



## Headteacher's Message

Friday 19th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wintery week it has been! Whilst we have had lots of beautiful winter sunny days to enjoy it has been difficult managing the snow and ice on foot and with transport. Thank you for your patience and support on Tuesday with our later start to the school day. This helped to give time for staff to get to school safely and for us to clear footpaths around the school grounds. My journey to school normally takes about half an hour – on Tuesday it took an hour and half!

The children did enjoy some time out in the snow on Tuesday while it was still fresh and soft. But playtimes have been mainly inside – because so many of the playground areas are unsafe with thick sections of ice. All being well next week with the predicted milder weather all play areas will be fully open for the children.

As a school we did make an appeal to the Liverpool City council to grit the pathways to our school entrances but unfortunately this has not been done.

### A focus in school: Behaviours for learning.

In school we have six key behaviours for learning – these are things the children can do with staff support to be a successful learner. Over the next few weeks we are having a refreshed focus on these. Each week in my assembly there will a spotlight on one coupled with a Headteachers challenge and certificate. Also I have set a design challenge for children to design a new symbol/picture to represent each one. The final designs will be transformed into a permanent display in school. I will keep you updated on how we progress.

### Behaviours for Learning at St. Michael's:

<b>Be an active listener</b> 	<b>Be an active participant</b> 	<b>Be resilient</b> 
<b>Be a creative thinker</b> 	<b>Be up for a challenge</b> 	<b>Be understanding of others</b> 



### Free School Meals

**Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and year 2

**Are you entitled?** are entitled to free school meals regardless of your income. Click [here](#) to apply for free school meals. You will get an instant decision.

### A date for your diary:

#### Parent and Carers Pupil Progress Meeting (Open Night)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 6.30pm Times will be shared the week of 26<sup>th</sup> February.



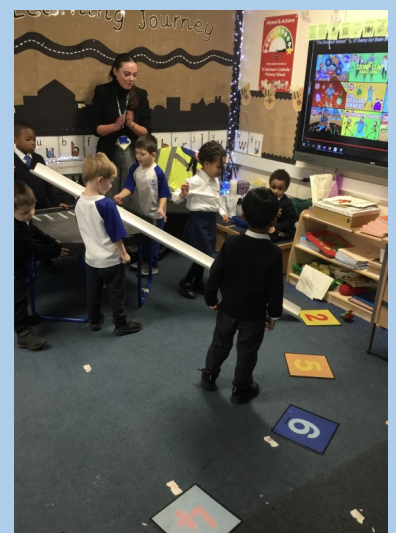
Best Wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Alyson Rigby.



### Class Focus

Shining Stars have had a fantastic start to the new year and have delved into our theme of Superheroes'. We kicked off the year with Superbat, focusing on our comprehension skills, blending, ambitious vocabulary and also finding our passion for reading. Our writing has focused on our new book Juniper Jupiter and children are showing huge progress in not only letter formation but also in using Wise Owl's good writing techniques, we look forward to continuing our independent writing using lots of beautiful vocabulary and using our story friends to help sequence our story. Superheroes have driven a mighty force into our continuous provision and enjoying dressing up in our superheroes costumes, using new vocabulary to role play different heroes. We have been taking advantage of our dry crisp weather to spend more time outside, we have particularly enjoyed 'laser obstacles' focusing on children's gross motor skills, spacial awareness and reasoning as well as using lots of mathematic language to negotiate space. In math, we are continuing our deep dive into number with a particular focus starting the year with exploring how numbers get bigger when we add more. We have been using a variety of manipulatives to build our understanding as well as using sensory activities for an added bit of fun, we have loved using shaving foam as cement to build our noodle towers. Shining Stars is a class which focus on our Catholic values of kindness and being part of a community and we are so proud of what a caring, joyful class family we are.







## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



Well done to this super scientist who was chosen by Ms. Duncan for his excellent questions during his science lesson this week. He's showing a real thirst for knowledge and his inquisitiveness is lovely to see.

### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



This week's mathematician comes from our Nursery class. He's been learning all about shapes and their properties. He's even been making shapes using lollipop sticks. You can see here his wonderful triangle that he could tell us all about!



### Reader of the Week

This week's Reader of the Week is Munashe in High Flyers, for how well he reads in class and how much he's been reading out of class. Well done!

### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK



This phonics superstar has made so much progress since the start of the year. He's doing so well at learning his sounds that he'll be reading big books on his own in no time!



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## After School Clubs

<b>Mon</b>	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs Ms. Birks Ms. Sillitoe	Y6
	Reading Tutoring	Ms Whittaker	Y5
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Duncan Ms. McEntee	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Forbes	Y4
	Basketball	Jake Edsential	Y5 & 6
<b>Tue</b>	Craft Club	Ms. Cornett	KS2
	Choir	Ms. Haynes Ms. O'Kane	KS2
	Bingo & Games	Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Duncan	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Forbes	Y4

<b>Wed</b>	Craft Club	Miss Duncan	Y3
	Bingo & Games	Ms. Davison Ms. McMahon Ms. Collins	Y1
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Butterworth	Y5
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Ghazali Ms. Briggs	Y6
<b>Thur</b>	Mini Vinnies	Ms Roscoe & Ms Birch	Y5 & 6
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Birks Ms. Sillitoe	Y6 Y6
	Football	LFC	Y1 & 2
<b>Fri</b>	Basketball	Coach Sam	Y3 & 4
	Reading Tutoring	Ms. Whittaker	Y5

### Equality : Genesis 1:27

'I have a dream.....'



I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.



What do you think of these words from Martin Luther King?

Class prayer time

God of life,  
May we be inspired by  
the miracles that your  
Son Jesus performed,  
To do our best to make  
a real difference to  
others around the world.  
**Amen.**

Read the  
[Parish of St Michael & Sacred Heart Newsletters'](#)  
and [The Wednesday Word](#)



**Jaime Cranham**  
**Our Family**  
**Support**  
**Worker**

Jamie is available to talk privately about any questions, concerns or issues you may have. Come along for a private chat.

**Drop in sessions every Tuesday at 9:00am**

**Jaime Cranham 07712235803**

**jaime.cranham@liverpool.gov.uk**

**or see Mrs Birch**

**Ask at Reception for further details**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nicolas

Antonio

Laysie

Favor

Annia

Mobolaji

Gabriella

Miradine

Mirabelle

Filimon





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## Attendance



WIN A BIKE!!! THE CHILDREN WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEAR WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW IN JULY!

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Year Group	% Attendance
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	91
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	89.4
<b>QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>98</b>
RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1	90.4
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	90.6
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	91
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.4
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	93.9
HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4	94
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	93.5
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	95.5
<b>HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5</b>	<b>97.9</b>
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	86.3
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	97.9
Totals	93.8

Well done to the **QUICK THINKERS** and **HIGH FLYERS** of the Juniors, for achieving the highest attendance this week. Let's keep on pushing for 100% attendance, 100% of the time!

These classes have won this week's mini disco & crisps for best Class attendance. Well done

### Attendance Ladder



Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.



We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. This graph shows how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

Until...

Cholera: at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have healed over

Diphtheria and Tetanus: 10 days after the last episode

Gold and Red Star: 10 days after the last episode

Scarlet fever: 10 days after the last episode

Measles: 4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps: 5 days after the swelling started

Scabies: 10 days after the last episode

Shingles: 10 days after the last episode

Whooping Cough: 10 days after the last episode

**No**

but make sure you let your school or nursery know about...

