Barlows Primary School

What's On Newsletter - Autumn 2 - 2026-2027

Welcome to our What's On This Term newsletter!

We are delighted to share a calendar full of exciting events, enrichment opportunities and important dates taking place across our school this term.

From educational visits and curriculum experiences to parent workshops, performances, celebrations and themed awareness days, there is so much for our children to enjoy and learn from.

This newsletter has been designed to help families stay informed, plan ahead and make the most of the many opportunities available throughout the term. We encourage you to take a look through the upcoming events and add key dates to your diary.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to sharing these memorable experiences with our children and celebrating another successful term together.

Yours sincerely,
Ms S. Feenan
Headteacher

Autumn Term 2026 Dates

The Autumn Term dates are as follows:

Autumn 1 Term:
Tuesday 01/09/26 - School Closed to Pupils - INSET

Wednesday 02/09/26 - Thursday 22/10/26

Friday 23/10/26 - School Closed to Pupils- INSET

Half Term
Monday 26/10/26- Friday 30/10/26

Autumn 2 Term:
Monday 02/11/26 - Friday 18/12/26

Christmas Holidays Term
Monday 21/12/26 - Friday 01/01/27

Pupils return to school after the Christmas Holidays on Monday 4th January 2027.



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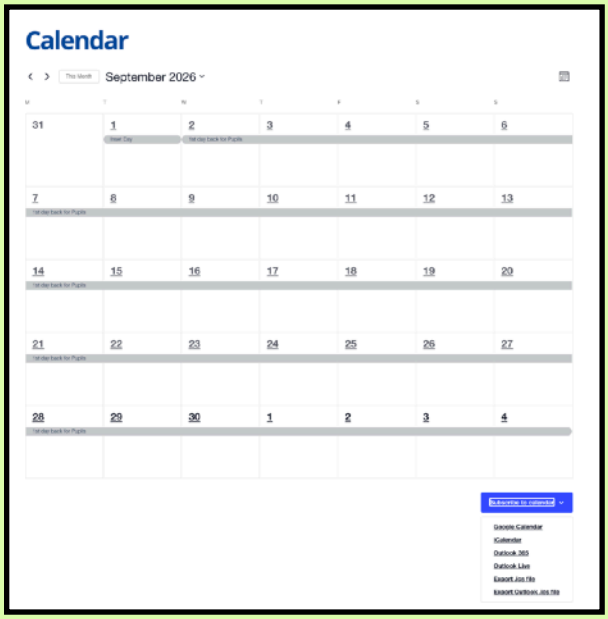

Children's University Au2

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs commence 16/11/26 due to Parents' Evening week commencing 07/12/26.

These clubs represent a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage in a variety of extra-curricular activities that are designed to extend their knowledge and experiences outside of the standard curriculum.
The extra-curricular activities will be delivered by our dedicated School staff, who generously give up their time to provide these enriching experiences. We are pleased to offer a range of activities that cater to different interests and encourage our pupils to explore new areas of learning.

Please be advised that places for each activity are limited. Therefore, it is crucial that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to participate in the activity they have been offered. This will allow us to extend the opportunity to other pupils who may be on the waiting list.

It is important to note that while we encourage children to express their interest in participating in after-school activities, a place is not guaranteed unless you receive notification via Arbor. We continuously monitor club allocations to ensure that places are offered fairly to all pupils throughout the academic year.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the University Clubs, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Head, Mrs Kirby-Foy, via the school office.
Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful half term of engaging activities for our students.

Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Autumn 2 2026

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YEAR 1	3:30pm-4:30pm Club **Y1 & Y2 Mixed Football Club** Mr Courtney-Ward	3:30pm-4:30pm Club **Y1 Outdoor Activities Club** Mr Rogers	3:30pm-4:30pm Club **Y1 & Y2 Arts and Crafts Club** Miss Kelly	3:30pm-4:30pm Club **Y1 & Y2 Dance Club** Miss Bradshaw	
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Maths Together - Practical Parent Workshops and Live Lessons

Would you like to feel more confident supporting your child with maths at home? Join our interactive Maths Together sessions, led by our Maths Lead,Mr Allinson, where parents and carers can explore the methods, resources and strategies used throughout school.

These practical, live workshops are open to all parents and carers, and you are welcome to bring your child along if you wish. During each session, we will work through engaging examples and activities from EYFS through to Key Stage 2, making them suitable for families with children of any age.

