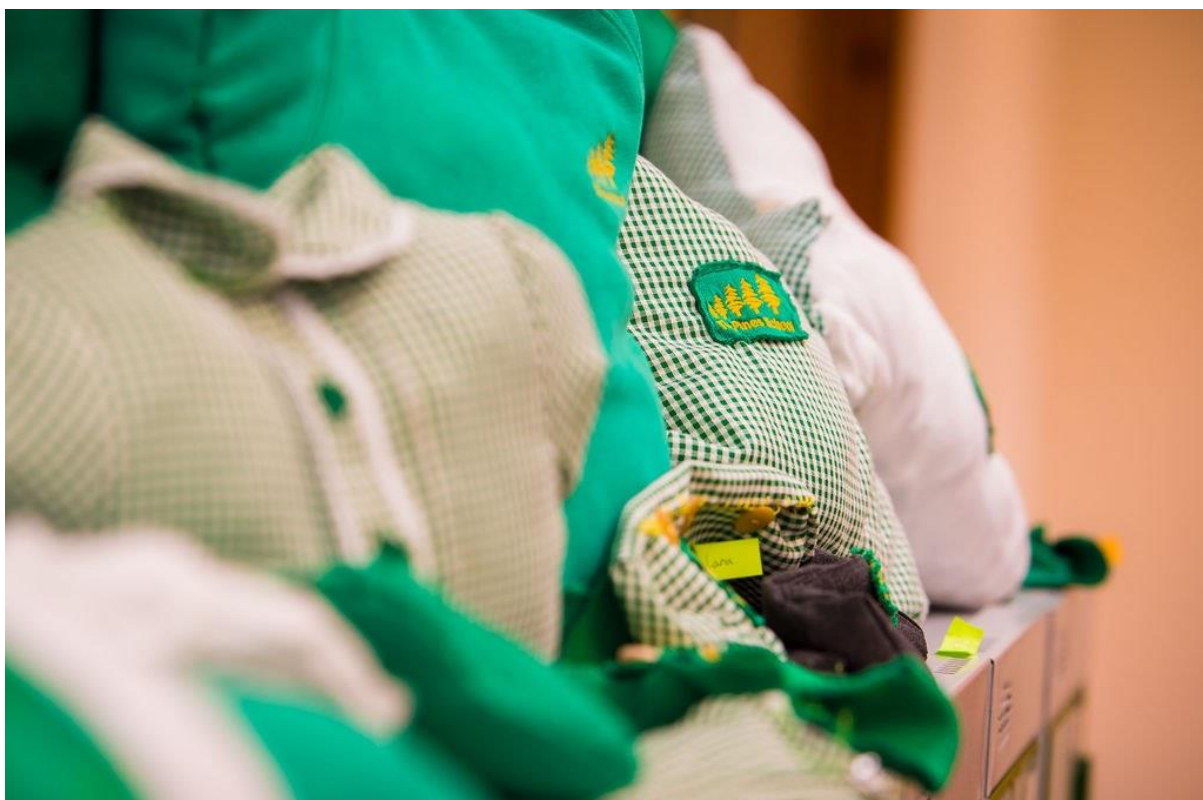




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 25.09.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a very busy week this week. The children continue to be amazing and working very hard on their learning.

Lockdown

As some of you may or may not be aware there were a number of schools in Bracknell that went into lockdown yesterday. Lockdown is always an emotive topic with lots of people having their own views about it. Ultimately we would place the school into lockdown if we felt the children were in any danger. The safety of our children and staff is paramount. Over the next few weeks the leadership team will be reviewing the lockdown procedures and we will have times where we practise lockdowns, both when children are in classes and at lunchtime. It is useful to do these in a "drill" scenario so that we can highlight any areas of concern. Please do not get worried or anxious about these drills, they will be carried out incredibly calmly and we will explain to the children what is happening before, during and after a drill.

If the school were ever to go into a real lockdown situation, we will communicate with parents via school comms. In this situation please do NOT phone the school office as we will need to keep phonelines open.

