09/10/2026

The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!

Be Ready Be Safe Be Respectful

A message from Miss Leese...

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Parents' Evening this week. It was such a pleasure to see so many smiling faces and to hear the wonderful comments about our school and, most importantly, the progress your children are making. We really do value the opportunity to share their successes, talk about their next steps and work together to support them. If you weren't able to make an appointment this week, please don't worry - your child's class teacher is very keen to find another time to catch up with you and talk through their progress and next steps.

A huge thank you also to Miss Wardle, who joined us on Parents' Evening to share updates about the children's progress in swimming, and to Edwards and Wards for joining us on Tuesday for a fantastic food tasting session. These opportunities really do add something special to our children's experiences in school so we are very grateful for the time and support that goes into making them happen.

Today we have had lots of fun breaking the rules as we came together to raise funds for our wonderful PTFA. There have certainly been some interesting rule-breaking moments across school, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying themselves while supporting such an important part of our school community! A little reminder for our Reception families that your Break the Rules Day will take place next **Friday, 16th October**.

This week's spotlight pages are also capturing some of the exciting events we have coming up before half term, including our Autumn Disco and Harvest Festival. There is lots to look forward to and we can't wait to see the children enjoying these special events together.

Finally, the House Point rewards are starting to take shape, and an extra fun swim is currently looking like a firm favourite! We are loving seeing the children getting excited about what they could work towards, and we can't wait to announce the winning rewards next week so that everyone has time to get ready to enjoy them during the final week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xxx

Important dates coming soon...

15.10.26 Yr 2 parent engagement **1.45pm/4.30pm**

16.10.26 Yr1 forest school parent engagement

Class 2—9.30am

Class 3 1.20pm

20.10.26 Harvest festival **year 4 parents 9.15pm**

22.10.26 Autumn disco—please see separate sheet

23.10.26 School closes for half term at 3.20pm

2.11.26 Inset day—Staff only

3.11.26 School reopens for pupils

Class	Attendance
Nursery	93.8%
Creative Caterpillars	98.2%
Busy Bees	92.5%
Class 2	98.8%
Class 3	92.3%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	97.4%
Class 6	96.7%
Class 7	91.1%
Class 8	98.5%
Class 9	92.6%

This Week's winner is:

Class 2

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%

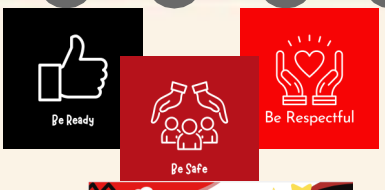
This week, our school attendance was: 95.27%



Please follow the following link https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/ to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 1** of the new **Sept-Feb** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations









Nursery—

Creative Caterpillars—

Busy Bees–

Class 2– Myles

Class 3– Tommy-James

Class 4– Dougie

Class 5– Amelia

Class 6– Luna

Class 7– Connor

Class 8– Joe

Class 9– Harper

Nursery— Jax

Creative Caterpillars –Albie

Busy Bees– Whole Class

Class 2– Sckylaa

Class 3– Monika

Class 4– Ivy

Class 5– Poppy

Class 6– Leighton

Class 7– Theia

Class 8– Alayah

Class 9– Mabel

Nursery—

Creative Caterpillars – Indie

Busy Bees– Ava

Class 2– Halley

Class 3– Myla

Class 4– Jessica

Class 5– Ollie

Class 6– T-arna

Class 7– Charlie-Ann

Class 8– Isla

Class 9– William

Swimmer of the Week

Nursery

Busy Bees -Harlow

Creative Caterpillars -Yasin

Class 2 -Chester

Class 3 -Carter

Class 4 -Dougie

Class 5 -Isabelle and Blessing

Class 6 -Bobby S

Class 7 -Ollie

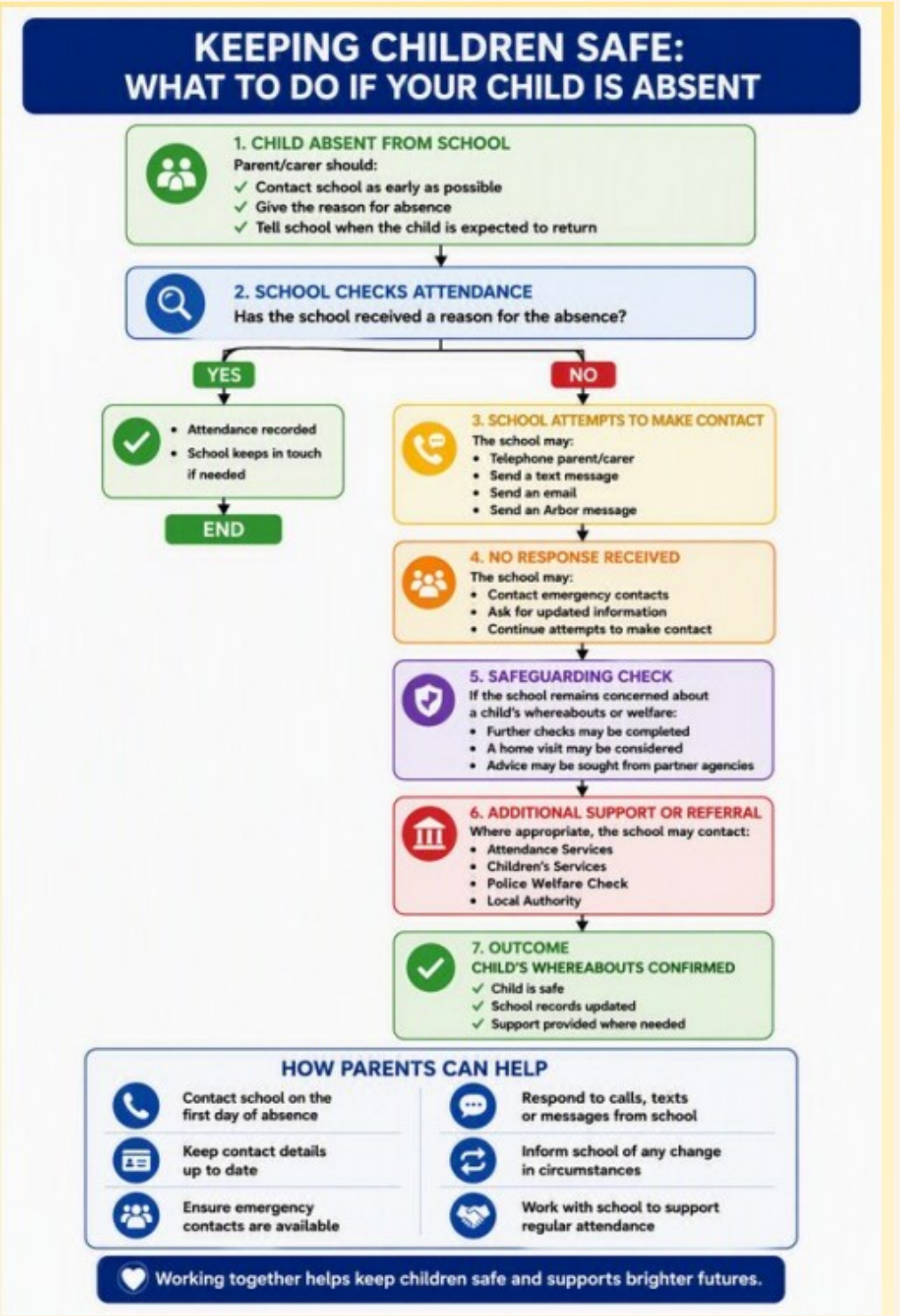
Class 8 -Muzammil

Class 9 -Willow



Home Achievers





NHS Guidance - Is my child too ill for school? As we move further into the autumn term, we have noticed an increase in seasonal coughs and colds. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. The NHS guidance states children can attend school with common cold symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose or cough unless they have a high temperature. With seasonal illnesses likely to increase this autumn, I'd like to signpost parents to the NHS Is my child too ill for school? Guidance and this visual guide NHS guidance sheet to help and to support you in making informed decisions about attendance you're your child/children are unwell. Where possible, children can usually remain in school we are often able to support with medication arrangements. Remember, ahead of and during the winter illness period, all eligible school-aged children are offered an NHS flu vaccine.