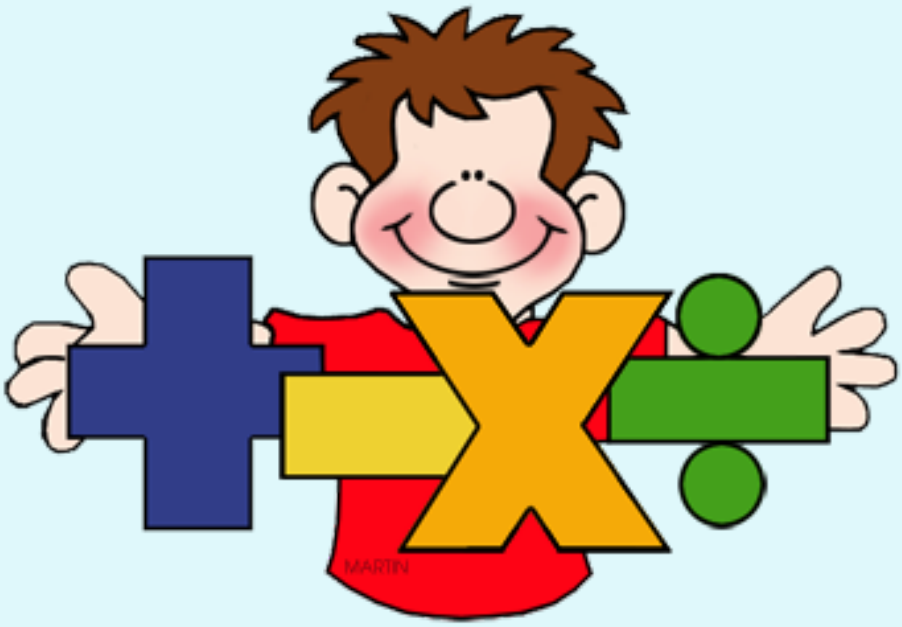
You'll have the opportunity to try out a range of hands-on resources, ask questions, and learn simple ways to support learning at home. Best of all, every parent or carer attending will receive a **free resource pack** to take away and use with their child at each session.

Whether you're looking for a refresher or simply want to find out how maths is taught in school today, we'd love to see you there!

November Dates:

Monday 2/11/26 3:40pm and 5:10pm - Multiple ways with multiplication

Wednesday 4/11/26 3:40pm and 5:10pm - Multiple ways with division



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Talk Money Week
Monday 02/11/26

As part of Talk Money Week, pupils will take part in activities that encourage open and positive conversations about money. Through discussions, games, and real-life learning opportunities, children will explore topics such as saving, spending, budgeting, and making informed financial choices.

The week aims to build confidence in talking about money, helping pupils develop essential life skills and a healthy understanding of financial wellbeing.

We look forward to empowering our learners with the knowledge and confidence they need to make smart financial decisions now and in the future.



Merseyside Fire and Rescue Key Stage 2 Bonfire Night and Fire Safety Assembly
Monday 02/11/26

We are pleased to welcome Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to school for a special Key Stage 2 Bonfire Night and Fire Safety Assembly.

As Bonfire Night approaches, pupils will learn important safety messages about fireworks, sparklers, bonfires, and staying safe at home.

The assembly will help children understand how to recognise potential dangers, make safe choices, and know what to do in an emergency.

This valuable visit will support our commitment to keeping children safe while helping them enjoy Bonfire Night responsibly. We look forward to learning from the fire safety experts



LSSP Scoot Skool - Year 3
Mondays in November and December

We are delighted to be welcoming LSSP Scoot Skool to school, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their scooter skills in a fun, active, and engaging way.

During the sessions, children will learn how to scoot safely and responsibly while improving their balance, coordination, control, and road awareness.

The programme also promotes the benefits of active travel, helping pupils to build confidence and make healthy lifestyle choices.

We are looking forward to seeing our pupils enjoy this exciting experience while developing valuable skills for staying safe and active in their local community.



Y6 Apple Store Visit
Learn to Code

Tuesday 03/11/26
Tuesday 10/11/26

We are excited for pupils to take part in an educational visit to the Apple Store in Liverpool One, where they will enjoy a hands-on Learn to Code session.

During the workshop, children will be introduced to the fundamentals of coding through engaging and interactive activities, developing their problem-solving, logical thinking, and digital skills.

Pupils will have the opportunity to explore how coding is used to create apps, games, and technology that we use every day, while building confidence in a creative and supportive environment.

We look forward to seeing our young learners embrace the challenge and discover the exciting possibilities of computer programming.



Events in November 2026

Y4 Trip - Discover Ancient Egypt, World Museum, Liverpool
Tuesday 03/11/26

Year 4 are excited to be visiting Liverpool World Museum to take part in the Discover Ancient Egypt learning experience.

During this fascinating trip, pupils will explore authentic Egyptian artefacts, uncover the mysteries of mummies, and learn about the daily lives, beliefs, and achievements of one of the world's greatest ancient civilisations.

The visit will bring their history learning to life, allowing children to deepen their understanding through hands-on experiences and interactive exhibits.

We look forward to hearing about the discoveries made by our young Egyptologists and seeing their enthusiasm for history grow.



Y1 History Local Area Walk
Tuesday 03/11/26 - 1 Kerr
Wednesday 04/11/26 - 1 Carle

Year 1 are looking forward to exploring our local area as part of their history and geography learning.

During this exciting local area walk, pupils will develop their early map-reading skills as they learn to identify key landmarks and follow simple routes.

They will investigate different types of land use and explore the physical and human features that make our community unique, in addition to how they have changed over time.

This learning experience will help children develop a greater understanding of the world around them while encouraging curiosity, observation, and discussion about their local environment.

