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Newsletter - Friday 18 July 2025

## Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to issue 38 of our Newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last week of term is always incredibly busy. On Tuesday, Year 6 put on an amazing performance of 'Olivia' which was funny, charming and incredibly entertaining. It was Reception's turn on Wednesday to share their learning journey with parents and carers and to showcase their excellent singing abilities. I would like to thank Mr Cherfi, Ms Barker and both the Year 6 and EYFS teams for preparing the children so well.



Today, at the Leavers' Mass, Year 6 celebrated and gave thanks for their spiritual journey at St Mary's. It was a truly memorable occasion and a fitting way to end what has been an incredible year for them. We are so very proud of our Year 6 children and wish them all the very best in their new schools and in the future.

I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and commitment as they have worked very hard this year to ensure that your children get the very best.

As this will be the last newsletter for this academic year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to all parents and carers for your continued support and for making me feel so welcome in my first year at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Summer break and I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

Best Wishes,

Ms Hampton

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## Year 6 Leavers Mass

The whole school attended the lovely year 6 leavers Mass.



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## Year 6 Graduation

On behalf of all the staff and children at St Mary's, we would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best as they move on to Secondary School and the exciting journey ahead.

We are proud of everything you've achieved and know you'll continue to shine in all that you do.



Good luck and God Bless you All!



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## Reception Class Graduation

On behalf of the EYFS team and all the staff and children at St Mary's, well done!

We are so proud of everything you have achieved, and we wish you all the very best as you move on to Year 1.

Keep shining and keep smiling!



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## Our new sensory and interactive learning and play areas

Please, have a look at the photos below. As you know, this year we have been working on improving our playgrounds to create interactive and sensory learning and playing areas for our children.

The last part of the project was to install games and markings on all the playground. We are delighted to say that this was completed yesterday and from today the children can fully enjoy the newly created areas!



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## Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Today we had the last whole school Mass in Our Lady of the Holy Souls church.

This Holy Mass was dedicated to all our Year 6 pupils who are leaving St Mary's school at the end of the term.

It was a lovely Mass, with beautiful Readings and Bidding Prayers shared by Y6 pupils. The singing, as always, was outstanding.

Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us for this special occasion. Father Damian delivered a beautiful uplifting sermon directed at the Year 6 pupils. Ms Hampton then addressed the pupils with the moving speech, which made many of us tear up.



As for the last five years, we presented a very special Award, called Debbie Beckwith Award, to one of the pupils. This award is given for biggest growth in personal development, resilience,



confidence and grace in facing various challenges. We are delighted to say the Debbie Beckwith Award was awarded to Andrew Doku. Huge congratulations, Andrew. We are all very proud of you! We then had a small Graduation ceremony in the school hall. The Y6 pupils wore graduation gowns and hats. There were many cheers and tears of pride and happiness to be had! Congratulations to all our Y6 pupils and their families! See you all tonight at the Leavers' Party.

This half term we are looking at the school value of **Co-operation** and the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of **Solidarity**. These two important themes will be recurring throughout all areas of our curriculum.



**Cooperation** means working together to achieve a shared goal. It's like being on a team where everyone helps each other and contributes their skills to make something great. Cooperation is important because it helps us achieve more, learn from each other, and build stronger relationships.

The Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principle of the **Solidarity** is the principle that emphasizes the interconnectedness and interdependence of all people, urging us to work together for the common good and to support one another, especially the poor and vulnerable. It's not just a feeling of compassion, but a firm commitment to promoting justice, equality, and human dignity for all. Top of Form

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### Statutory Outcomes - 2025

We at St Mary's are proud to celebrate the amazing results our pupils have achieved in this year's statutory tests and assessments. These fantastic outcomes are a testament to the dedication, perseverance, and teamwork of our entire school community—teachers, support staff, parents, and most importantly, our incredible pupils.

A huge congratulations to all the children for their hard work and success. Our heartfelt thanks go to the teaching and support staff for their tireless efforts, and to parents for their unwavering support throughout the year.

#### Foundation Stage

75% of pupils achieved a Good Level of Development at the end of Reception compared to 68% nationally.

#### Phonics Screening Year 1

79% of pupils passed the phonics screening.