Head lice: 10 days after the last episode

Hand, foot and mouth: 10 days after the last episode

Shingles: 10 days after the last episode

Scarlet fever: 10 days after the last episode

Whooping Cough: 10 days after the last episode

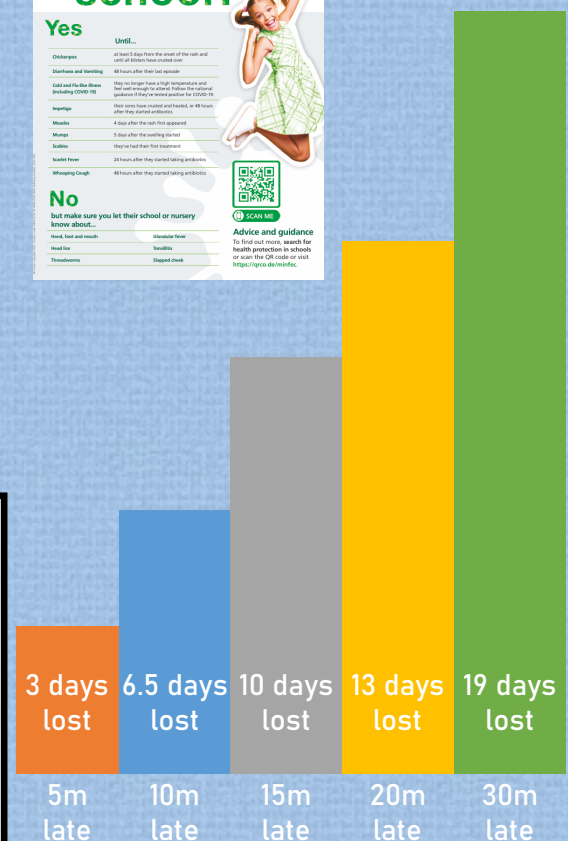
Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or visit the NHS website or visit <https://www.nhs.uk>

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In the interest of your child's safety and well being, a named adult needs to be contactable at all times. Please ensure the school has at least 3 up to date telephone numbers. If school are unable to contact you and have concerns we may call the police and request a welfare check.

Can you please call school at the beginning of the day if your child is going to be absent.







Last term, the children began collecting credits for the Children's University by attending after school clubs, taking on roles within class and attending clubs outside of school.

If your child attends clubs outside of school, you can purchase a passport from the school office for £3 (paid on the school app) and this can be stamped by your child's club.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 will be invited to a Children's University graduation this summer **for free** if they achieve 30 credits or more! Can you believe some children are already close?!

## Passports!



### Where can I get one?

From the office for £3.00

### Do I need one to collect credits?

No! Only if you want to collect credits outside of school.

### How do I get it stamped?

When you visit somewhere, ask their help desk to stamp your passport.

### My club doesn't have a stamp.

#### What do I do?

Take them a postcard to sign up for free. They will be sent a stamp.



If you have any questions, please contact the school office and Miss Sillitoe can offer support.

Thank you!





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**LIVERPOOL LITERACY CYCLE**

# **2024 YEAR OF WRITING**

**Welcome and formal handover by  
Lord Mayor Cllr Mary Rasmussen**

**1PM - 4PM**

**SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY**

**DISCOVER ROOM AT CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**WILLIAM BROWN STREET L3 8EW**

**KINGS & QUEENS COMPETITION BOOK LAUNCH  
AUTHORS, WRITERS & PUBLISHERS STALLS  
WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES  
PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A  
WRITING COMPETITIONS  
LITERACY PARTNERS  
WRITING GAMES  
FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**FREE**



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**Liverpool  
City Council**



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EDUCATION  
GRANTS  
CHARITABLE  
TRUST**







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## SEN & Health



**European Immunization Week**  
Prevent Protect Insurance

**NHS**

# MEASLES

**Don't let your child catch it**  
— get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments — you could spread the illness to others.

**Measles symptoms include:** high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

**i mmunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

For more information contact your local GP surgery or visit: [www.nhs.uk/mmr](http://www.nhs.uk/mmr)



**UK Health Security Agency**

**NHS**

# Starting nursery?

When your child starts nursery they will be learning and playing with more children. If they are not up to date with their jabs, they could be at risk of catching preventable diseases.

✓ Visited the nursery  
✓ Settling in sessions  
✓ Check vaccines are up to date

Pre-school jabs include:

- ✓ MMR1 at 1 year
- ✓ MMR2 at 3 years 4 months
- ✓ Booster at 3 years 4 months

Check their personal health record (Red Book) and contact their GP surgery to ensure your child has had all their routine vaccinations. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine and be up to date with all their routine vaccinations.