We look forward to hearing about all the discoveries made by our young explorers!



Reception Donaldson Walker Art Gallery Big Art Trip
Wednesday 04/11/26

Our Reception children in Donaldson Class are excited to be visiting the Walker Art Gallery for their Big Art Trip.

During this inspiring visit, pupils will explore a range of fascinating artworks, discovering colours, shapes, patterns, and stories within the gallery's collections.

The experience will encourage creativity, curiosity, and discussion as children respond to art in their own unique ways.Through hands-on activities and observation, they will develop their confidence in expressing ideas and deepen their appreciation of the world around them.

We look forward to seeing our youngest artists inspired by this memorable cultural experience.



Y5 Ancient Greek Storytelling and Discover Ancient Greeks workshop – Walker Art Gallery and World Museum
Thursday 05/11/26

Year 5 are looking forward to an exciting educational visit to the Walker Art Gallery and World Museum, where they will take part in an Ancient Greek Storytelling and Discover Ancient Greeks Workshop.

Through engaging storytelling, pupils will explore the myths, legends, and fascinating characters of Ancient Greece, bringing this remarkable civilisation to life. At the museum, children will investigate artefacts and learn about Greek culture, daily life, achievements, and influence on the modern world.

This immersive experience will enrich their history learning, spark their imagination, and deepen their understanding of one of the most important civilisations in world history. We look forward to hearing the stories, discoveries, and insights shared by our young historians on their return.



Events in November 2026

Y2 National Archives Online Session The Great Fire of London
Friday 06/11/26

Year 2 will be taking part in an engaging online session with the National Archives, exploring the fascinating story of the Great Fire of London.

Through the use of historical sources and evidence, pupils will discover how the fire started, how it spread, and the impact it had on London and its people.

The session will help children develop their historical enquiry skills by encouraging them to ask questions, investigate evidence, and learn about a significant event from the past.

We look forward to seeing our young historians deepen their understanding of this important topic and share their discoveries with us.



World Nursery Rhymes Week
Week Commencing 09/11/26

We are excited to be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week, a special event that promotes early language development, communication, and a love of music, rhythm, and storytelling.

Throughout the week, children will enjoy singing, learning, and performing a range of well-known nursery rhymes through fun and engaging activities. Nursery rhymes play a vital role in developing early language skills, vocabulary, listening, memory, and oracy, helping children grow in confidence as speakers and communicators.

We look forward to hearing our youngest learners join in with their favourite rhymes and sharing in the joy of singing, learning, and expressing themselves together.



Y5 Into Film Festival – Ray Gunn – Showcase
Friday 06/11/26

Year 5 will be attending the Into Film Festival to watch the festival opening film: Ray Gunn.

This special experience will give pupils the opportunity to enjoy high-quality cinema as part of a national celebration of film and storytelling.

"In the sprawling, retro-futuristic city of Metropia, humans and aliens begrudgingly live side by side, surrounded by skyscrapers and flying cars.

Raymond Gunn is the city's last private eye, a detective always trying to do the right thing despite the corruption of the city that he inhabits. Along with his grumpy but well-meaning one-eyed alien partner Eyera, Ray is struggling to make ends meet until a new case drops into his lap a protection case for the short-tempered mega pop star Venus Nova, whose new album needs to be released without controversy.

However, all is not what it seems and Ray must navigate the glistening boardrooms and shady backstreets of Metropia if he is to keep both himself, and those he loves, safe from harm.

With its blend of 1930s noir and tech-heavy science-fiction, Ray Gunn is a hugely original and energetic animation that gently leans on themes of integrity, diversity and finding your place in a rapidly changing world."

Following the screening, children will explore themes, characters, and creative techniques used in filmmaking, helping to develop their critical thinking, communication, and media literacy skills.

We look forward to hearing their thoughts and reflections on this exciting cinematic experience and seeing how it inspires their own creativity.



Events in November 2026

Year 1 and Year 2 Bonfire Night and Fire Safety Assembly - PCSOs
Wednesday 04/11/2026

KS1 pupils will take part in an important Fire and Bonfire Safety Assembly delivered by our local PCSOs.

Children will learn how to stay safe around fires, fireworks and bonfires, especially during the autumn and winter months.

The session will help pupils understand potential dangers, recognise safe behaviours and know what to do in an emergency. This valuable visit will support children in developing the knowledge and confidence needed to keep themselves and others safe.



