

# Headteacher's Message

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Dear Parents and Carers

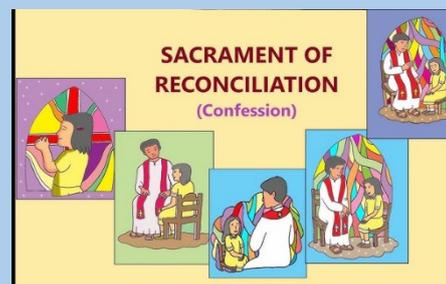


Gosh! Hard to believe we are at the end of another busy week in school. The icy and snowy weather was quite a surprise too for mid-November! I think we have all been digging out our hats, gloves and scarfs!

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession)**

On Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart Church a group of our children made this very special sacrament. They took part in a beautiful service led by Father FitzGerald which was supported by the catechists. It was lovely to see how reverent our children were as they made their first confession supported by their families. These children will make their First Holy Communion in early Summer next year.

Congratulations to all these children.



## **World Children's Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Report by Ms Norman (Yr6 teacher)**

To celebrate 'World Children's Day', our Year 6 debate team ventured to the Athenaeum in the city centre to take part in the '**Young Minds, Big Ideas**' debate event!

Our children prepared persuasive debates based on accessibility in public spaces, creative curriculums and mental health. Set in the spectacular library room, each debate team had an opportunity to share their ideas with local schools before the floor was opened to questions and counterarguments. The children practised active listening, using persuasive language, giving feedback and demonstrating respect for the opinions of others. The group then exercised their democratic right to vote - a fundamental British Value. The children loved having their voices heard and bravely stood up in front of over 70 people! Following the debates, all were invited to tour the committee room where our children poured over books and local maps that are over three hundred years old.

Our school team were honoured to be one of only five schools invited in the city and loved an opportunity to demonstrate being ready, safe and respectful just like our school values. In fact, staff and members of the Athenaeum commented on how polite we were. Mrs Fagan and Ms Norman were very proud to see them represent our school so well.

*Members of the Athenaeum commented more than once how well behaved and respectful our children were and how well they represented our school.*

**Thank you to Ms Norman and Ms Fagan for leading this very successful trip.**





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### **Ten Pin Bowling Competition at Hollywood Bowls**

Also, on Wednesday a group of children across the school were selected to represent St Michael's at a local inter-school bowling competition. Ms O'Brien and Ms McMahon took the team of pupils in the mini bus to the venue and the bowling commenced! The children had a wonderful time and participated with enthusiasm and great team spirit. Once again, the behaviour of all the children was excellent. All arrived back at school full of excitement about how enjoyable the event was. **Thank you to Ms O'Brien and Ms McMahon for leading the trip.**

### **National Sugar Awareness Week**

This week is sugar awareness week, and all of the children took part in a virtual dental hygiene session today.

It is very important that we teach children to look after their teeth, brushing them twice a day and giving drinks like water over sugary juices and fizzy drinks. Each child will receive a water bottle and the infant children will receive thbrush and toothpaste too to take home on Friday to help them to take care of their teeth. Please see link to letter

### **Food Audit -External Assessment**

On Thursday we have our external food audit. All schools have to have this every several years. An external assessor from Liverpool city council spent a large part of yesterday looking at food prep, our menus, quality and service of food, children's experience in the lunch hall and more. The assessor spent quite a large part of his time talking to the children to gather their views -and rightly so! We will get a full report but he did feedback about effective, caring and committed our catering team are led by **Graham** our wonderful chef. He said the atmosphere in the hall during lunch is lovely and he was hugely positive about everything we are doing for our children's lunchtime experience.

### **Back by popular demand! We are off to the Christmas Pantomime again.**

Last year we took **ALL (Reception-yr6)** the children to the Christmas Pantomime at the M&S arena in Liverpool. Everyone had the most wonderful time so we are going again!

The date is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Last year we totally funded the trip including transport. But unfortunately we cannot afford to completely cover the cost this year and ask for a £5 contribution for each child. This is still at a greatly reduced cost.

**Thank you for the consent forms we have received to date but there are many that have not returned via the link on the message sent earlier this week. Please complete this [by clicking here](#) ASAP. Can you also please make the £5 contribution ASAP too! Thank you**





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### **Advent and Christmas**

Here are the Assemblies and Celebration Evens for this Term. They maybe variable to changes.