#### Multiplication Tables Check

Average score 22.7 (out of 25)

71% of pupils achieved full marks. Last year, the national figure was 34% so we are more than double that figure.

#### Key Stage 2

Our Key Stage 2 results this year are above the national average. We are also proud to confirm that the percentage of pupils working at greater depth in reading, writing and maths –above the expected standard—exceeds both the national average and the average for Kensington and Chelsea. This is a truly outstanding achievement and a well-earned reflection of the dedication, effort, and high standards upheld by our pupils and staff.

The scaled score for Key Stage 2 ranges from 80 to 120. A score of 100 indicates that a pupil has met the expected standard, while a score of 110 or above reflects achievement at the higher standard or greater depth. Our Year 6 pupils have performed very well, as shown by their impressive average scaled scores. Congratulations to all on this fantastic achievement!

These are provisional results. The final results will be shared by DfE in September. We expect them to be even better.

<b><u>2025 Key Stage 2</u></b>	<b>English &amp; Maths</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Punctuation, Grammar &amp; Spelling</b>
<b>Percentage achieving expected standard</b>	70%	78%	82%	82%	82%
<b>Percentage achieving expected nationally</b>	62%	75%	72%	74%	73%
<b>Average scaled score</b>		108		109	109
<b>Average scaled score nationally</b>		106		105	105
<b>Percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard</b>	26%	48%	30%	52%	56%
<b>Science - percentage achieving expected standard</b>	School 93%		82% Nationally		



New diary dates will continue in the new term



# A message regarding Attendance and Punctuality from Ms Hampton

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Re: Attendance & Punctuality

Excellent attendance is fundamental to an excellent education. Our Attendance policy follows the policy outlined by the Education Secretary, stating that children are not to be absent from school for holidays or other non-essential reasons during term time. Only in exceptional or mitigating circumstances will an absence be approved.

#### Illness

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school or absent from school for any reason, please phone the school on 0208 2053790 before 8.40 am.

We have an answerphone where you can leave a message before the office opens, please speak clearly with your child's name, class and the reason your child is unwell.

You can use the absence line from 8.00am to speak to a member of the office.

If we do not receive any information from a parent/carer in the morning, we will contact parents/carers asking them to phone the school. If we do not hear from you we will pursue all contacts regarding a child's absence as part of our safeguarding procedures. Please leave a message by 9.00 am each day of their absence.

If your child has either vomiting or diarrhea, they should stay at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is a recommendation from Public Health England to protect other pupils and staff. If a child is sent into school within the 48 hour period, we will contact the parents/carers and ask for the child to be collected from school.

Any absence can result in a loss of continuity for your child's education and upset their balance of learning. As a school, we are required to provide details of all unauthorised absences to the Local Authority.

#### Medical and Dental appointments

We ask that you please make every effort to avoid booking medical and dental appointments during school time. Where this is unavoidable, parents/carers should put this in writing to the school office and attach a copy of the appointment card or letter before the date of the appointment. Please also include the time you will need to collect your child. If arriving late, please ensure that your child is accompanied and signed in by an adult at the school office for safeguarding reasons.

#### Other Absences

Requests for absence during term time will not be authorised unless there is deemed to be an exceptional circumstance. Local Authorities have the power to serve parents with a Fixed Penalty Notice if a child has significant or repeated days of unauthorised absence.

#### Being Punctual

**School starts at 9.00 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their classrooms by 9 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly.** Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best start to the day for our children.

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time if they are to get the most out of their education. Being late is disruptive for your child but also for all the other children in the class.

### **Punctuality**

5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.

**Punctuality is continually monitored. The gates open 15 minutes before the school day begins. If your child arrives after this time, then they will be recorded as late in the register!**

Attendance is regularly monitored by the local authority **who will fine any unauthorised absences.**

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## **Expectation of children being collected at the end of each day**

We expect all parents/carers to collect their children on time. Once the gates have closed, the children who have not been collected are brought into the office. If there are exceptional circumstance which are causing a delay, please contact the office immediately.

We do not have capacity to look after any children who are not picked up after that time.

As you are aware, the office gets very busy and the children cannot be left unsupervised in the reception area as it might pose the safety risk.

Please, ensure that you have arrangements in place to pick up your children on time.