Y6 Into Film Festival – Ray Gunn – Showcase
Friday 06/11/26



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Parents' Evening - Autumn Term
Week Commencing 9th November 2026



Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 6 will be as follows:

Monday 09/11/26	Tuesday 10/11/26	Wednesday 11/11/26	Thursday 12/11/26
Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 7:30pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm
Y6 Mr Kellett Y5 Miss Ward Y4 Miss Watts Y3 Miss Hall Y2 Mrs Fox Y1 Mr Allinson Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Dunn	Y6 Mr Kellett Y5 Miss Ward Y4 Miss Watts Y3 Miss Hall Y2 Mrs Fox Y1 Mr Allinson Reception Miss Evans Nursery Miss Dunn	Y6 Mr Stevens Y5 Mr Smith Y4 Mr Bartley Y3 Miss Hamilton Y2 Mrs Lawrence Y1 Miss Kelly Reception Miss Bradshaw	Y6 Mr Stevens Y5 Mr Smith Y4 Mr Bartley Y3 Miss Hamilton Y2 Mrs Lawrence Y1 Miss Kelly Reception Miss Bradshaw

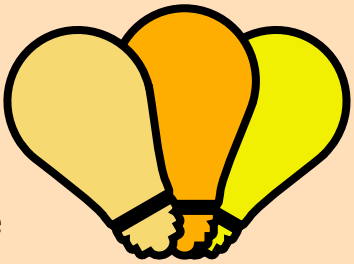
Details of how to book the sessions will be made available on Arbor nearer to the time.

Events in November 2026

Switch Off Fortnight
Week Commencing 09/11/26 and 16/11/26

Our School Council will be leading this year's Switch Off Fortnight, with pupils taking charge of an exciting energy-saving campaign across the school.

Children will be encouraging everyone to think about how we use electricity and resources, promoting simple actions such as switching off lights, interactive screens, and other equipment when they are not needed.



Through awareness activities, pupils will help develop a culture of environmental responsibility while learning how small changes can make a big difference.

We look forward to seeing our young leaders inspire the whole school community to save energy and protect our planet.

Reception McKee Walker Art Gallery Big Art Trip
Wednesday 11/11/26

Our Reception children in McKee Class are excited to be visiting the Walker Art Gallery for their Big Art Trip.

During this inspiring visit, pupils will explore a range of fascinating artworks, discovering colours, shapes, patterns, and stories within the gallery's collections.

The experience will encourage creativity, curiosity, and discussion as children respond to art in their own unique ways.Through hands-on activities and observation, they will develop their confidence in expressing ideas and deepen their appreciation of the world around them.

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Y1 Carle Trip Now and Then: Toys – Museum of Liverpool
Wednesday 11/11/26

Year 1 are excited to be visiting the Museum of Liverpool to take part in the Now and Then: Toys workshop.

During this fascinating trip, pupils will explore how toys have changed over time, comparing toys from the past with those that children enjoy today. Through handling objects, asking questions, and investigating evidence, children will develop their understanding of history and learn about similarities and differences between the lives of children in different eras.

The visit will also help pupils develop their understanding of chronology, as they learn to place toys and events in time and begin to recognise how life has changed across generations.

This hands-on experience will bring their learning to life while developing important historical enquiry skills. We look forward to hearing about the discoveries made by our young historians as they journey into the world of toys, past and present!

Remembrance day
Wednesday 11/11/26

On Remembrance Day, pupils will take time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the armed forces and all those affected by conflict in an age appropriate way.

Children will explore the importance of remembrance, peace, courage, and resilience.

As a school community, we will join together help pupils to understand why remembrance remains such an important part of our national life.

We look forward to supporting our children in developing empathy, respect, and an appreciation of those who have served their country.



Events in November 2026

Y4 Into Film Festival – Toy Story 5 – Odeon
Wednesday 11/11/26

Year 4 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Toy Story 5 at the Odeon Cinema.

This special trip will provide pupils with the opportunity to experience the magic of the big screen while exploring the art of storytelling through film.

As part of their learning, children will reflect on the characters, themes, and messages within the film, developing their speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills.

The visit will also encourage a love of cinema and creativity, helping pupils to appreciate how stories can be brought to life through animation and filmmaking.

We look forward to hearing their reviews and reflections following this exciting cinematic experience!

Y6 Into Film Festival – Toy Story 5 – Odeon
Wednesday 11/11/26

Year 5 are also excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Toy Story 5 at the Odeon Cinema.

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Y1 Kerr Trip Now and Then: Toys – Museum of Liverpool
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Children in Need - Own Clothes and Crazy Hair
Friday 13/11/26

On Friday 13th November 2026, we will be celebrating Children in Need. The event, led by our School Council, aims to raise awareness and funds for the charity which focuses on improving the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK

We will be holding an own clothes day where children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and showcase their most creative and outrageous hairstyles. Clothes should be warm enough for outdoor weather but not include pyjamas fro this event.

This 'Crazy Hair Day' promises to be a fun and engaging experience for the children while raising awareness and funds for Children in Need. Donations of £1 are welcome and should be handed in to the collection envelopes in class.

All funds raised will be donated directly to Children in Need.

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Children in Need - Run Pudsey Event
Friday 13/11/26

We will be taking part in the 'Run Pudsey Event. Each class will participate in a fun exercise session during school on Friday 13/11/26, raising funds for Children in Need.

Children In Need are offering each child who registers and raises funds online, a Run Pudsey 2026 medal to thank them for their efforts. "Challenge yourself to raise £10 (or more!) when getting involved with runPudsey this year!