Please note the change of date for the Reception and Nursery Nativity

Assemblies and Activities	Year group	DATE	Parents/Children
Toy Sale	Whole school	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children Only
MIND Breakfast	Whole school	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents and Children
Advent 1	Year 3	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr4&5 11am yr1/2/6
Bees Exhibition and Dance Workshop	Year 3	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Children Only (Volunteer Helpers)
Christmas Crafts Workshop	Reception/KS1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
Christmas Crafts Workshop	KS2	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Parents and children 2.15pm
Advent 2	Year 4	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&5 11am yr1/2/6
Advent 3	Year 5	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/6
Christmas Lunch for Children	Whole School	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Only
Choir Singing at St Bede's	Choir	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Only
Advent 4 and Nativity	Year 6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents/yr3&4 11am yr1/2/5
Nativity	Nursery	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents 2.30pm parents
Nativity	Reception	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents
Nativity	Infants (1&2)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am parents 2.15pm parents
Christmas Pantomime Trip	Reception-Yr6	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Children and volunteer parents/carers
Christmas Family Social and Disco	All School	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5-7pm in Irish Centre	School Families and staff

### **Sparkles will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs Rigby



# Focus on: Olympians

The Olympians have made an amazing start to life in the juniors and in Year Three.

Every single member of the class has many successes and achievements to celebrate. Mrs Fagan, Miss Lawson and I are incredibly proud of them all.

In English we have studied the Iron Man and Fox, using both as inspiration for various types of writing.

In Maths, the children have proven themselves to be masters of place value in the first half term and now experts in addition and subtraction in the second.

The children have worked hard to complete the following topics: Ancient Egypt and Ancient Civilisations in History, Rivers and Mountains in Geography, Plants in Science, Charcoal in Art, Dance and Gymnastics in P.E, as well as taking parts in many excellent Music, DT and R.E lessons. We welcomed some of our parents on a school trip to St Michael's church which was a massive success.





# School Activities

On Wednesday Mrs O'Brien and Miss McMahon took a group of children to the West Derby schools network ten pin bowling contest.

The children were a credit to our school and showed true sportsmanship. They were even lucky enough to achieve a few strikes. Much fun was had by all who attended and each child came away with a medal.





## School Activities

### MIND Raffle

There will be a raffle starting from Monday 18th November and tickets will be on sale all week. Children will be able to purchase tickets during break time in school.

Tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 tickets or 20p a ticket.

We will draw the prize on Friday 29th November during the celebration assembly. We have 3 adult hampers and 2 children's hampers on sale.

All of the money raised will be donated to **MIND charity**. Tickets will be on sale during the **MIND Breakfast on Wednesday 27th November**.



### Big Breakfast for MIND

We are hosting a big breakfast for **MIND Charity** where all parents/carers are invited to join at the School Junior hall.

**Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 8:15-8:45am.**

We are hosting a Big Breakfast for MIND!





# New To Me Toy Sale

Tuesday 26th November

Please donate cuddly toys, board games, books etc. (no electronics)

Maximum price £1



Wednesday 4th December Family Christmas Craft Making –at School Infants Hall at 2:00PM

Thursday 5th December Family Christmas Craft Making –at School Juniors Hall at 2:00PM

Thursday 19th December Family Christmas Social at the Irish Centre - 5-7PM



## Celebration

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



### MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK



### ABOVE AND BEYOND



These Children have gone Above and Beyond this week. They have been rewarded with a certificate and a hot chocolate with cream, marshmallows and biscuits. Well done!

### Head Teacher Awards

Year 3	Sara	Ainshiyam
Year 4	Ethan	Nevaeh
Year 5	Philip	Eldana
Year 6	Moyin	Jens

### Reader of the Week



### PHONICS STAR OF THE WEEK





## After School Clubs

Autumn	
Monday	Ms Cornett Book Club KS 2 Coach Sam Multi Sports Y2
Tuesday	Choir - Mrs O'Kane & Rosy
Wednesday	Mr Smith Chess Club Y5/6 Ms Briggs Ms Butterworth Book Club
Friday	Fitness - Coach Sam

PE Days	
Reception	Tue & Fri
Year 1	Mon & Fri
Year 2	Wed & Fri
Year 3	Tue & Fri
Year 4	Thur & Fri
Year 5	Tue & Fri
Year 6	Wed PE Thur Swim

### Respect: Ephesians 4:29

Anti-Bullying Week – Choose what you say

<sup>29</sup> Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

What do you think 'harmful words' means?



Dear Jesus  
 We thank you for our friends.  
 Help us to value and respect the things that matter to them,  
 And to share with them true friendship in return.  
 Amen

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

School Family Support Worker

Erin Devereaux



Erin is available to talk privately about any concerns or issues.