AUTUMN DISCO!

22nd October

Nursery:	Reception:	KS1:	KS2:
During the school day	2:15pm – 3:15pm	3:15pm – 4:15pm	4:15pm – 5:15pm

Entry £4

Please send in your child's entry fee in a named envelope.

Please support the teachers by adding the exact cost.

Included

- Disco
- Hotdog/ drink
- Sweets
- Glow Stick

☆ Non-Uniform Day for All! ☆

To aid Disco arrangements, please come to school in non-uniform.

Help Us Bring Autumn to Life!

We are looking for donations of autumn treasures to enhance the learning environments for our Nursery and Reception children.

If you have any spare pumpkins, squashes, acorns, conkers, colourful leaves or other autumn finds, we would love to put them to good use!

Your donations will help our youngest learners explore the wonders of autumn through hands-on experiences, discovery and play.



Thank you for helping us make learning exciting and meaningful for our little learners!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please could donations (tinned goods) for the Harvest Festival please be brought into school by Tuesday 20th October.

OCT. 20

YEAR 4 PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN

9:15AM START

KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL
EYFS TOURS 2026







COME AND JOIN OUR EYFS TEAM FOR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL. A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO SEE OUR EYFS PROVISION

Dates and Times:

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER
4PM

WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
4PM

MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
4PM



To book a slot please ring the school office on:
01782 973810

EVERY DAY MATTERS

Working Together for Excellent Attendance and Punctuality



At Knypersley First School, we know that children achieve their very best when they are in school, on time and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible start to every day.

Arriving on Time Matters

The school day starts promptly and important learning begins straight away. Children who arrive late can miss key instructions, morning routines and valuable learning opportunities.

We completely understand that occasional lateness can happen due to unexpected circumstances. However, where possible, we ask families to make small adjustments to routines to help children arrive on time every day.

Even a few minutes late each day can quickly add up to a significant amount of lost learning across the school year.

Coughs, Colds and Minor Illnesses

We have seen an increase in seasonal coughs and colds recently.

Where possible, children should still attend school with minor illnesses such as coughs, colds or minor ailments. Being in school helps children maintain routines, friendships and learning progress.

Our staff can often support children throughout the day through:

- Agreed medication arrangements
- Additional monitoring and reassurance
- Temporary adjustments where needed

If you are unsure whether your child should attend school, please contact the school office for advice before keeping them at home.

Holidays During Term Time

We understand that families sometimes face difficult decisions when arranging holidays and family events.

We need families to consider the following when planning holidays

- ✓ Booking during school holiday periods
- ✓ Choosing less popular travel dates
- ✓ Exploring alternative destinations which may be more affordable during holiday periods

Missing school affects learning, attendance and children's opportunities to build upon prior knowledge alongside their classmates.

Important Reminder

The school is required to follow Local Authority attendance guidance.

Attendance records are regularly reviewed and schools are challenged regarding absence levels and missed learning.

Since this guidance was introduced, no term-time holidays have been authorised.

Whilst some absences are unavoidable, requests for leave during term time should be avoided wherever possible.

Thank You

Thank you for working in partnership with us. Your support with attendance and punctuality helps ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

Every lesson counts. Every day counts. Every child counts.

Top Tips for Educators

PUPIL WELLBEING CONVERSATIONS

It can feel difficult to know how to start a conversation with a pupil about their wellbeing, either because you do not feel equipped with the information you think you need, or because you do not feel confident opening it up. You do not need to be a specialist. This guide covers how to start, what to say about confidentiality, and what to do with what you hear.