How to register:
In order to receive the medal, parents will need to sign up online at:



- **https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/runpudsey/**
- Select 'Register Here Select 'Register to take part'
- Select 'Sign up' Select 'Register as a Parent'
- Click 'next step'
- Enter the school name' Barlows Primary School'
- Enter our school code : **8705**
- Enter your name, email address and create your own password.
- This will create your own account where you can monitor donations in your child's name.
- You'll then be taken to a further registration page to enter the following : Your business 'Barlows Primary School', persons taking part in the challenge - select the number of pupils at Barlows and enter their names.
- Give your fundraising page a name i.e. 'Barlows Run Pudsey Event', you can upload an image if you wish Enter a bio.
- Suggested bio: "I am taking part in Barlows Primary School Run Pudsey event to raise funds for Children in Need on Friday 13/11/26, We would love it if you could sponsor me!' Once complete you should receive a personal link you can share with friends and family to sponsor your child(ren) online.
- Please note, you must register and receive sponsors online, in order to receive a medal. These are the guidelines from Children in Need.

Anti-Bullying Week
Odd Sock Day
Monday 16th November 2026



On Monday 16/11/26, we will be taking part in Odd Sock Day.Odd Sock Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week, which aims to engage students in meaningful discussions surrounding the importance of respect, understanding, and kindness towards one another.

By wearing odd socks, we hope to visually represent the message that differences are not only acceptable but should be embraced within our school community.

We encourage all students to participate in this initiative by wearing their most colourful and mismatched socks with their usual school uniform on the day. This simple act serves as a powerful reminder to recognise and appreciate the unique qualities that each child possesses.

Events in November 2026

Maths Week
Week commencing 16/11/26

Get ready for a week of numbers, puzzles, and problem-solving as we celebrate Maths Week!

Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of exciting activities designed to show that maths is fun, engaging, and relevant to everyday life.

From mathematical challenges and games to practical investigations and real-world problem-solving, children will have opportunities to develop their reasoning, fluency, and confidence in mathematics.

Maths Week will encourage pupils to think creatively, work collaboratively, and embrace new challenges as they discover the many ways maths helps us to understand and explore the world around us.



We look forward to celebrating a love of maths across the school!

PEEP Sessions
Monday 16/11/26

We are pleased to announce the commencement of Peep Learning Together sessions, specifically designed for parents and their children in Reception. These sessions aim to equip parents with simple yet effective activities that can be easily replicated at home, thereby supporting their children's development and enabling them to reach their full potential.

The Peep Learning Together sessions will focus on fostering communication through listening, talking, playing, singing, and sharing books and stories. Emphasis will be placed on establishing robust foundations in Literacy and Mathematics, which are essential for early learning.

Attendance is required from one parent alongside their child. The sessions will take place after school from 3:40pm to 4:30 pm, spanning five consecutive weeks, commencing on Monday, 16th November 2026.



Look out for an invite to these sessions sent via Arbor.

Road Safety Week UK
Week commencing 16/11/26

During Road Safety Week, our School Council will be leading a range of activities to help raise awareness of the importance of staying safe on and around our roads.

Pupils will learn about safe road crossing, pedestrian awareness, cycling safety, and the importance of making responsible choices when travelling.

By taking a leading role in promoting key safety messages, the School Council will encourage the whole school community to develop safe habits and become responsible road users.

We look forward to working together to keep road safety at the forefront of everyone's minds and helping our children stay safe every day.



Y1 Intofilm Festival - Dora Magic Mermaid Adventures - Odeon
Tuesday 17/11/26

Year 1 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Dora: Magic Mermaid Adventures at the Odeon Cinema.

This fun and engaging cinema experience will give pupils the opportunity to enjoy storytelling on the big screen while exploring themes of friendship, teamwork, courage, and adventure.

Through watching and discussing the film, children will develop their speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills, as well as their understanding of characters and narrative.

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Year 6 Intofilm Festival - GOAT..... - Odeon
Wednesday 18/11/26



Year 6 are looking forward to attending the Into Film Festival to watch GOAT at the Odeon Cinema.

This exciting film experience will encourage pupils to explore themes of perseverance, self-belief, teamwork, and overcoming obstacles.

Through engaging with the story and characters, children will develop their critical thinking and film literacy skills while reflecting on important messages about resilience and achieving goals.

"Will is a small goat with big dreams of being a professional athlete. His favourite sport, roarball, is a high-intensity game that involves shooting hoops in spectacularly dangerous stadiums. The star players tend to be the fastest, largest and fiercest animals in the world. Despite his size, Will believes he has the skills to compete too, encouraged by his mum's predictions that one day he would not only play roarball, but change it forever. To his delight, Will gets signed to join the Thorns, but his new teammates aren't thrilled about playing with such a little animal. Nevertheless, Will is determined to revolutionise the sport and prove once and for all that "smalls can ball!" With painterly graffiti-inspired animation and an energetic soundtrack, this underdog sports film explores themes of self-belief, community support, and remaining grounded in your roots."

The visit will also provide an opportunity to appreciate the creativity and artistry involved in filmmaking.

We look forward to hearing Year 6's thoughtful reviews and discussions following this inspiring cinema experience.