**Drop ins every Tuesday at 9:00am**

Erin Devereaux 07598068682

[erin.devereaux@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:erin.devereaux@liverpool.gov.uk)

Ask at reception for more details

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ali

Milo

Erel

Shashini

Muhammad

Abbie

Aicha



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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

### Attendance Ladder



Well done to the **Record Breakers** and **Hotshots** 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

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 young people life.

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**Should I keep my child off school?**

**Yes**

Until...

- Chickpox: at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting: 48 hours after their last episode.
- Ear and Throat Infection: 48 hours after their last episode and until they are well enough to return to school.
- Impetigo: once sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they are well enough.
- Measles: 4 days after the rash first appeared.
- Mumps: 5 days after the swelling started.
- Scarlet: they are back to their first appearance.
- Scrub Typhus: 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
- Whooping Cough: 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

**No**

But make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Head lice
- Hand, foot and mouth
- Shingles
- Strep throat
- Strep throat
- Strep throat

**Advice and guidance**

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://go.nhs.uk>

Year Group	% Attendance
<b>Year Group</b>	
SHINING STARS - RECEPTION	86.4%
SUPERSTARS - RECEPTION	94.5%
QUICK THINKERS - YEAR 1	95.3%
<b>RECORD BREAKERS - YEAR 1</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
GOLDEN WONDERS - YEAR 2	93.3%
WORLD BEATERS - YEAR 2	94%
HEROES - YEAR 3	97.4%
OLYMPIANS - YEAR 3	95.3%
<b>HOTSHOTS - YEAR 4</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
INSPIRATIONS - YEAR 4	91.6%
HIGH ACHIEVERS - YEAR 5	97.7%
HIGH FLYERS - YEAR 5	94.7%
WHIZZKIDS - YEAR 6	98.1%
CHAMPIONS - YEAR 6	95.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.6%</b>

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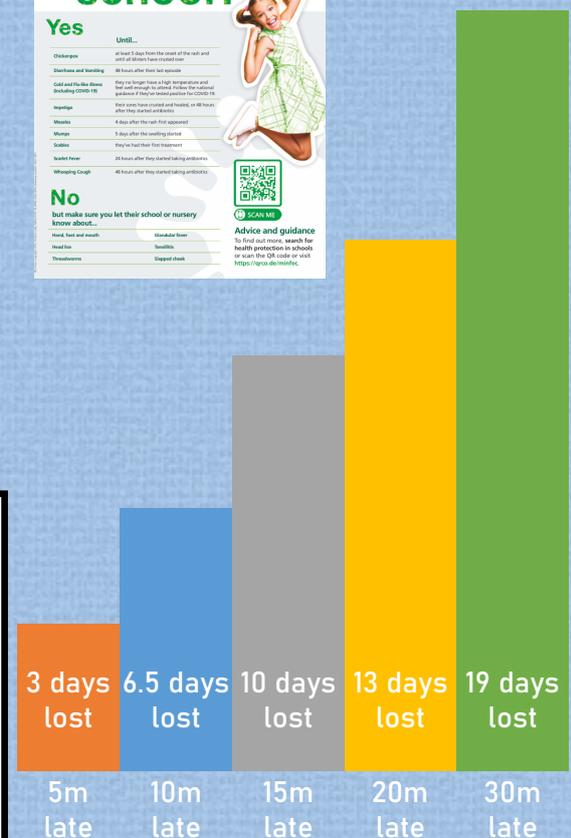


We aim for average school attendance to be 97% There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

### 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.





## Parenting, SEN and other support



### OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	<b>24 OCT</b> <b>25 NOV</b>
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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### November 2024 Newsletter

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Monday  
25th Nov  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



#### FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday  
7th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
12th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday  
18th Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



#### Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday  
21st Nov  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



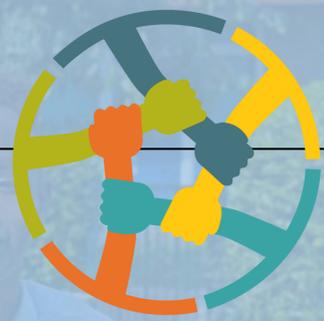
#### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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# Think Pharmacy First

## To all parents and carers in Cheshire and Merseyside

**Did you know...** as well as offering advice and over the counter treatments for lots of childhood illnesses, pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments and prescription medications (if needed) for these four common conditions in children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (age 5 and over)
- Infected insect bites (age 1 and over)
- Impetigo (age 1 and over)

This **Pharmacy First** service is available at most community pharmacies in Cheshire and Merseyside.

### Fast advice and treatment

When your child is feeling unwell and off school with one these conditions, you want the right help as quickly as possible.

Pharmacies can often provide a **same day consultation with a trained clinical professional**, giving you access to advice and medication all in one place, without the need for a GP appointment first.

