Day in October where parents and children had the opportunity to view the classroom spaces/outdoor area and ask questions.

Applying for a Nursery school place

We currently have spaces available in our Nursery for children who have turned 3-years-old. Children can start with us the term after they turn 3 years old and they are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery education (AM or PM daily sessions). You can also apply online for 30 hours of free Nursery education via the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> (certain criteria apply).

In October you were invited to visit our nursery provision for 2 and 3 year olds to explore our well-resourced environment, ask any questions, get help with applications and find out about our Early Years ethos at CHS.

Please note that all admissions are now completed online (with the exception of Nursery). If you do not have access to a computer you can visit any library and use the computers there. To ensure your space, please do not miss the deadlines specified and please ensure that you complete the appropriate admissions forms.

2 Year and 3-4 Year Provisions

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old may be entitled to a free nursery place for up to 15 hours per week. Please use the following link to check if you are eligible:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/earlyeducation2yearolds>

Introduction of Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families

To apply for this childcare funding for working families please apply to the National Childcare Service online or call 0300 123 4097.

Nursery 3- and 4-Year Olds

All children aged 3 to 4 years are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday.

Application forms for 2 year old and 3 year old places are available from the school office. Children can begin the term following their 2nd or 3rd birthday and when funding codes have been secured. For any questions please email 15office@chs.solihull.sch.uk

Extended childcare is also available between the hours of 8.00am-5.15pm for nursery children at an additional cost. **For more information or to apply for a place please email 15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk**



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REPORTING BACK

Solihull OVH in Collaboration with the Solihull SEND Partnership – Celebrating Our Children and Young People with Additional Needs Awards Ceremony

The SEND Awards 2025 took place at the Civic Suite, Solihull in December. We are very proud of our pupils that were nominated particularly Kirean in Year 6 who won a local authority SEND award in the category 'Shining Star'.

#CONFIDENCE#COURAGE

Attendance at CHS

We have had a big push on attendance this term, with lots of challenges and fantastic events that your children have earned! The Bubbles and Lights Party in November was a great success and the children have enjoyed cosy hot chocolate and a Christmas film this week following our December challenge.

Congratulations to our voucher winners in November and December! Attendance continues to be a focus in the Spring Term, so let's be **in the line at ten to nine** every day!

We can't wait to see who is ready to Jump Into January with our brand-new challenge!

Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion would like to thank you very much for helping with the Poppy Appeal. It continues to be a difficult time with collections so without your help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

#KINDNESS

Anti-Bullying Week 2025



In recognition of Anti-Bullying Week 2025, we encouraged pupils, teachers and all of #TeamCHS to wear odd socks for Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November to help celebrate what makes us all unique!

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme was "Power of Good".

Children in Need



On Friday 14th November, the whole school helped raise £146.30 by participating in a non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this worthy cause.

#KINDNESS

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

On Thursday 11th December we held Christmas Jumper Day and raised £117.05 for "Save the Children". Thank you for your support.

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CHS Christmas Fayre/Raffle

Congratulations to the people below who have won Christmas raffle prizes:

Sophie Bignell – parent (Hamper), Kelly Gough – parent (Colour Printer), David Piper – parent (Colour Printer), Joshua H – pupil (Thorntons Chocolates and Bottle of Baileys), Rocco-Jay Y – pupil (Big Bounce Voucher), Janet Pedwell – Grandparent ('Really Awesome Coffee' Voucher), Morgann F – pupil (Cookery Books), Gemma Busst – parent (Trio of fun and games), Bobbie-Ray A – pupil (Celebrations Tub), Kray-Lee R – pupil (Marks & Spencer Chocolate Biscuits), Lexi B – pupil (Giant Bar of Cadbury's Dairy Milk)

We would like to thank Midshires, Teacher Active, Big Bounce, Really Awesome Coffee and all the other organisations, people and staff who kindly donated prizes.

Well done to Liam R – Year 1 pupil for winning the 'Guess the Gingerbread House' game.

In addition, there are three prizes of a £10 ASDA voucher for selling the most raffle tickets in each phase:

Phase 1 winner: Brianna C

Phase 2 winner: Amelia T

Phase 3 winner: Amelia S

We managed to raise an amazing £2,500 from the Fayre. Thank you for your support.