Year 5 Intofilm Festival - Wonka- Showcase
Wednesday 18/11/26



Year 5 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Wonka at the Showcase Cinema. This magical and imaginative film experience will transport pupils into the world of Willy Wonka, inspiring creativity, curiosity, and a love of storytelling. Through watching and discussing the film, children will explore themes such as perseverance, kindness, ambition, and the power of imagination. The visit will also help pupils develop their film literacy skills as they reflect on characters, plot, and the techniques used to bring stories to life on screen.

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Year 4 Intofilm Festival - GOAT..... - Odeon
Wednesday 18/11/26



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Y5&6 Positive Footprints Career Conversations: Housing Conference Producer
Thursday 19/11/26

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are looking forward to taking part in a Positive Footprints Career Conversation with a Housing Conference Producer.

This exciting opportunity will give children an insight into a unique and rewarding career, exploring how conferences and events are planned, organised, and delivered within the housing sector.

Pupils will learn about the skills and qualities needed for the role, including communication, teamwork, organisation, and creativity. The session will help broaden children's understanding of the world of work, raise aspirations, and inspire them to consider the many different career paths available in the future.

We look forward to hearing the questions and ideas generated by this engaging real-world learning experience.



Nursery EYFS Stay and Calculate
Thursday 19/11/26
9am-10am
2:30pm-3:30pm

We are delighted to invite Nursery parents and carers to join us for our Stay and Calculate session.

This special event will provide an opportunity for families to learn alongside their children through a range of fun, practical maths activities. Together, children and adults will explore early number skills, counting, patterns, shapes, and problem-solving in an engaging and hands-on way.

The session is designed to support children's mathematical development while sharing simple ideas that can be used at home. We look forward to welcoming families into school and celebrating the joy of learning through play together.



Reception EYFS Stay and Calculate
Friday 20/11/26
9am-10am

We are delighted to invite Reception parents and carers to join us for our Stay and Calculate session.

This special event will provide an opportunity for families to learn alongside their children through a range of fun, practical maths activities.

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Year 2 Into Film Festival –Miss Moxy – Light Cinema New Brighton
Friday 20/11/26

Year 2 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Miss Moxy at The Light Cinema, New Brighton. This enjoyable cinema experience will introduce pupils to engaging characters and storytelling while encouraging them to think about themes, emotions, and the messages within the film.

Through watching and discussing the story, children will develop their speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills, as well as their understanding of how films are used to entertain and communicate ideas.

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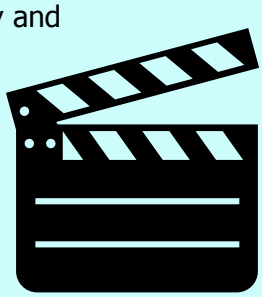

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Events in November 2026

UK Parliament Week
Week Commencing Monday 23/11/26

Our School Council will be leading activities to celebrate UK Parliament Week, helping pupils learn about democracy, Parliament, and how decisions are made that affect our communities and country.

Throughout the week, children will take part in engaging discussions, debates, and interactive activities exploring the importance of having a voice and making a positive contribution to society.



By leading this initiative, the School Council will encourage all pupils to understand their rights and responsibilities as active citizens and appreciate how everyone can make a difference. We look forward to a week of learning, discussion, and pupil leadership as we celebrate democracy in action.

Y5 Into Film Festival –
How to Train your Dragon – Odeon
Monday 23/11/26

Year 5 are thrilled to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch How to Train Your Dragon at the Odeon Cinema. This exciting film experience will immerse pupils in a captivating story of friendship, courage, and adventure as they follow the journey of Hiccup and Toothless. Through watching and discussing the film, children will explore themes such as empathy, perseverance, teamwork, and challenging stereotypes.

"Based on first adventure in the hugely popular animation and book franchise of the same name, this live-action reimagining introduces us to the isle of Berk, home to a ferocious Viking tribe who have spent the last few hundred years battling the dragons who live nearby. Hiccup, an inventive young Viking and son of Stoick, Berk's short-tempered chieftain, is desperate to become a warrior like his father. However, after unexpectedly capturing a fearsome dragon known to the tribe as 'the Night Fury', Hiccup realises he is not a killer and instead befriends the dragon, naming it Toothless. As the two unlikely companions begin to form a strong bond of friendship, despite Hiccup's dragon slaying training in full swing and his crush Astrid getting more suspicious, the young Viking soon stumbles across a secret which might hold the key to humans and dragons forming a new future together. The new live-action dragons bring a peril and intensity that differs from the original animations whilst retaining its core messages of friendship, anti-prejudice and teamwork."

The visit will also help develop pupils' film literacy skills as they consider how music, animation, character development, and storytelling work together to create an engaging cinematic experience.

Y3 Into Film Festival – Bad Guys 2 – Odeon
Monday 23/11/26

Year 3 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch The Bad Guys 2 at the Odeon Cinema. This fun and action-packed film experience will give pupils the opportunity to enjoy storytelling on the big screen while exploring themes such as friendship, teamwork, resilience, and making positive choices.