This means they could be on the road to recovery and back at school much sooner.



Think pharmacy first



### So remember:

If your child has an ear ache, sore throat, symptoms of impetigo or a suspected infected bite, **think Pharmacy First!**

**For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](http://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)**



**Mersey Care**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Liverpool Immunisation Team

### Has your child missed their flu vaccination?

It's not too late - contact the team on **0151 295 3833** to book an appointment.

### Clinic dates

- 5 October - Princes Park Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 12 October - Crawford House, L8 8DN
- 19 October, Garston SLTC, L19 2LW
- 29 October, Childwall Neighbourhood Health Centre, L15 6UT
- 31 October, Townsend Neighbourhood Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 2 November, Kensington Neighbourhood Health Centre, L7 2PF
- 9 November, Crawford House, L8 8ND
- 16 November, Townsend Neighbourhood Health Centre, L6 0BB
- 30 November, Princes Park Health Centre, L8 0SY
- 4 December - Garston SLTC, L19 2LW
- 7 December - Garston SLTC, L19 2LW

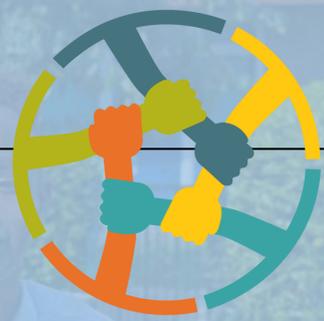
### Flu: 5 reasons

to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child
2. Protect you, your family and friends
3. No injection needed
4. It's better than having flu
5. Avoid costs

Visit: [merseycare.nhs.uk/imms](https://merseycare.nhs.uk/imms)





# Winter Gift from FACE

join via [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

Watch the recording of Jane Keyworth delivering this online session (one hour 45 minutes) to parents in the UK

"We need every parent and teacher to attend this outstanding presentation. It provides a brilliant exposé of the challenges young people face as they develop from child to young adult. The presentation is very informative but also very accessible and entertaining. I cannot recommend this talk highly enough"

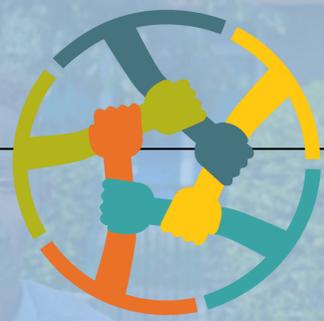
**Mr Andrew Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster, UK High school**





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Liverpool  
City Council

# WINTER WARMER

event

Friday 29 November 2024  
10am - 2pm

The Hilton Hotel  
Liverpool One  
3 Thomas Steers Way  
Liverpool L1 8LW

A FREE local event organised by  
Liverpool City Council's  
Healthy Homes team.

A range of organisations offering expert  
advice on various issues including:

- Fuel poverty
- Healthy eating
- Social/lifestyle information
- Advice on benefits, emergency fuel and food payments
- Free food packs with recipes (zero food waste whilst stocks last)
- Benefit Maximisation checks
- Free health checks
- Eligibility checks for Energy Efficiency Funding
- Energy saving advice
- Fuel debt advice
- Free winter warmer packs (while stocks last)

And much more ...

FREE  
Prize Draw  
with various  
prizes donated  
by local  
businesses

FREE  
hot drink  
on arrival



FREephone 0800 0121 754  
[liverpool.gov.uk/  
healthyhomesprogramme](http://liverpool.gov.uk/healthyhomesprogramme)



## Safeguarding & Support



### Safeguarding Team



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

Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Birch

Co-designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Gordon

Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Rigby

Safeguarding  
Team Member



Mrs Reilly

Safeguarding  
Governor



Ms Riley

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 is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to:

**Children's Advice & Support Service**

**CASS- 0151 459 2606**



## Storytime @ St Michael's

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

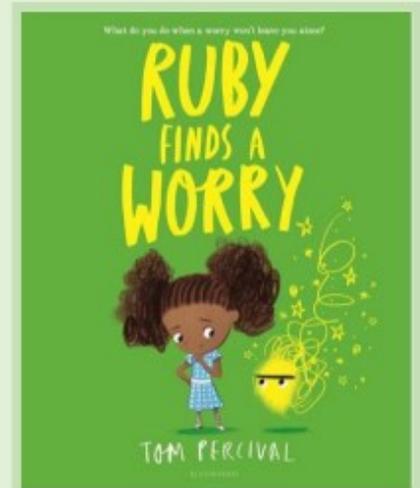
### Stick Man by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler



Scan the QR code to listen to...

"Ruby Finds a Worry"

By Tom Percival





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## St Michael's Catholic Primary School

### 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