For a full checklist of all the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations)


**Scan here: MMR for all leaflet**



[qrco.de/MMRFORALL](http://qrco.de/MMRFORALL)

**i mmunisation**  
Helping to protect everyone at every age

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**the national sleep helpline**

# Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am





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## Safeguarding & Support

**Safeguarding Team**

If you are feeling sad, upset, hurt or scared you can talk to any member of staff.

 Mrs Birch	 Mrs Gordon	 Mrs Pigby	 Mrs Reilly	 Mrs Riley
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If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries please speak to a member of the team.



**Worried about a Child or Young Person?**

If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

**CARELINE**  
Call 0151 233 3700

**NSPCC**

**Worried about a child?**

**0808 800 5000**  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**TALK TO US**

If things are getting to you

**116 123** FREE  
The number is FREE to call from any landline.

[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
[samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)

**SAMARITANS**

Call in for advice and support

**BIG HELP PROJECT**




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hope Place, 410 East Prescott Road, L14 3EQ 11am - 1pm	Deysbrook Community Centre, 2 Deysbrook Way, L12 4XF 9am - 12pm	Friends of Eaton Street Park @ Eaton Street, Prescot, L34 6DH 11:30am - 1:30pm	Croxteth Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 9am - 3pm	Croxteth Family Matters @ 35 Moss Way, L11 0BL 10:30pm - 12:30pm
Joseph Loppin Centre, Mill Lane, Old Swan, L13 5TF 12pm - 2pm	Community Hub, The Craft, Stockbridge Village, L28 1NR 12pm - 2pm	The Drive, 235B Finch Lane, L14 4AE 12pm - 3pm	Deysbrook Community Centre, 2 Deysbrook Way, L12 4XF 9am - 12pm	The Drive, 235B Finch Lane, L14 4AE 12pm - 3pm
Big Help Project, 212H Booter Street, Kensington 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Market Stalls No. 118-119, Market Square, Kirby, L32 8RQ 12pm - 2pm	St George's Church, 46 Primrose Drive, L36 8DW 10am - 1pm	Community Hub, The Craft, Stockbridge Village, L28 1NR 10:30am - 12:30pm	St Michael's Hutton Parish Church Hall, Bluebell Lane, L36 7SE 12pm - 2pm
Marybone Youth Centre, Addison Way, L3 2EW 1pm - 4pm	Walton Vale Community Shop, 105 Walton Vale, Walton, L9 4SR 1:30pm - 3:30pm (Book for 5:30 - 6:30 slot at <a href="http://waltonvaleshop.co.uk">waltonvaleshop.co.uk</a> )	The Flowers @ 1 Citron Close, L9 1LG 2:30pm - 4:30pm	Charlotte's Brightside @ New Brighton Community Centre, 1A Hope Street, CH45 2LN 12pm - 3pm	Roby Community Centre, Merton Cres, Hayton, L36 4LD 12pm - 2pm
Charlotte's Brightside @ New Brighton Community Centre, 1A Hope Street, CH45 2LN 12:30pm - 3:30pm	Care Merseyside Tower Hill Community Centre, Ebony Way, L33 1XT 12:30pm - 2:30pm	The Drive, 235B Finch Lane, L14 4AE 4pm - 6pm	Walton Vale Community Shop, 105 Walton Vale, Walton, L9 4SR 1:30pm - 3:30pm (Book for 5:30 - 6:30 slot at <a href="http://waltonvaleshop.co.uk">waltonvaleshop.co.uk</a> )	Big Help Project, 212H Booter Street, Kensington 1:30pm - 3:30pm
	Charlotte's Brightside @ New Brighton Community Centre, 1A Hope Street, CH45 2LN 12pm - 3pm	Roby Community Centre, Merton Cres, Hayton, L36 4LD 12pm - 2pm	Market Stalls No. 118-119, Market Square, Kirby, L32 8RQ 12pm - 2pm	Big Help Cymru, 31 Vale Road, Rhyl, LL18 2BT 12pm - 2:30pm
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**BIG HELP PROJECT Food Clubs**

Food Clubs offer members good quality fresh food that would otherwise go to landfill. Members pay £3.50 a week and choose up to 10 items, or pay £5 for up to 15 items.

