

Newsletter 27th February 2026



Head Teachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is: [Head Teacher Message 27th February 2026](#)

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St Joseph, pray for us.

25. Theme of the Week 1st March 2026

The Transfiguration

Weekly Reflections:
2nd week of Lent
1st March 2026



From the Gospel of Matthew (17: 1-9)

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'



Lord Jesus,
On the mountain you revealed your divine glory
and the disciples saw who you truly are.
In the busyness of our lives, help us to pause and listen.
When we feel uncertain or under pressure,
give us the courage to trust your guidance.
Transform our choices and our actions
so we may reflect your light
in our school and in the world.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Prayer for the Week

Day 1
What happened to Jesus on the mountain?
Why do you think Moses and Elijah appeared with him?
What was the message God gave to the disciples?
Now complete this sentence:
The Transfiguration shows us that...

Day 2 - Attentive & Discerning
"This is my beloved Son... listen to him."
What does it mean to really listen?
How does careful listening help us make better decisions?
When might you need to pause before reacting this week?

Day 3
Day 3 during Lent will be given over to the Stations of the Cross.
This week please reflect on Stations 3, 4 and 5

Theme of the Week - The Transfiguration

Day 1 - Understanding the Transfiguration

As we continue our journey through Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on the Transfiguration — a moment when Jesus revealed his divine glory and prepared his disciples for what was to come. During Lent, we are encouraged to pause, listen and grow in understanding, just as the disciples did on the mountain.

In the Gospel, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain where they witnessed something extraordinary. They saw Jesus transformed: his face shone with light and his clothes became dazzling white. This showed them his divine glory and helped them realise that he was not only a teacher or leader, but truly the Son of God. Moses and Elijah appeared with him, representing the Law and the Prophets. Their presence showed that Jesus fulfils God's promises and continues the story of God's relationship with his people.

Then the disciples heard God's voice from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son... listen to him." This message reminded them that they should trust Jesus and follow his guidance, even when they did not fully understand what lay ahead. The Transfiguration gave the disciples a moment of clarity and encouragement before the difficult events that would follow. In Lent, we too are invited to listen more carefully, reflect on our choices and allow ourselves to be changed as we prepare for Easter.

Day 2 - Listening and Choosing Wisely

At the centre of the Transfiguration is the instruction: "Listen to him." Listening requires attention and thought. When we are attentive, we notice what is happening around us and understand the needs of others. When we are discerning, we pause and choose wisely rather than reacting quickly. In school, this might mean listening carefully in lessons, responding thoughtfully in friendships, or making choices that reflect our values. The Transfiguration challenges us not only to hear Jesus' words, but to let them guide our actions.

Lent



As we begin the **first week of Lent**, we are invited to take time to reflect and think about how we can grow closer to God and become the best version of ourselves. Lent is a special season where we focus on **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** small actions that can make a big difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

Lent is not just about giving something up; it is about **becoming kinder, more patient, and more loving**, just as Jesus showed us. It is a time to **pause, reflect on our choices, and think about how we can improve**.

Even small actions matter helping someone who is struggling, choosing kindness over anger, or taking time to pray can bring us closer to God.

Call to Action

This week, challenge yourself to **do one positive thing each day**:

- Say a short prayer
- Help someone in need
- Show kindness to a classmate
- Give something up or make a small sacrifice
- Support a Lent charity event

Let this first week of Lent be the start of a journey where we grow in faith, kindness, and generosity.

"Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12)

Let's make this Lent meaningful together.

Ms Ura

Year 7 News

Hello all,

I hope everyone had a lovely break and feel rejuvenated. This is a short term leading up to the Easter Break but there is still lots to look forward to. A reminder that we have Parents Evening on Thursday 26th of March, all parents need to be present with their Children in Full School uniform.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. As we continue through Lent, this is a valuable time for reflection and showing kindness to those around us. It has been a very positive start to the term, with excellent engagement in lessons, positive attitudes around school, and some fantastic contributions in class.

One area requiring attention is homework. While many students consistently produce work of a high standard, some are not completing tasks or are leaving them until the last minute, often contacting teachers on the evening before deadlines. I encourage students to stay organised, complete tasks when they are set, and ask for help in advance if needed.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Viegas - Head of Year 8

Year 9 News

Welcome back,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

We are now in the season of Lent, a time for reflection and renewal. Let's try to use this period positively by showing a little extra kindness and carrying out small acts of kindness for those around us. It's a short term running up to Easter, so make sure you make the most of every opportunity, both inside and outside the classroom.