Aktiva, the company running Wrap-Around Care in the RBKC North Hub in Ark Brunel, does take one-off bookings, so please feel free to use their services in emergencies.

Avenues Youth Project offer after school activities and a Walking Bus service, where they collect the children at the end of the day. Please see the information below on how to sign your child up.

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### **New Baby and Toddler Group**

**All Welcome!**





### New Baby and Toddler Group – all welcome

We are hosting a new baby and toddler group at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Please come along and meet other parents, enjoy messy play, singing and rhymes and explore outdoor activities in our large open grassed space!

**Wednesdays 8.45am – 10.15am.**

**All are welcome! Parent/Carers stay and play with your child.**



Come to our new EYFS building entrance where we have plenty of buggy parking space!



**Dates 2025 (Summer Term)**  
**8.45am – 10.15am**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Where to find us:

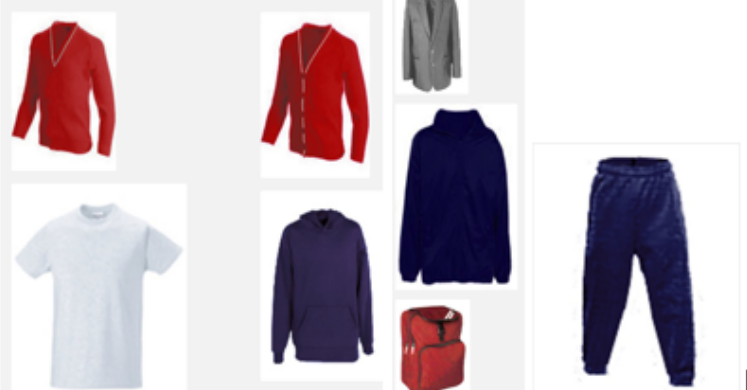


## Whole School Uniform

### Nursery Uniform



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## Nursery

Sweatshirt – Crew neck	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
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T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton
Infant Backpack	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester

## Whole School

Knitted Jumper	Embroidered – With School Badge	V-neck.
Knitted Cardigan	Embroidered – With School Badge	Colour matched
Blazer	Embroidered – With School Badge	Phone and internal zipped pockets. Teflon coated Polyester buttons. Courtelle
Hooded Sweatshirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
Jogpants	Plain	2 pockets. Elasticated waistband. Cotton/Polyester
T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton
Reversible Jacket	Embroidered – With School Badge	Concealed hood. Reflective tape. Polyester
Infant Backpack - Reception to Year 2	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester
Junior Backpack - Year 3 - 6 Only	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester
Gym Bag - Reception - Year 6	Embroidered – With School Badge	Rucksack style. Zipped pocket. Name display pocket. Polyester
Tie	Plain	Broad Stripe design. Polyester Clip on also available

## Summer School Dresses

Due to hot weather, the girls can now wear the red and white Gingham summer dress only (**not school red Gingham culottes**)

Please ensure dresses are knee length.



## School Tie (compulsory)

A gentle reminder that all children in Reception to Year 6 are all expected to wear their school ties.

**The St Mary's school tie** gives the school its unique identity and this is something we want to preserve and promote throughout the local area.



## New elasticated ties -

in response to parent and pupil feed back, we have decided to phase out clip on ties and replace them with elasticated ties. These are now available.



Staff will be checking to ensure that all school uniform criteria is followed. Thank you for your support.

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## PE Days

Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

### Class PE sessions

Wednesdays: **EYFS, Y1,Y2 and Y6**

Fridays - **Y2, Y3,Y4 and Y5**

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## Important Parents' Information

### Uniform

Thank you to the vast majority of our pupils who wear their full school uniform. We have noticed that quite a few children do not have their ties whilst at school. Please, note that the school tie is part of our school uniform. Could you, please ensure that your child wears the tie to school every day,

Pupils should be wearing **school shoes** when they are not wearing trainers as part of their PE uniform. Quite a few pupils are wearing colourful trainers, which are **not** part of the uniform, and we ask that you kindly check with your child and make sure they wear full school uniform, which includes black shoes.

Please note that if for any reason your child is not in full school uniform or full PE kit , we expect a note from parents to explain why this is the case.

### Jewellery and Expensive items

As part of our school uniform, the children are allowed to wear small studs. Any long, dangling earrings might be the cause of accidents and therefore are not allowed.