Home learning

Please be reminded that children have access to times tables rockstars (TTRS and Numbots)

The Orchard and The Meadow

We have had some wonderful feedback from parents and professionals about the excellent work going on in our SRP. It is fantastic to be recognised for the hard work and dedication of our staff. I find it difficult to pick out any individuals as I think they are all amazing and care so much about each and every child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Head Teacher Award this week: -

*Elm - **Fay***

*Maple - **Fred***

*Sycamore - **Timur***

*Willow - **Chloe***

*Oak - **Ronil***

*Cedar - **Maddie***

*Hazel - **Sam***

*Rowan - **Vyom***

The Orchard - Harriet

Well done to all of the children who have received an award and are demonstrating our school values on a daily basis.

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Spotlight on Learning



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It has been another busy and exciting week across the school! Many of our Year 6 pupils successfully completed their Bikeability training demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout. They approached the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and maturity.

Meanwhile, Year 5 enjoyed a tea-tasting experience as part of their English learning, exploring a range of flavours and aromas to inspire some wonderfully descriptive writing.

In Year 1, our young investigators have been hard at work gathering clues and evidence to solve the mystery of who has been stealing drinks from the staff fridge, bringing their learning to life through curiosity and teamwork.

We have also seen a huge improvement in how pupils are tidying up at the end of lunchtime, helping to keep our school environment clean, welcoming and ready for afternoon learning.

Well done to everyone for their fantastic efforts!

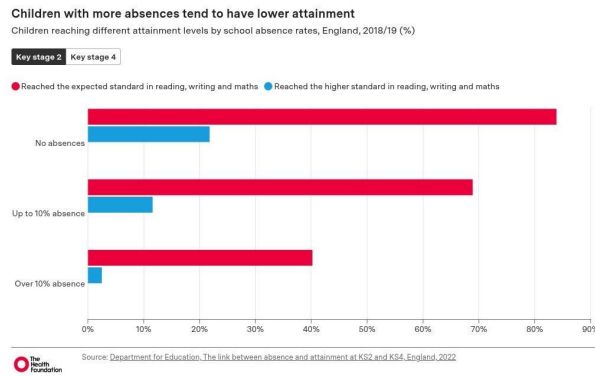
Mrs Taylor

Spotlight on Attendance



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Pupils who were persistently absent from their classes were less than half as likely to reach the expected level at key stage 2 reading, writing and maths, or achieve grades 9–4 in key stage 4 English and maths, than pupils with no absences.



Class with the highest attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cedar** with **100%**.*

*Well done **Cedar** class!*

Best House attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **98.3%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Following the success of our Macmillan Coffee morning today, we are going to trial having our coffee mornings on a Friday. Our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 2nd October** after morning drop off, please come to the lower building where Mrs Williams will meet you. Ring the breakfast club doorbell and she will come and greet you.*

If you haven't been before, please come along. It would be lovely to see some new faces to join us for a coffee, biscuits and a chat. You are welcome to bring your little ones too.

School Admissions

Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2027

*The application process to transfer to secondary school (Year 7) from September 2027 is now open. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **31st October 2026**.*

Please click on the following link giving further information about the application process: -

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

Applications for Primary (Reception) September 2027 The application process for admission to primary school for children born between 01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023 for Reception in September 2027 opens on **5th November 2026**. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **15th January 2027**.

Please click on the following link giving information about the application process: -

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>



Year 6
To
Year 7

It's time to apply for a secondary school place

Read the guide → Apply online → Receive your offer

The admission process to apply for Year 7, September 2027 is now open.

The application process is open from 12 September 2026 – 31 October 2026

Bracknell Forest residents only

Open for admissions
2027



For more info
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

The Pines School

Primary School Admissions 2027-28:

Children of the below age range can apply for a primary school place to join Reception in September 2027 from the 5th November 2026.
01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023

Please visit <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school> for further information on how to apply.

The admissions process closes 15 January 2027. Please ensure you apply on-time.