1 NURTURE WARM, TRUSTING, & KIND RELATIONSHIPS

When pupils have a consistent, emotionally available adult who shows they care and who holds them in mind, they thrive. They are also far more willing to open up and seek support. Positive, trusting relationships are an important part of supporting pupil wellbeing and complement more formal wellbeing programmes or sessions.

2 KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED

When a pupil discloses, stay calm while showing that you take it seriously. Panic can raise their anxiety and teach them that telling an adult makes things worse. Your steadiness can help them to keep calm and give them enough space to say the rest. Calm does not mean unmoved, and it is fine to tell them that what they have said is important and will be heard.

3 HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS

Many pupils find it easier to talk when a conversation does not require them to sit face to face with an adult. For example, conversations might take place while walking, tidying the classroom, or taking part in a lunchtime club. Sitting alongside someone removes the demand of eye contact, allows longer thinking time and lowers the intensity of the exchange. This can be particularly true for neurodivergent pupils, and for anyone who needs a moment before answering.

4 THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE

Consider whether the pupil can speak without being overheard or interrupted. If a pupil has already started talking, avoid unnecessarily disrupting the conversation by moving elsewhere. Where a more appropriate location is needed, explain why you need to move and give the pupil the opportunity to continue what they were saying.

5 BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

Never promise to keep information to yourself. Schools have a legal duty to share information relevant to a pupil's safety or welfare. Tell them at the start that you may need to pass something on, and who to. Then involve them in what happens next, as far as their age and understanding allow. Ask what they want to happen, what they want to say, and who they want to be told. Be honest that some things will need to happen whether they agree or not. A pupil who helped shape next steps is far more likely to tell someone again.

6 CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Provide a classroom free from belittling and shame-based behaviour management. Pupils who expect to be humiliated will not disclose. Where they feel listened to and see that difficulties are acted upon, they share worries earlier and whilst those worries are still small. If pupils hear adults belittling or talking about other pupils openly, it damages trust and they are likely to assume their worries will also be handled this way.

7 DO NOT CARRY IT ON YOUR OWN

Hearing something difficult can stay with you. When informing your designated safeguarding lead, share with them how it left you feeling and whether you feel you need further support. Your role as a trusted adult is what makes all of the above possible, and just as you have a responsibility to protect pupils' welfare, your school has a responsibility to protect yours.

HELPFUL OPENERS

- I've noticed you've been quieter. How's your week been?
- You don't seem your usual self, when might be a good time to catch up today?
- Sometimes it's hard to know what to say, but I'd like to understand?
- You don't have to talk now. I'll check in with you later?

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is a mental health and wellbeing specialist with nearly thirty years in education. She is a multi-academy trust director, special adviser, and a former adviser to the Department for Education on its mental health green paper.

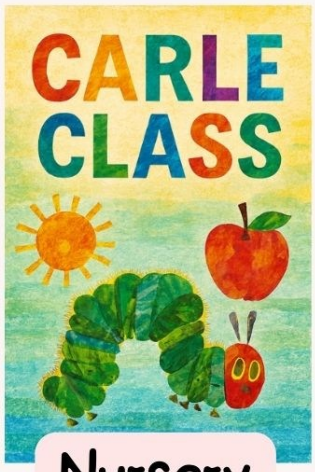


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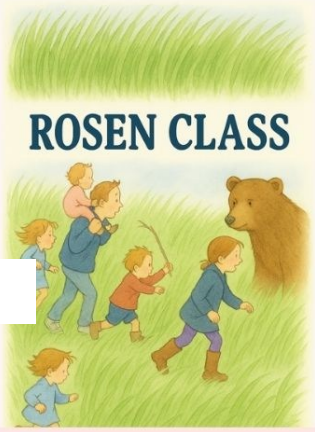
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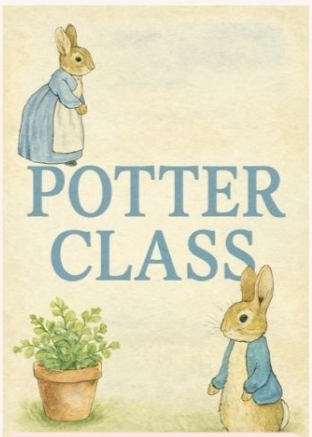
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories! We are so excited to introduce you to....