If children wear necklaces with any religious symbols, please, make sure that your child is aware that these need to be tucked under the clothing for health and safety reasons.

As you are aware, we advise that children do not bring any expensive items to school, as we **cannot take responsibility for loss or damage**. Only children in Y5 and Y6, who have permission to walk to and from school on their own, can bring phones to school. However, they have to hand them in at the gate and pick them up from their teachers at the end of the day. During school hours the phones are stored in the safe.

Pandora bracelets as well as other bracelets and necklaces or "smart" watches are **not allowed** as they can create a health and safety hazard. In addition, they are often expensive or hold sentimental value.

Additionally, as "smart" watches are connected to other devices via the Internet, they are therefore **not allowed at school for safeguarding reasons**. This is in line with government and local authority guidelines and we ask parents to help us ensure that these guidelines are followed.

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact the office to make an appointment with a member of Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support with these important issues.

### Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week!

Our overall attendance is the same as last week **is 90.00%**. This is extremely low and as a school community, we need to do much better. Our school target is **96.00%**.

If required we will arrange to meet with parents, to draw their attention to their children's absence. There is a strong correlation between school attendance and pupil outcomes. Please ensure your child is at school unless they are ill.

### Holiday during term time

The government policy is that holidays during term times are not permitted, therefore the school **cannot authorise** any absence due to holidays during term times. If you take your child/ren out of school for a holiday during term time, they will be referred to the Local Authority if necessary.

Please note this for any plans you are making for the new academic year 2024-25. The Department for Education expects parents/carers to organise holidays outside of the school term dates. Your child/ren's learning will suffer by taking them out of school and it may result in disruptions to the learning of others. We have already referred some families to the local authority who will issue a penalty notice.

### Contacts

It is a requirement that the school has a minimum of **2 emergency telephone contact numbers** for your child. We need to be able to contact you at all times. Our admin team, endeavour to update our data systems with your details termly. This is essential for the wellbeing of your children and we need your help to ensure that you are contactable at all times. If there are any changes for 2024-25, please ensure you contact the school office at the beginning of the new academic year.

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## Look what we have been doing - Early Years & Key Stage 1

Nursery have been busy this week exploring the new transition into Reception class. We have been practising our letter formation and

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name writing. Well done to our Nursery superhero's for all your hard work and we cannot wait to see you all back in September.

Reception this week have had their graduation. I would like to congratulate each child for their amazing effort this year and the wonderful moments we have shared during their learning journey. On behalf of myself and whole EYFS well done and we wish you all the best in year 1.



This week the children have been winding down from a very busy school year. We have been spending quality time with our friends and enjoying the last few days together as Year 1.

## Year 1

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents for your fantastic support this year and I look forward to teaching your amazing children again in Year 2!



We were so lucky in Year 2 last week. Raquel López, a Physics and Chemistry teacher at the Vicente Cañada Blanch Spanish School, came in to talk to the class about science and carry out some really exciting experiments to show the children about the atmosphere, energy, chemical reactions and magnets.

## Year 2

The children were enthralled and we have 24 budding scientists in Year 2



# School



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am and will cost **£4** per child, per day for children from Reception to Y6. Before your child/ren attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you book the sessions and make the required payments first.!

**This provision is only available to children from Reception to Year 6.**

[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## Avenue Youth Project Primary AfterSchool Provision

You can now sign up to the Avenue Youth Project for Afterschool Provision, they also provide a walking Bus Service.

### ROUTE DETAILS

The walking bus journey begins at St Mary's Primary School main entrance, where children assemble at 3:15 PM. The route takes approximately 15 minutes, with arrival at The Avenues by 3:30. The journey includes four key crossing points, featuring a road crossing on East Row, another by the park on Karsell Road, followed by a zebra crossing which takes you to the bridge, providing access to Harnor Road. At Harnor Road, the group will cross at the traffic lights and cross again onto Third Avenue.

[See Route Here](#)

### A WALKING BUS SERVICE

To establish a safe and supervised walking bus service connecting St Mary's Primary School, St Charles Primary School, and The Avenues Youth Project. The walking bus will ensure students in Years 3-6 can access quality after-school activities through reliable, supervised walking routes between the schools and after-school service.