#KINDNESS

Reading Champions Celebration



Christmas Tea with Me

A huge well done to our Reading Champions who have consistently read more than 3 times a week – what an amazing effort!

As a special treat these super readers were invited to spend some time with Miss Budd, where they enjoyed sharing a story together, eating cake and warming up with some delicious hot chocolate.

We are so proud of the dedication, responsibility and love of reading these children are showing. Keep it up – you are setting a fantastic example for everyone!

Well done, Reading Champions!

Achievements in and out of School

A big shout-out to our superstars for their achievements. Well done to all for your amazing commitment and hard work! We love to hear about your achievements in and out of school so be sure to let us know about your awesome accomplishments!

PARENT INFORMATION

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026 are the provisional dates for Year 6 SATs. Please make a note of the dates in your diary. As you know Year 6 is a critical year for pupils and excellent attendance is expected.



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MAT

For information about the Collaborative Education Trust, please go to our website and follow the link under the heading MAT.

School closure due to weather or an emergency

Should the school need to close, we would like to remind you of ways of securing the correct information.

- ♦ Dojo system
- ♦ School texting service: We will send the first contact on our database, a text with the necessary information. Please keep your 'phone turned on and make sure you update the office with any change of mobile number, thank you.
- ♦ Coleshill Heath Twitter/X Site: log-on to X.com, search Coleshill Heath, click on Coleshill Heath to view our "tweets".
- ♦ Coleshill Heath School website – google Coleshill Heath
- ♦ Search www.solihull.gov.uk internet site.
- ♦ Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

School Uniform Suppliers

Uniform can be purchased through **Brigade, Mansuri Schoolwear or Ian Smith Education Group**. Please see details below or go to our website under **Parents/Uniform** at CHS



Brigade

Order your school uniform online from

Log on to:

www.brigade.uk.com

Enter Coleshill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop-down list provided.



Mansuri Schoolwear

163 Yew Tree Lane

Yardley

Birmingham B26 1AY

Tel: 0121 784 4230

Please telephone before you visit to see if they stock what you require (Jumpers/Cardigans/PE tops, book bags)



Ian Smith Group – visit the Coleshill Heath School Uniform ordering website

www.coleshilluniform.deco-apparel.com Any questions please call Tel: 03330 143643.

Unwanted Good Quality Uniform



If you have any unwanted good quality uniform can you please pass this to the class teacher or the school office so we can make it available to other families. This is something the government have asked schools to implement, thank you.
This FREE pre-loved uniform is available at publicised events throughout the year. For further information please speak to the school office



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Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

Please click on the link and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium to find out: www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm

School Meals when your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3

As your child moves up to Year 3 in September this year, they will no longer be entitled to a Free School Meal under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme, which provides all children from Reception to Year 2 with a free school meal. Therefore, if you would like us to continue to provide your child with school meals from September, then there will be a charge for this of £3.00 per day, unless your child is eligible for free school meals due to your household circumstances. This is payable in advance via ParentPay or at any PayPoint.

To find out if your child is entitled to free school meals, then please apply via: www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm School will be informed of the outcome of your application. Alternatively, you may provide your child with a packed lunch from home.

Arriving at School after 10.30am

If your child will be arriving at school after 10.30am, and requires a school dinner, please call the school office to order this before 10.30 am. Otherwise, they will only be able to have a sandwich. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Improving Communication Links with School

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we are continuing to use Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message. In addition to Schoolcomms, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents.

URGENT: Keep the office informed of your current mobile number and email address. If you are not receiving communication by these sources please contact the school office and they will look into the reason why. Help us to help you, thank you. Limited information can also be found on our website and noticeboards around school.

Important – Parking with consideration

Please be considerate to local residents that live in close proximity to the school when parking and refrain from playing loud music and dropping litter. **Please reduce your speed** in and around the school site. Speed limit to 5mph on school property. **Nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community.**

Where's My Jumper

Please remember to put your child's name on EVERY item of uniform. If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning it to you if a name is clearly printed on it.