"The notorious gang of bank-robbing animals, the Bad Guys, have turned a new leaf. Wolf, Snake, Piranha, Shark and Tarantula are trying very hard to be good, earn an honest living and stay out of trouble. But it's hard to get a fresh start, with their reputation. Even other criminals believe they still have it in them to be bad, as they find out when they get cornered by an all-female squad of lawbreakers, led by the villainous feline Kitty. The Bad Girls want the Bad Guys to help them in a high-stakes heist, and they won't take no for an answer. Will Wolf and his friends go back to their old ways, or could this be a chance to show the world that they really are good? Wickedly funny and action-packed, this sequel to the hugely popular animation explores themes of redemption, stereotypes and friendship."

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Y4 Into Film Festival – Bad Guys 2 – Odeon
Monday 23/11/26

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Musical Mondays - Small Town Jones - indie-folk duo
Monday 23/11/26

On Monday 23/11/26, pupils will take part in a special virtual performance by Small Town Jones, an indie-folk duo made up of musicians Jim Jones and Dave Little.

Through a captivating live online session, the children will enjoy acoustic original songs inspired by the rolling hills and dramatic coastline of the duo's home in Devon.

Alongside experiencing live music, pupils will learn about songwriting, creativity and musical storytelling, gaining an insight into how artists draw inspiration from the world around them.



CUSP Spoken Language Festival
Tuesday 24/11/26

Pupils across the school will be taking part in the CUSP Spoken Language Festival, celebrating the importance of Oracy and giving every pupil the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills. Throughout the festival, children will engage in a range of exciting activities designed to build confidence, encourage thoughtful discussion and help them express their ideas clearly and effectively.

By participating in discussions, presentations and collaborative speaking tasks, pupils will strengthen their communication skills while learning to listen respectfully and respond thoughtfully to others. This inspiring event will support children in finding their voice and becoming confident communicators both in the classroom and beyond.



Y5 Children's University Masterclass: Judge and Jury
Tuesday 24/11/26

Year 5 pupils will take part in an engaging educational session delivered by the National Justice Museum, exploring the important issue of cyberbullying and its impact on individuals and communities. Through interactive activities, children will develop their understanding of responsible online behaviour and learn about the legal consequences that can result from harmful actions online.

As part of this unique experience, pupils will gain a fascinating behind-the-scenes insight into the justice system, including the opportunity to hear directly from judges about their roles and responsibilities.



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Year 1 Into Film Festival –Minions and Monsters – Odeon
Tuesday 24/11/26

Year 1 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch Minions and Monsters at the Odeon Cinema. This fun and engaging film experience will immerse pupils in a world of adventure, humour, and imagination while encouraging a love of storytelling and cinema.

Through watching and discussing the film, children will develop their speaking and listening skills, explore characters and plot, and reflect on themes such as friendship, kindness, and working together.

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We look forward to hearing their thoughts, sharing their favourite moments, and celebrating the joy of storytelling through this exciting big-screen experience.

Year 6 Into Film Festival –Wonka -
Cineworld Speke
Tuesday 24/11/26

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Events in November 2026

Y4 Trip – Anglo Saxons and Vikings – Museum of Liverpool Thursday 26/11/26

Year 4 are excited to be visiting the Museum of Liverpool to take part in an engaging Anglo-Saxons and Vikings learning experience. During the visit, pupils will explore artefacts and evidence from the past, discovering what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and how these groups shaped Britain's history.

Through hands-on activities and historical enquiry, children will investigate everyday life, beliefs, settlements, and significant events from this fascinating period.

The trip will bring their classroom learning to life while developing their understanding of chronology, historical sources, and the lasting impact of these early societies. We look forward to seeing our young historians uncover the stories of Britain's past and share their discoveries on their return.



Year 3 Into Film Festival – Magic Far Away Tree – New Brighton Light Cinema Friday 27/11/26

Year 3 are excited to be attending the Into Film Festival to watch The Magic Faraway Tree at The Light Cinema, New Brighton. This enchanting film experience will bring a beloved fantasy story to life, taking pupils on a magical adventure filled with imagination, friendship, and discovery.

Through watching and discussing the film, children will explore themes such as courage, teamwork, and kindness, while developing their speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills. The visit will also encourage a love of storytelling and creativity, inspiring pupils to reflect on how stories can transport us to new and exciting worlds.

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Y6 Into Film Festival –Christmas Karma - Showcase Thursday 26/11/26



Year 6 are looking forward to attending the Into Film Festival to watch Christmas Karma at the Showcase Cinema.

This exciting cinema experience will allow pupils to enjoy an engaging story while exploring themes such as kindness, responsibility, empathy, and the importance of the choices we make.

Through watching and discussing the film, children will develop their critical thinking, speaking, and listening skills, reflecting on the characters, messages, and storytelling techniques used throughout the film.