Homework levels seem to be particularly high this week, so please stay organised, manage your time carefully, and make sure all tasks are completed to the best of your ability.

Let's start the term with focus, positivity, and consideration for others.

Mr Hunt – Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

It's been a great start back this week and it's lovely to have everyone settled again. Our positive ratio is currently at 85%, and we want to push that higher quickly. A simple way to help is encouraging students to be proactive, when they do something positive, they should ensure their teacher is aware so it can be recognised with positive points. Small, consistent actions in lessons make a big difference.

As we move through Lent, Year 10 will be taking part in Stations of the Cross during form time and in the chapel. Please support students to approach this with the maturity and respect it deserves; being ready, attentive, and reflective.

Our big goals for this half term are straightforward: be on time and get homework done. These two areas have the biggest impact on progress and on keeping Xs low, so your support with routines at home is really appreciated.

God bless.

Mr Whiteside - Head of Year 10

Year 11 News

Welcome back to the new half term. I hope all Year 11 students had a restful break and are ready for an important five-week stretch as we move closer towards the exam season.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended last night's Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you engaging with your child's progress and next steps.

If you were unable to attend, your child's subject teachers will be in contact shortly to arrange an update and ensure you are fully informed.

With this half term being only five weeks long, it is essential that we make every lesson count. Please ensure that you:

- Arrive to lessons equipped and ready to learn
- Make the most of teacher feedback
- Keep revision routines going at home

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies – Last Chance to Order

The online shop to purchase a Year 11 Leavers' Hoodie will close on Wednesday 4th March at 10:00pm. If your child would like one, please ensure that the order is placed before this deadline. A ClassCharts announcement has been sent out containing the link to the online shop.

Have a lovely weekend :)

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 11

Year 12 News

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope everyone managed to have a well deserved rest and it has been lovely to see the students return with lots of energy.

I would like to remind you that next week we will be hosting our 6th Form parents evening on Thursday 5th March. This is a really important evening as it gives you an opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about the progress they have made so far and what they need

to be doing to improve on their areas of weakness. It is expected that every student attends with a parent and could I please ask that parents confirm their attendance via parent pay. If you are unable to attend the evening I would be grateful if you could send me an email at L.finn@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk so that we can make alternative arrangements to meet with you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Finn – Head of Year 12

Year 13 News

Welcome back, I hope that everyone had a great Half Term Holiday.

At school we are still busy reflecting on the recent Mock Examinations. I am holding a number of individual meetings with students who need them and providing some extra Revision/Study Skills sessions as well.

Next week on Thursday 5th March we are hosting our Sixth Form Parents Evening. This will be the last opportunity that the teachers will have to talk to the students with their parents before the public examinations in the summer. Therefore I cannot emphasize enough the importance of attending with your son or daughter on this evening. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please contact s.stevens@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk so that we can make alternative arrangements to meet with you.

Have a good weekend!

Miss Stevens – Head of Year 13

Students of the Week

Year 7: Chetachi Nneke & Nathan Philip Philmon for excellent starts to the new term!

Year 8: Shae Davidson & Zuzanna Grabowska for receiving the most positive points this week

Year 9: Sophia D'Amaro & Luca Tilocca

Year 10: Conor Wooley and Siem Tekle

Year 11: Amellia Pace and Alex Baptista for receiving the most positive points this week

Year 12: Matilda Kemp for having a great start to this half term and earning lots of positive points and Xavier Rychlik for great work in Business Studies and Economics

Year 13: Christian Piscopo-Evans and Grace Lama for achieving the most positive points on Classcharts this week. Well done!

Exam Timetables Summer 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Examination timetables for all students sitting exams in the Summer 2026 have now been issued.

Please ensure your child checks all details carefully.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the name on certificate, exam entries, dates, or times, these must be referred directly to the Exams Office.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Ms S Dar

Exams Officer

EAL

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break. We hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable time. As we begin **Spring Term 2**, we would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your children succeed at school.

We are proud of the progress our **EAL (English as an Additional Language) students** are making. Learning in a new language takes time, and we are pleased to see many students growing in confidence both socially and academically.

Supporting Your Child at Home

Parents play an important role in helping children develop their English. Here are some simple ways you can support your child at home:

1. Reading Regularly
2. Homework and Organisation
3. Good Attendance Matters

Working Together

We believe that strong communication between school and home helps students succeed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We are happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Ura

EAL Coordinator

St Joseph's Book Day - Friday 6th March

We are delighted to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March — a special opportunity to champion literature, creativity and the lifelong joy of reading across our school community.