Open Mornings

We are holding open mornings for September 2027 Reception starters. Please do share with your family and friends who you think may be interested in attending. These will be on: -

Tuesday 29th September 26 at 10:00am
Friday 16th October 26 at 10:00am
Thursday 5th November 26 at 10:00am
Saturday 14th November 26 at 10.00am
Tuesday 1st December 26 at 10:00am
Tuesday 12th January 27 at 10.00am

Please contact the office via email on admin@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

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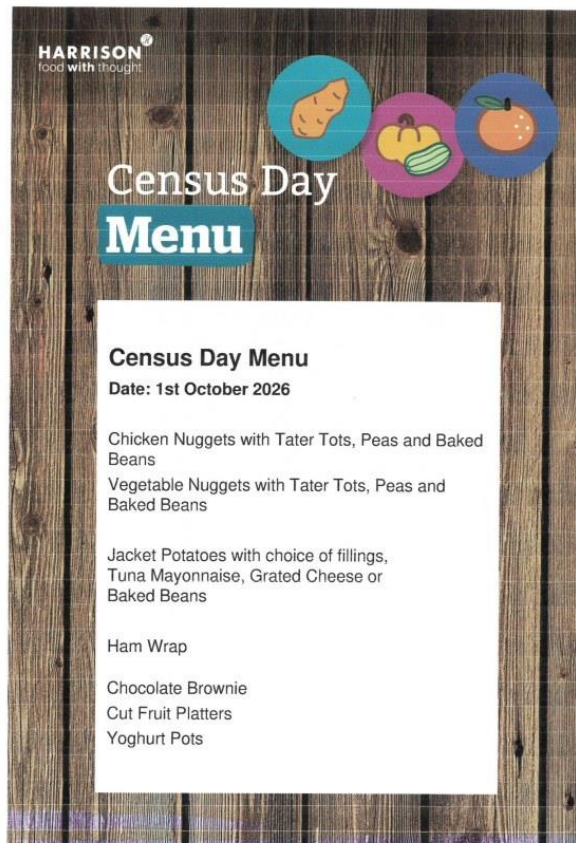


Census Day - Thursday 1st October 2026

On Thursday 1st October 2026 it is our census day and you may be aware that a lot of our funding is based on the number of children that have a meal from the kitchen on this day. The main meal choices are chicken nuggets with tater tots, vegetable nuggets with tater tots, jacket potato or a ham wrap with either chocolate brownie, yoghurt or a fresh fruit platter for pudding.

It would be fabulous if every child could eat with us, however if you are worried that your child might not eat the hot meal, rest assured they will not go hungry. Their teachers will be with the children in the hall and they will check the children's plate before they are allowed to leave the table. There will also be the salad bar items such as plain pasta, freshly baked bread, cucumber and tomatoes to fill up on if need be.

If you have pre-ordered a lunch for your child on this day, unfortunately this has now been cleared and you will need to re-order. If you do have any questions please contact the school office.



Friends of the Pines PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Thursday 1st October is our Friends of The Pines PTA Annual General Meeting at 5:00pm in the Upper building of The Pines School. Please do come along and see what the PTA is all about.

Everyone is welcome even if you would like not to be on the committee.



Information sent out this week



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- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
 - *What we are learning in Reception this week*
 - *Updated Data Collection Forms (Year 1 to 6)*
 - *Macmillan Coffee Morning - 25.09.26*

- *Year 5/6 STEM Workshop - 07.10.26*
 - *Chickens*
 - *Important Information*
 - *Further Information*
 - *Bushcraft Club - Autumn Term*
 - *Leavers Hoodie (Reminder)*
 - *Residential May 2027*
 - *KS1 Changes to holiday activities and Food (HAF) Eligibility from September 2026*
 - *KS2 Changes to holiday activities and Food (HAF) Eligibility from September 2026*
 - *Macmillan Coffee Morning 25.09.26*
 - *Data Collection Forms 2026-27 (Final Reminder)*
 - *Sweet Treat Friday*
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Important Dates



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- *29.09.26 at 10:00am - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027*