\*subject to change - check our social media every Monday for our

**Find out more about Big Help:**

Big Help Project  
@bighelpproject  
@bighelpproject

[bighelpproject.com](http://bighelpproject.com)  
0151 482 6089  
212 Booter St L6 6AF

## FIND A MEAL

**Bootle**  
Tuesdays at 7pm  
St Matthew's  
410 Stanley Road  
L20 5AE

**Dingle**  
Wednesdays at 7pm  
St Cleopas Church  
400 Mill Street  
L8 4RF

**Old Swan**  
Thursdays 7pm  
The Salvation Army  
Prescot Road  
L13 3BT



**Come in for a free meal**  
No referral needed, just turn up!

[www.foodcycle.org.uk](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk) | 02077 292 775  
Registered charity number: 113423





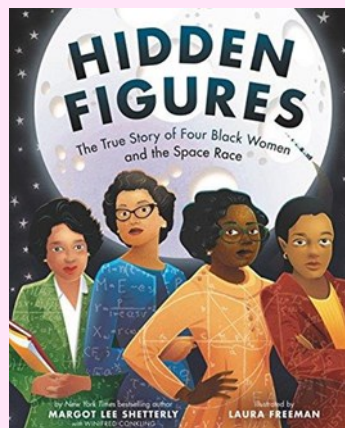
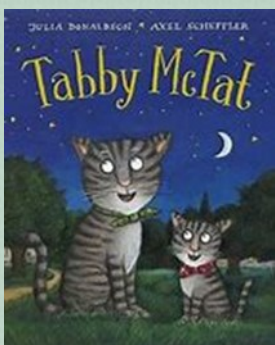
## Dates for your Diary/Upcoming Events

Activity	Date/Time	Year group	
Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading	Week commencing 15th Jan for 2 weeks	Whole School	
Children's Mental Health Week	5th February	Whole school	
Colomendy	7th - 9th February	Year 6	Residential Trip
World Book Day	7th march	Whole School	
Mother's Day Assembly	8th March	Year 1	
Science Week	11th March	Whole School	
Parent's Evening	14th March	Whole School	
Winmarleigh Hall	20th - 22nd March	Year 5	Residential Trip

## Storytime @ St Michael's

Scan a code, snuggle up and listen to a story!

Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson and Axel



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Hidden figures: the true story of four black women and the space race."

By Margot Lee Shetterly  
Illustrated by Laura Freeman







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### Term Dates 2023 -2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

Term: Monday 4th September – Thursday 21st December

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 26th October

Half term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 6th November to Thursday 21st December

Terms ends: Thursday 21st December 2023

#### Spring Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February

Half term: Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March

Term ends: Thursday 28th March

#### Summer Term 2024

Term: Monday 8th April to Friday 19th July

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 7th June

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 10th June to Friday 19th July

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May



### Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 27th October

Monday 19th February 2024

Four extended twilight sessions (22nd Dec & 22 July)





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### Term Dates 2024 -2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Term: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 20th December

Pupils: Autumn Term 1 – Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October

Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Pupils: Autumn Term 2 – Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December

Terms ends: Friday 20th December 2024

#### Spring Term 2025

Term: Monday 6th January – Thursday 10th April

Pupils: Spring Term 1 – Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Monday 24th February

Pupils: Spring Term 2 – Tuesday 25th February to Thursday 10th April

Term ends: Thursday 10th April 2025

#### Summer Term 2025

Term: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July (May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May)

Pupils: Summer Term 1 – Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 6th June

Pupils: Summer Term 2 – Monday 9th June to Friday 18th July

Term Ends: Friday 18th July 2025



### Staff Development Days – School closed for pupils

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Six extended twilight session