Mufti Day – Dress as a Literary Character

To mark the occasion, we will be holding a mufti day (£2 via ParentPay – which will go towards our St Joseph's Day in May). Students are warmly encouraged to come dressed as their favourite literary character — and there will be prizes for the best costume!

If students would prefer, they are very welcome to attend in their own clothes.

Author Events

As part of our celebrations, we are thrilled to be welcoming two fantastic authors to inspire our students:

Friday 6th March - Year 8 – Period 5 – Main Hall

Seth Burkett - Author of Professional Footballer–inspired books, Seth will be sharing his journey from grassroots football to the professional game, and how sport can inspire powerful storytelling.

Tuesday 10th March - Year 9 – Period 5 – Main Hall

Karl Nova - One of the UK's leading poets and hip hop artists, Karl Nova will be delivering an engaging session exploring poetry, identity and creativity through performance.

We are incredibly excited about the opportunities these events provide for our students — to see reading and writing brought to life, to meet published authors, and to experience the power of words beyond the classroom.

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Be Inspired!

Festival of Authors Presents

Seth Burkett

Pro Footballer Turned
Inspiring Author

Friday 6th March

Real life football experiences

Find out how your love of sport
can motivate your reading!



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Be Inspired!

**Festival of Authors
Presents
Karl Nova**

**UK's Leading Poet and Hip
Hop Artist**

Tuesday 10th March

The UK's Leading Poet and Hip Hop Artist
Poetry with rhythm, passion and flow
Discover how to Create

Be Inspired!

Year 9 Vaccinations - Monday 2nd March

On **Monday 2nd March**, we will be welcoming NHS staff into school to administer the **Meningitis ACWY** and the **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) booster** vaccinations to **Year 9 pupils**.

Parents have already been contacted directly by the NHS vaccination team. All Year 9 students will attend the session; however, vaccinations will only be administered with **confirmed parental consent**.

If you have not yet completed the consent form and would like your child to receive the vaccination, the NHS team will contact you by phone on the day to confirm consent.

Please see the information below regarding timings. They will take place in the drama studio.

Time	Year Group
9:15 – 9:45	9C & Yr 11 catch up
9:45 – 10:45	9P & 9T
Break	
11:05 – 11:35	9V
11:35 – 12:05	9J & 9M

Trip to Spain

Our recent school trip to Malaga, Spain, was a huge success and an unforgettable experience for everyone involved! Students had the chance to explore the rich history, art, and culture of Málaga through a series of inspiring visits and activities.

We began by stepping back in time at the *Alcazaba* of Málaga and the Roman Theatre, where students learned about the city's Muslim and Roman heritage.

Art lovers were in their element at the Centre Pompidou Málaga and the Museo Picasso Málaga, where students explored modern and classical works and gained insight into the life and influence of Picasso, one of Spain's most famous artists.

Of course, no trip to Spain would be complete without food! Students also enjoyed a tapas tasting experience, sampling a variety of traditional Spanish dishes and getting a real taste of local culture.



1 - Tapas tasting



2 - Explanation at the restaurant



3 - Alcazaba



4 - Alcazaba



5 - Walk along the beach



6 - Picasso Museum

Design and Technology News

Year 11

Good luck to the year 11 chefs who will be making their final dishes in the upcoming week. A reminder to Year 11 D+T that the NEA is nearing completion and that you should be using the Seneca Learning platform for homework and revision.

Year 10

The year 10 designer inspired storage boxes are ready to house their practical work as we move through a series of units to continue to prepare them for their upcoming NEAs and exams next year.....