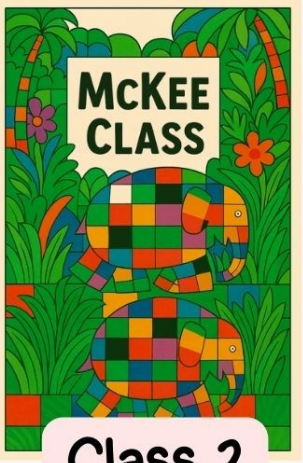
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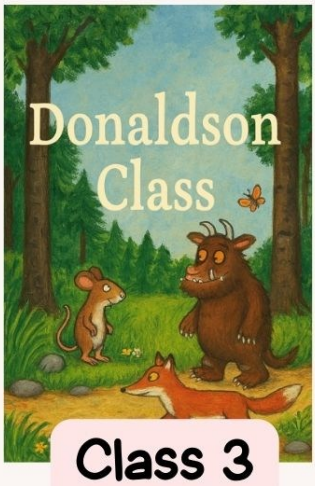
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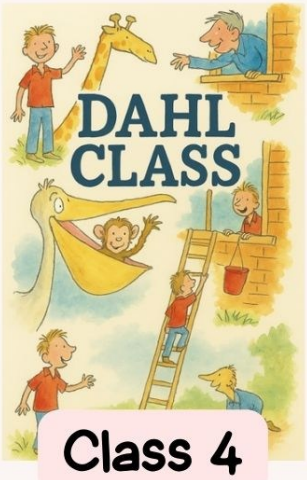
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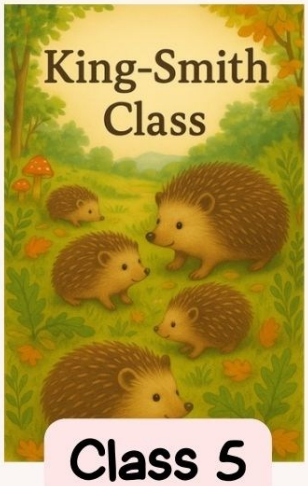
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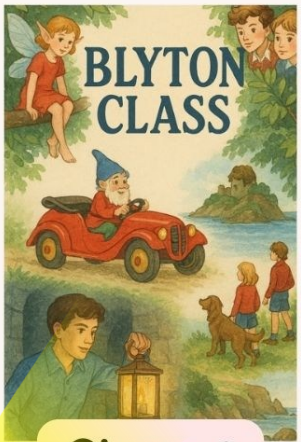
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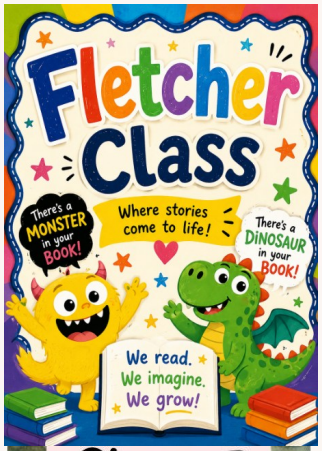
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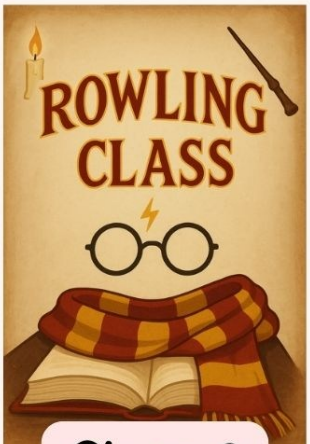
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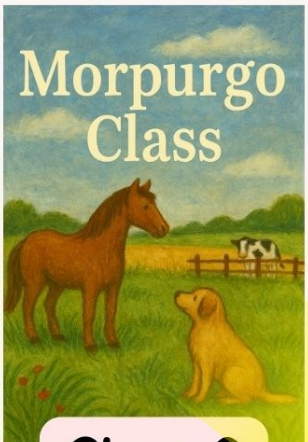
Class 6