- **30.09.26** - Individual and Siblings School Photos
 - **01.10.26** - Census Day / Friends of the Pines School PTA Annual General Meeting at 5pm
 - **02.10.26** - Coffee Morning in the lower building after morning drop off
 - **07.10.26 9:00 10:30** - Parent Workshop Yr 5/6 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
 - **13.10.26 3:30pm till 7:00pm** - Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 - **14.10.26** - Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and weight check
 - **15.10.26 3:30pm till 5:30pm** - Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 - **16.10.26 at 10:00am** - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027
 - **21.10.26** - Nasul Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 6)
 - **22.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **23.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **26.10.26 to 30.10.26** - October Half term
 - **31.10.26** - Closing Date for a secondary school place (Year 7) September 2027 closes
 - **02.11.26** - Term starts for Children (8.40am)
 - **05.11.26** - Opening Day for a primary school place (Reception) September 2027 / Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am
 - **06.11.26** - Parent Workshop Reception Busy Bags
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Extra Curricular Clubs (Autumn Term)

Please be reminded of the extra curricular clubs we are offering to the children this term.

There is still time to book your child a place should you wish for them to join, simply follow the instructions on the external provider flyers detailed below: -



**Myshellartstudio!
The Pines
Arts & Craft club!!**

Monday's from 15:15pm - 16:15pm

Painting, making crafts, learning skills and having fun!

This term will run for 11 weeks!!
£7.50 starting September 21st 2026

Years 3-6

All our staff are Enhanced DBS checked & trained in Safeguarding and basic first aid.

To book please email: myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
we can send you a link.
Or
Scan the QR code - takes you straight there!
Looking forward to creating with you!



If you have any questions, please reach out to us:
myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
Michelle & Tom 07437 879 473



"I wish every day was a Drama Club day!"

drama CLUB!

Tell Me About Drama Club

Drama Club classes are high energy, interactive and fun! We **SING, DANCE, ACT** and **PLAY** as we explore new and exciting themes every week.

Each session is brought to life with colourful props, engaging drama games, funny tongue twisters and much more!

Every Child Shines

Children grow in confidence and creativity whilst having heaps of fun and making new friends! We are passionate about creating nurturing and friendly sessions which allow children to reach their full potential and shine brightly!

At Drama Club, imaginations soar and **EVERY** child shines!



High Energy

Fun

Creative

Interactive

Ask us about...

Birthday parties, toddler and pre-school classes, school and nursery sessions, events and intergenerational sessions.

www.dramatots.co.uk



Dear Parents,

This week your child will attend Playball taster session at The Pinns School. I am delighted to announce that we are back offering after school sessions every Wednesday for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Spaces are given on a first come first serve basis, so please email playball.harry@gmail.com to book and for more information.

Kind Regards,
Harry Simmonds
07588681052

What is Playball?

Playball is a multi-sports programme that teaches life skills to children through sport and movement. Our progressive curriculum is designed and researched by Occupational Therapists and Sports Scientists, and is constantly being updated in line with the latest trends and findings. At Playball the children participate in games and skills that cover 8 sports: Football, Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball.

Playball - Autumn Term

Wednesday after school 3.15 - 4pm (12 weeks)
Start: wk 10th September
End: wk 10th December
No claims / full term
Cost: £36 (£3 per session)

Payment should be made by the start of term and details will be sent out at the time of booking. Payment can be made in instalments if easier for parents.



playball

Community & School

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS
Locomotion, Running, Jumping, Crawling, Balancing, Coordination, Fine Motor, Planning, Manipulation of objects

FUNDAMENTAL SPORTS SKILLS
Throwing, Catching, Kicking, Striking, Hitting, Bouncing, Climbing, Swinging, Rolling, Sliding, Stopping

SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL SKILLS
Individual Fundamental, Equipment Handling, Rules, Game Play, Teamwork

MULTI-SKILLS
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Myshellartstudio Music club!

The Pines

Come and learn to write play your own songs!

Thursday's After school 15:15pm- 16:15pm
First session - Thursday 17th September

No experience required: In a group setting, collaborating with each other's ideas and learning how to construct songs together! On different instruments, learning beats and chords.



● Playing Instruments ● Recording ● Writing Lyrics



*After school club.
 £88 for the Autumn term for 11 weeks!*

To book please email :
 Myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
 or Scan the QR code
 & go straight to the booking form!