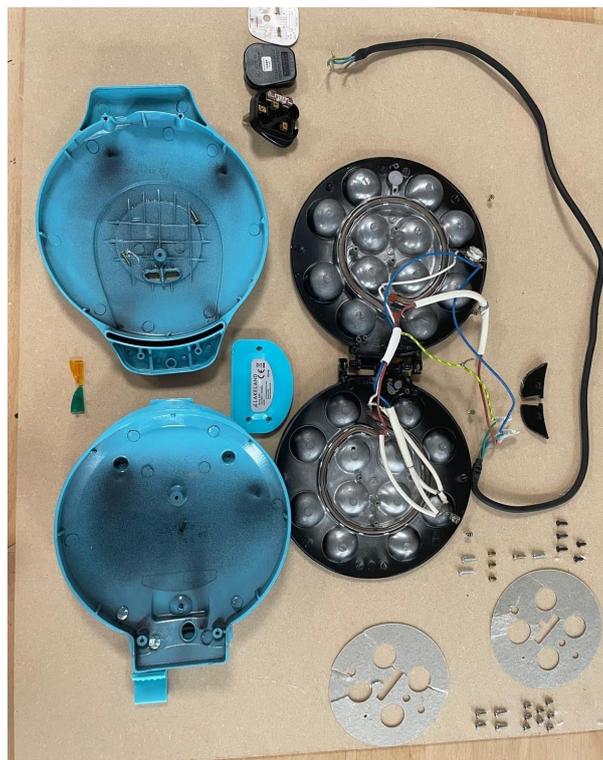




Year 12

Year 12 have completed their Product disassembly which helped them to investigate and understand more about how products are designed and manufactured. They appreciated

the level of detail and precision needed to design and make commercial products, they also honed their research skills.





D+T Stars of the week

Seth Wijayamuni and Jemima Da Silva

Thank you for your efforts in lessons and positive attitudes to your Learning. Keep up the good work.

Dates for the diary

Monday 2nd March- NFL launch day

Monday 2nd March- Yr 10 basketball vs Beechwood (H)

Monday 2nd March- Yr 11 football vs St Bernards (H)

Tuesday 3rd March- Yr 11 Basketball vs St Bernards (A)

Wednesday 4th March- Yr 8 basketball vs St Bernards (A)

Thursday 5th March- Yr 7/8 girls football festival

Thursday 5th March- Yr 8 football vs St Edwards (H)

Monday 2nd March - Offer day for new year 7 students.

Wednesday 4th March at 10:00pm - closing date and time for Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

Thursday 5th March - 6th Form parents evening

Friday 6th March - Mufti Day – Dress as a Literary Character

I Can do Maths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler



- E** To draw a n by n square grid requires $(n + 1)$ horizontal lines and $(n + 1)$ vertical lines. So, in total, $2(n + 1)$ lines are required.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

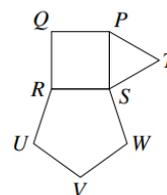
- A** Let the lengths, in cm, of the sides of the right-angled triangle be p , q and r , where r is the length of the hypotenuse. The area of the right-angled triangle is $\frac{1}{2}pq$. We are told that $p + q + r = 16$ and $p^2 + q^2 + r^2 = 98$. By Pythagoras' Theorem, $p^2 + q^2 = r^2$ so $2r^2 = 98$. Hence $r = 7$. Therefore $p + q = 16 - 7 = 9$. So $(p + q)^2 - (p^2 + q^2) = 9^2 - 49 = 81 - 49 = 32$. Hence $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 - p^2 - q^2 = 32$, so $pq = 16$. Therefore the area of the right-angled triangle is $\frac{1}{2}pq = \frac{1}{2} \times 16 = 8$.

Puzzler of the week

In the diagram, $PQRS$ is a square, PST is an equilateral triangle and $SRUVW$ is a regular pentagon.

What is the size of angle WTS ?

- A 35° B 36° C 37° D 38° E 39°



Break-Time Teaser

I roll two standard six-sided fair dice. At least one of the scores obtained on the dice is 3. What is the probability that both of the scores on the dice are 3?

- A $\frac{1}{12}$ B $\frac{1}{11}$ C $\frac{1}{6}$ D $\frac{1}{3}$ E $\frac{1}{4}$

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.

Menu: To see the dinner choices and price list please click [HERE](#)

WEEKLY MENU				
St Josephs Catholic High School - Week One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Szechuan Chicken served with Rice	Mixed Beef Enchilada	Chicken & Vegetable Pie served with New Potatoes	Spicy Beef Nachos served with Sour Cream & Cheese	Battered Fish served with Chips & a Lemon Wedge
Cauliflower Cheese Stuffed Jacket Potato	Mixed Bean Stroganoff served with Rice	Quorn Bolognese served with Pasta	Quorn Sausage & Mash served with Caramelised Onion Gravy	Mediterranean Vegetable & Peta Fittata
Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad	Vegetables or Freshly Prepared House Salad
Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pesto Pasta	Pasta with Garlic & Parmesan	Pasta with a Cheese Sauce	-
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	-
Apple & Cherry Crumble served with Custard	Iced Lemon Cake	Iced Carrot Cake	Chocolate Chip Flapjack	Rice Crispy Cake

Clubs

DESIGNeers- DT club - Monday afterschool 3.20-4.15



Make it Monday!