Class 7



Class 8



Class 9

Patient

Non-Uniform Dates

British Heart Foundation

P.T.F.A

This overview includes non-uniform days that have been planned by the PTFA and our School Councillors. Any additional non-uniforms and events will be communicated as soon as they are planned.

Sept

25.09.2026
Colour Run non-uniform

If your child is taking part please can they come into school in their white top and sports kit ready to run. If they are not taking part they are welcome to take part in a non-uniform day.

Oct

9.10.2026 - Break the Rules Day (more info to follow)

22.10.2026 - Autumn Disco (non-uniform day)

Nov

13.11.2026 - Xmas Hamper Non-Uniform

Dec

10.12.2026 - Xmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)

17.12.2026 - Xmas Party Day (non-uniform)

18.12.2026 - Y1-Y4 Panto Day
EYFS: Magician Day

Jan

22.1.2027 - PJs, Hot Chocolates/ Milkshake Day

Feb

12.2.2027 - Easter Hamper Non-Uniform Day

Mar

4.3.2027 - World Book Day (details to follow)

10.3.2027 - Easter BINGO

19.3.2027 - Non-Uniform Day

Apr

22.4.2027 - Spring Disco

May

10.5.2027 - Wear Bright Colours - Healthy Minds Week

June

18.6.2027 - Knypersleys Got Talent (more details to follow)

WB 21.6.2027 - Sponsored Swim-a-thon week

25.6.2027 - PTFA Summer Sports Festival 3:30pm

July

16.7.2027 - Splat the Teacher

19.7.2027 - Summer Party Day

Over the year the PTFA will be running a number of sales such as Father's Day, Mother's Day and Tuck Shop Fridays they will keep you informed ahead of time!

Keep your eyes out for morning coffee shops on the playgrounds too!

Knypersley First School Term Dates 2026-2027

Please use our term dates to plan holidays outside school time; term-time holidays cannot be authorised. Attendance support including medication management is available just speak with your child's class teacher or headteacher.

Term	Term & Holiday Dates	Staff Training (INSET)
Autumn Term 2026	**Pupils attend:** Wed 2 Sept to Fri 23 Oct **Half Term:** Mon 26 Oct to Fri 30 Oct **Pupils attend:** Tue 3 Nov to Fri 18 Dec **Christmas Holiday:** Mon 21 Dec 2026 to Fri 1 Jan 2027	**INSET Day 1:** Tue 1 Sept 2026 (Staff only) **INSET Day 2:** Mon 2 Nov 2026 (Staff only)
Spring Term 2027	**Staff & Pupils attend:** Mon 4 Jan to Fri 12 Feb **Half Term:** Mon 15 Feb to Fri 19 Feb **Pupils attend:** Tue 23 Feb to Thu 25 Mar **Easter Holiday:** Mon 29 Mar to Fri 9 Apr	**INSET Day 3:** Mon 22 Feb 2027 (Staff only)
Summer Term 2027	**Staff & Pupils attend:** Mon 12 Apr to Fri 28 May **May Bank Holiday:** Mon 3 May (closed) **Half Term:** Mon 31 May to Fri 4 June **Pupils attend:** Tue 8 Jun to Tue 20 Jul **Summer Holiday begins:** Wed 21 Jul	**INSET Day 4:** Mon 7 Jun (Staff only) **INSET Day 5**: Wed 21 Jul 2027 (Staff only)