GYMNASTICS

The Pines Primary School
 Years R, 1, 2 and 3: Friday PM 15:15 - 16:00

Start Date: Friday 25th September
 End Date: Friday 4th December

Please see **booking terms** below!

Bookings open NOW!!

10 weeks
 for
 £65.00



BOOKING TERMS

To secure a place on our gymnastics class, bookings must be made online:
www.cecoaching.uk/enquire

If there is a space in the class, you will receive a follow up email with payment details and terms and conditions for the upcoming course.

For more information on classes please email / call:
charles@cecoaching.info / 07395 234671 (Mon – Fri: 10am – 2pm)

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**AFTER-SCHOOL
BUSHCRAFT CLUB**

AT THE PINES SCHOOL



FIRE LIGHTING



TEAM GAMES



BACKWOODS COOKING

DATES:

- ✓ Friday 2nd October
- ✓ Friday 9th October
- ✓ Friday 16th October
- ✓ Friday 6th November
- ✓ Friday 13th November
- ✓ Friday 20th November

TIME:

3:15 – 4:15

LIMIT:

12 Children
Key Stage 2 Only

LOCATION:

The Pines School

COST:

£60
for 6 sessions

REAL SKILLS. REAL ADVENTURES.

KEY STAGE 2 ONLY

TO BOOK EMAIL:
claire@brightsparksbushcraft.co.uk

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Adventure Awaits!

Flyers

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WEEK 2 - 26TH - 30TH OCT

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OPEN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY



Bracknell Leisure Centre

Bagshot Road, Bracknell, RG12 9SE

9.00am – 4.00pm

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

FROM £29.50 PER DAY!

Discounts for siblings - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Refillable Drinks Bottle.



Scan the QR code for more information,
call 01344 508008 or email info@lets-play.org.uk
Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk



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Friends of The Pines

HELPING HANDS

Want to help the children of your school join our WhatsApp group to be notified of any events coming up that the PTA need help with for more info speak to any member of the PTA



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WHY JOIN?



8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA

1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by helping to provide new playground/sports equipment, IT equipment, fun activities for the children and much more!

5. BECAUSE IT'S FUN

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hair-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. Our PTA organises the School Disco, Christmas Market and the Summer Fair, along with many more fun events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

6. BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community.

3. FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces. Please consider coming along to our meetings, or volunteer an hour of your time at an event.

7. IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, grandparents, aunts or uncles and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring other dads.

4. IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs like putting up a poster, helping sort uniform or running a stall keeps everything running smoothly.

8. KEEP THE PTA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to keep the PTA going, year after year.

Email : pta@thepineschool.org.uk



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Did you know we have a school lottery?

What is it?

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly online lottery for parents/carers who want to get involved and support the school's fundraising efforts.

There is at least **one guaranteed cash winner for our school each week** plus the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.

The best bit is that 40p from every ticket goes directly back to the school.

How to get involved?

Tickets cost £1 per week.

They offer flexible payment options: pay by direct debit, monthly or one-off ticket bundles, or just for the Super Draw!

Sign up to our page on Your School Lottery today to have a chance of winning a share of great prizes! Each ticket you purchase makes a huge impact.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-pines-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

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Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



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Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

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extra cost to anyone



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THE PINES

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Term starts on: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

INSET DAY: Thursday October 22nd

INSET DAY: Friday October 23rd

Term ends on: Friday 23rd October 2026

October half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Term starts on: Monday 2nd November 2026

Term ends on: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring term 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Term starts on: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Term ends on: Friday 12th February 2027

February half term holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term starts on: Monday 22nd February 2027

Term ends on: Thursday 25th March 2027

Spring holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Bank Holidays: Good Friday: 26th March 2027, Easter Monday: 29th March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts on: Monday 12th April 2027

Term ends on: Friday 28th May 2027

May half term holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May 2027, Monday 31st May 2027

Term ends on: Tuesday 20th July (End of term assembly on Monday 19th July and Year 6

Leavers assembly on Tuesday 20th July)

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 21st JULY

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Our Vision and Values