CHS is a Nut-Free Zone



We have a few pupils at CHS who are allergic to nuts so for the safety of our children we have made CHS a nut free school. No nuts or any snacks/food containing nuts are permitted in school ie peanut butter or chocolate spread. Thank you for your co-operation.



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No Dogs on Site



Dogs are not allowed on the school site, either walking, in your arms or tied to railings. We have people who are scared or allergic to dogs, please leave them at home, thank you.

You're not alone this Christmas

SOLIHULL HAF Holiday Activities And Food
www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/haf

Switchboard LGBT+ helpline
 0300 330 0630
www.switchboard.lgbt

AA Alcoholic Anonymous
 0800 9177 650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

YOUNGMiNDS
 TEXT YM to 85258
www.youngminds.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Support
 0808 808 1677
www.cruse.org.uk

ChildLine 0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

Beat Eating disorders
 0808 801 0677
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

CALM
 0800 58 58 58
www.thecalmzone.net

CRANSTOUN
 Empowering People, Empowering Change
www.cranstoun.org

SAMARITANS
 Tel: 116 123
www.samaritans.org

shout 85258
 TEXT SHOUT to 85258
www.giveusashout.org

Refuge
 0808 2000 247
www.refuge.org.uk

PAPYRUS
 Prevention of Young Suicide
 0800 068 41 41
www.papyrus-uk.org

AnxietyUK
 03444 775 774
www.anxietyuk.org.uk



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Events from Outside Agencies during January 2026



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



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Little Brum Youth Theatre

Open to all Year 6 children



Every Wednesday
17:30 to 18:30
Starting 14th January 2026

Elmwood Family Hub, 37 Burtons Way, Birmingham, B36 0UG

Please email katie@bigbrum.org.uk to sign up or for further details

Big Brum Theatre-in-Education is starting a Youth Theatre – ‘Little Brum’ - for the young people of North Solihull. We visited your child’s school in 2024, exploring with them the story of ‘Hansel and Gretel’, and they were amazing, creative and imaginative. This is why we are starting our ‘Little Brum’ and hope your child will wish to be part of it.

Any local Year 6 child is welcome to come along. We will be engaging our imaginations, exploring stories and making theatre together.

Please contact katie@bigbrum.org.uk to sign up or for further information.

Solihull Coffee Morning



autism west midlands



Light refreshments will be provided.

Most second Wednesdays of every month.
 Not during school holidays.

Room 4
 Solihull Methodist church, Blossomfield Rd, Solihull B91 1LG

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

Led by an Autism specialist from Autism West Midlands who can offer advice, guidance and training.

Wednesdays
November 12th 2025
December 10th 2025
January 7th 2026

10am - 12pm

EHCP & Send Support Drop-In 23rd January 2025



Worried about your child's learning or development? Got questions about SEN support or EHCP'S?

Do you live in Solihull or does your child attend a Solihull school? Come along and meet representatives from Solihull services to ask questions, seek advice, and talk about your child's needs — whether they are receiving SEN Support or have an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan), with or without a diagnosis.

This is a great opportunity to:
 Get information Ask questions Share concerns Access local support

Everyone welcome - no booking required!

Friday 23rd January 2025
9.30am - 12:00pm council house OH training room
B91 3QB



EHCP & SEND Support Drop-In 23rd January 2026

Autism West Midlands 7th January 2026



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TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 1st September 2025
Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025
Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026 (INSET – 12th and 13th February 2026)
Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026 (Bank Holiday – May Day))
Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Days

Thursday 12th February 2026
Friday 13th February 2026 (MAT)

Bank Holiday (May Day)

Monday 4th May 2026

All holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that the school is closed



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Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (1) - January to March 2026