The walking bus addresses the current financial barrier of £15 per day after-school club costs which has limited student participation. The service will incorporate road safety education as an important part of the daily journey.

The walking bus builds on the existing relationship between St Mary's and the Avenues while expanding the reach to include St Charles Primary. Through this coordinated approach, the walking bus will transition access to the Avenues after school activities, making them easily accessible to all students regardless of their families' employment status.

For more info go to our webpage:  
[www.avenues.org.uk/zoneclubs](http://www.avenues.org.uk/zoneclubs)

**THE AVENUES YOUTH PROJECT**

### TERM TIME

#### WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS

Area	Time	Activity
Zone Clubs	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.
Zone Clubs	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.
Zone Clubs	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.
Zone Clubs	9:30 PM - 11:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.
Zone Clubs	11:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.
Zone Clubs	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.

Zone Clubs is a unique youth program for kids ages 5-11 that runs every Monday to Wednesday from 15:30 to 18:00.

### WHAT WE OFFER

Our primary provision is for 5-11 year olds, Years 3-6.

#### HOLIDAYS

Spring Term	Summer Term	Autumn Term
Various activities including sports, arts, and games.	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.	Various activities including sports, arts, and games.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Various activities including sports, arts, and games.

## Akvita Wraparound Care

Aktiva Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub! Aktiva has created a safe, fun, and friendly environment for our children.

**Club Information:** Aktiva After School Club will run from the end of the school day until 6:00 PM. The children will be collected from their classes at the end of the school day and brought over to the Ark Brunel hub by walking bus by 3.40pm where they will be registered into our after-school club. There are 2 sessions available to book - Early session 3.30pm-4.30pm and a full session 3.30pm-6pm



**Contact Information:** Aktiva's Ark Brunel contact number: 07776657491 - only available during service (3.30pm - 6pm). For all queries regarding bookings please email [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com) or call our parent enquiry number on **0203 551 8909**.

**Booking Aktiva Services:**

**Single Sessions:** Book until 1 PM on the same day for After School Club. This flexibility allows parents to use our services as needed. Places are subject to availability and strict cutoffs.

**Booking and Pricing:** Please visit [www.aktivacamps.com](http://www.aktivacamps.com) to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.

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**Star of the Week**



Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Term - Friday 18th July 2025**

**Star of the Term:**

Nursery - George

Reception - Brianna

Y1 - Torrah-Leigh

Y2 - Mia

Y3 - Jayden

Y4 - Nevaeh

Y5 - Jazz

Y6 - Jaida

**Star of the Term Handwriters:**

Y1 - Aniyah

Y2 - Anya

Y3 - Asia-Rae

Y4 - Alby

Y5 - Amy

Y6 - Sienna.M

**Star of the Term Musicians:**

N- George & Ivy

Rec - Hailey & Jahmiel

Y1 - Aniyah & Darius

Y2 - Mia & Azahrye

Y3 - Rhenn & Aislie

Y4 - Franzen & Caleb

Y5 - Zyann & Gideon

Y6 - Naz & Anaya

**Special Star of the Term Award Pianist of the Term:**

Y2 - Mia

Congratulations to you All! Well done!

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**Important dates:**

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term, school closes <b>at 1.30pm</b>
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**Term Dates 2024 - 2025**

**Summer Term – 2025**

**Second Half Term**

First Day of School – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – **School Closed**

Last Day of School – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - **1.30pm - School Closed**

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# Term Dates 2025-2026



## Federation of St Charles and St Mary's Catholic Primary School

### Term Dates 2025-26

#### Autumn Term - 2025

##### First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Inset Day (no pupils)

First Day of School - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Last Day of School - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

##### Second Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Inset Day (no pupils)

First Day of School - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Last Day of School - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - School Closes at 1.30pm

Christmas Holiday - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

#### Spring Term - 2026

##### First Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day (no pupils)

First Day of School - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Last Day of School - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

##### Second Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Last Day of School - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - School Closes at 1.30pm

Easter Holiday - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Term - 2026

##### First Half Term

First Day of School - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of School - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

##### Second Half Term

Staff Training - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Inset Day (no pupils)

First Day of School - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Last Day of School - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - School Closes at 1.30pm

Staff Training - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Inset Day (no pupils)

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