If you love a challenge; enjoy solving problems and Designing and Making; consider joining our D&T team!
Please see or message **Mrs Stacey on Teams**
Join us in **A3** for DT Club on **Monday afterschool, 3.20-4.15.**

This week we are planning a bit of CAD/CAM

Ham Radio Club
 Most Fridays 15:15-16:15, at the top of the Tower Block,
 An interesting club for everyone.
 For any questions, please message Mr Allinson

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**KEY STAGE 3
 AFTERSCHOOL
 SCIENCE CLUB**
 WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:15PM TILL 4PM

Come along and see why
 Science is so cool!

Led by
 Mrs. Lionel and Mrs.Hameed

For more information please
 contact Mrs. Lionel

Welcome to Geography Club

The first Geography Club meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd October 2025 in T-15 at 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.

Aims

- 1) To appreciate nature and its resources.
- 2) To create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

Geography club meetings will be held every week after school on Fridays, 3.20-4.00pm. Open to year 7 to year 9.

In these sessions we will have geography quizzes, competitions (Wealth out of Waste, poster competition), paper bag making, creating coastal landform models and planting herbs.

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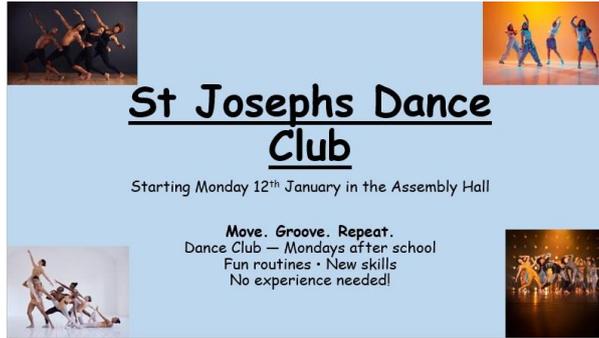
LANGUAGE CLUB

Hola, Bonjour, Cześć to all you keen Year 7 & 8 linguists. Join us Tuesdays 3.20p.m to 4.40 p.m in T5 with Ms Show. Get a boost for your extra-curricular house points? Try out something different & have fun with friends! Tasty treats (!) to keep you full of beans after school. You can also have a chance to lead a club session - help run a MFL assembly - play competitive language games - make a language project for display on open day - AND even get yourself in the goldfish bowl if it's deemed outstanding. Challenge! How many ways can you say "See you soon" in our array of beautiful worldwide languages? Is there someone you know who can pronounce these greetings?

Do zobaczenia wróćcie!

A bientôt

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St Josephs Dance Club

Starting Monday 12th January in the Assembly Hall

Move. Groove. Repeat.
Dance Club — Mondays after school
Fun routines · New skills
No experience needed!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Badminton and Basketball	GCSE Students Badminton	Badminton and Table tennis	Badminton and Basketball	Basketball and Volleyball
Lunch 2	Badminton and Basketball	GCSE Students Badminton	Badminton and Table tennis	Badminton and Basketball	Basketball and Volleyball
Afterschool	Netball Year 7-13 AAN and MJO Football Year 7-13 boys FWA and THU Volleyball/ Badminton Year 7-13 JRO Fitness KBR Year 7-13 Dance Year 7-13 HST	Basketball Year 7-13 JCO Fitness Year 7-13 THU	Fitness KBR Year 7-13 Badminton Year 7-13 AAN Girls Football Year 7-13 MJO		

Term Dates

School Year 2026- 2027

Autumn Term	
Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Year 7 + 12	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Whole school returns	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Inset Day	Friday 18 th September 2026
Half Term	Monday 19 th October 2026 to Friday 30 th October 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2026 (12:30pm finish)
Spring Term	
Term Begins	Monday 4 th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15 th February 2027 to Friday 19 th February 2027
Term End	Thursday 25 th March 2027 (12:30pm finish)
Summer Term	
Term Begins	Monday 12 th April 2027
Half Term	Monday 31 st May 2027 to Friday 4 th June 2027
Term Ends	Friday 16 th July 2027 (12:30pm finish)

Term Dates

School Year 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Inset Day Monday 1st September 2025

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Year 7 + 12 Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Whole school returns Thursday 4th September 2025

Inset Day Friday 19th September 2025

Half Term Monday 20th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term Ends Friday 19th December 2025 (12:30pm finish)

Spring Term

Term Begins Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term Ends Friday 27th March 2026 (12:30pm finish)

Summer Term

Inset Day Monday 13th April 2026

Term Begins Tuesday 14th April 2026

Half Term Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term Ends Friday 17th July 2026 (12:30pm finish)