19.12.2025	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026	
January 2026	
05.01.2026	Start of Spring Term (1)
05.01.2026	Children back in School
	Musician of the Month – Zeki Muren
05.01.2026	TT Rockstar Battle (05.01.2026-09.01.2026)
06.01.2026	Year 6 – Health Questionnaires
07.01.2026	Year 6 – Matilda Workshop led by Grace Academy (Shakespeare 10.00am-11.00am/Churchill 11.00am-12.00pm)
08.01.2026	Year 6 – SATs Parents Meeting (3.20pm)
12.01.2026	EYFS Road Safety Talks Nursery 10.50am & 12.20pm/Reception (pm)
12.01.2026	School Photographer – children absent previously
13.01.2026	Year 6 – Health Questionnaire School Nurse follow-up
13.01.2026	Year 6 – 4 a-side Football (3.45pm-5.00pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
14.01.2026	Year 6 – Health Questionnaire School Nurse follow-up
14.01.2026	PINS – Parent Voice Engagement Session (2.00pm)
15.01.2026	Years 3&4 – Speed Stacking (4.00pm-5.15pm) – Park Hall
16.01.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
19.01.2026	Big Brum Theatre in School (19.01.2026-23.01.2026)
20.01.2026	PINS – Sensory Regulation Workshop (1.30pm)
23.01.2026	Years 3&4 – Speed Stacking County Final TBC – AT7 Centre
26.01.2026	National Storytelling Week (26.01.2026-30.01.2026)
27.01.2026	Young Voices 2026
30.01.2026	Years 5&6 – Loudmouth Theatre
February 2026	
	Musician of the Month – Dame Shirley Bassey
02.02.2026	TT Rockstar Battle (02.02.2026-06.02.2026)
02.02.2026	Children's Mental Health Week (02.02.2026-06.02.2026)
02.02.2026	Year 4 – Fire Service SPARKS Workshop (10.00am-12.00pm)
03.02.2026	PINS – Sensory Walk Workshop (1.30pm)
04.02.2026	Year 3 - Gymnastics Competition (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
05.02.2026	Year 1 – Dinosaur Workshop (all day) – School Hall
05.02.2026	SEND Share Parents Meeting (3.30pm-4.30pm)
05.02.2026	Year 5 – Girls 3x3 Basketball (3.45pm-5.30pm) - Smithswood
06.02.2026	NSPCC Number Day
06.02.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
09.02.2026	Years 5&6 – Sports Hall Athletics (9.30am-11.30am) North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
10.02.2026	Internet Safety Day (Assembly)
10.02.2026	Year 6 Code Green – Matilda Matinee (10.00am-1.30pm) – Grace Academy
12.02.2026	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
13.02.2026	INSET Day (MAT) – school closed to pupils
13.02.2026	Break Up for Half-Term
Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026	

Dates correct at time of print (16.12.2025)

Information to follow regarding the above events

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Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (2) – February to March 2026

February 2026

23.02.2026	Start of Spring Term (2)
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March 2026

	Musician of the Month – R.E.M.
01.03.2026	Secondary School Offer Day
04.03.2026	Years 1&2 - Gymnastics Competition (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
05.03.2026	World Book Day
06.03.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
09.03.2026	Science Week (09.03.2026-13.03.2026)
09.03.2026	TT Rockstar Battle (09.03.2026-13.03.2026)
10.03.2026	Birmingham City Mission Assembly
10.03.2026	Year 6 – 4 a-side Football (3.45pm-5.00pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
13.03.2026	Mother's Day Workshops (2.30pm)
13.03.2026	Year 3 - Personal Best (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
16.03.2026	Sign Language Week (16.03.2026-20.03.2026)
17.03.2026	Year 6 – 4 a-side Football (3.45pm-5.00pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
18.03.2026	Netball Skills (1.30pm-3.30pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
20.03.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
20.03.2026	Comic/Sport Relief Red Nose Day
23.03.2026	Shakespeare Week 23.03.2026-27.03.2026)
23.03.2026	Easter Egg Competition Entries in School
23.03.2026	Easter Egg Competition Assemblies KS1 (2.15pm)/KS2 (2.45pm)
24.03.2026	Tea with Me (9.45am)
24.03.2026	KS1/KS2 – Cheerleading Festival (9.30am-11.30am) - Smithswood
25.03.2026	Years 5&6 – Sports Hall Athletics County Finals (TBC)
25.03.2026	Year 3 – Gymnastics County Finals (TBC)
26.03.2026	Wear Colour for Autism Acceptance
26.03.2026	Year 4 – Easter Assembly (2.30pm)
27.03.2026	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
27.03.2026	Break Up for Easter Break

Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

April 2026

13.04.2026	Start of Summer Term (1)
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