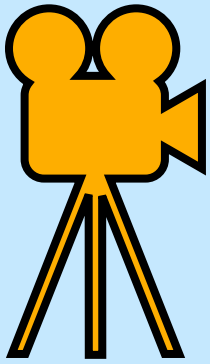
"Charles Dickens's classic 'A Christmas Carol' is reimagined through a modern lens in this vibrant musical infused with themes of identity and inclusion, set in contemporary London. The story follows Mr. Sood, a wealthy, British Asian businessman who scorns generosity and exploits his staff on zero-hour contracts. On Christmas Eve, he is visited by three spirits who guide him first through his past as a refugee, then to open his eyes to his present and the damage being caused by his disdain for those around him, and finally to look upon a bleak future shaped by his selfishness. Through these encounters, Sood confronts prejudice, lost love, and the consequences of his choices, ultimately rediscovering empathy and the joy of giving, with a little bit of encouragement along the way from a jolly London cab driver. With a rich, multicultural soundtrack blending gospel, bhangra, rap, and pop, the film celebrates Britain's diverse communities and the spirit of the season."

We look forward to hearing Year 6's thoughtful reviews and seeing how this festive film inspires discussion, creativity, and a love of cinema.

Events in November 2026

Digital Media Week
Wc 30/11/26

We are excited to be celebrating Digital Media Week, where pupils will explore the creative and exciting world of digital media.



Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of how digital content is created, shared, and used in everyday life. From photography and animation to video production, graphic design, and digital storytelling, pupils will have opportunities to develop their creativity, communication, and technology skills.

Digital Media Week will also promote responsible and safe use of technology, helping children become confident, informed, and creative digital citizens. We look forward to showcasing the fantastic digital projects produced by our talented learners.

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
with Dr John Hill
Tuesday 17/11/26 and Thursday 19/11/26

We are delighted to welcome back Dr John Hill, an Archaeologist and Liverpool University Lecturer to deliver a Stone Age Workshop with real artefacts to your Year 3 Students. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 17/11/26 and Thursday 19/11/26.

Dr Hill brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of archaeology, particularly focusing on prehistoric societies.

During this engaging workshop, students will have the chance to learn about the Stone Age, including its culture, tools, and significant developments.

Dr Hill will employ a hands-on approach, allowing students to interact with artefacts and participate in activities that illustrate the daily lives of our ancestors.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding from an expert in the field!



Events in December 2026

Year 5 and Year 6 Hate Crime Class Assemblies - PCSOs
Wednesday 02/12/2026

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will take part in an informative Hate Crime Awareness Assembly delivered by our local PCSOs. Children will explore what hate crime is, why it is harmful and how everyone can play a part in creating a respectful and inclusive community.



Pupils will learn about the importance of kindness and standing up against discrimination. This valuable assembly will help children develop empathy, understand the impact of their words and actions, and feel confident about reporting concerns and seeking support.

Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 01/12/26 at 3:30pm
Wednesday 02/12/26 at 3:30pm
Thursday 03/12/26 at 3:30pm

We are delighted to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, giving pupils the opportunity to explore a fantastic range of books and discover new authors, stories, and interests.

The Book Fair is a wonderful way to promote a love of reading and encourage children to develop their enjoyment of books both at school and at home.

Families will be invited to visit the fair and browse the selection of exciting titles available for all ages and interests. Every book purchased helps to support our school, enabling us to earn rewards that can be used to purchase new books or our classrooms and library.

We look forward to welcoming families to the Book Fair and inspiring a lifelong love of reading in our pupils.



CU Masterclass: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 The Story Barn, Christmas Stories with Santa's Elves
Thursday 03/12/26

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will enjoy a magical festive online session delivered by The Storybarn at The Reader.

Children will be transported to the Storybarn grotto, where Santa's cheeky elves will bring the Christmas spirit to life through a selection of delightful festive stories.

There will also be an exciting opportunity for pupils to ask the elves their own questions, making the experience fun, interactive and memorable. This enchanting virtual event will help inspire a love of reading while sharing the joy and wonder of the holiday season with our



Y5 & 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversations Ski Instructor Live from Switzerland
Thursday 03/12/26

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a live career conversation from Positive Footprints, with a professional ski instructor based in Switzerland.

During this interactive online session, pupils will learn about the instructor's career journey, discover what it is like to live and work in the mountains, and gain an insight into the skills, qualifications and determination needed for a career in the outdoor sports industry.

Children will be encouraged to ask questions and explore the wide range of opportunities available beyond the classroom, helping to raise aspirations and broaden their understanding of the world of work. This inspiring virtual experience promises to be both engaging and motivating for all involved.



Events in December 2026

IEP Parents Meetings - End of Autumn Term Review
Week Commencing 07/12/26



Parents of pupils on the SEND register will have the opportunity to meet with our school SENDCO, Mrs Berry, to discuss their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Details of how to book the meeting will follow in due course.

Monday 07/12/26	Tuesday 08/12/26	Wednesday 09/12/26	Thursday 10/12/26
Appointments available between 3:40pm - 7:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:40pm - 6:00pm	Appointments available between 3:50pm - 6:00pm

Musical Mondays – Welsh Folk Music and Voice Harmonies - Angharad Jenkins & Patrick Rimes
Monday 07/12/26

On Monday 07/12/26, pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a special festive performance from award-winning musicians Angharad Jenkins and Patrick Rimes.

Combining their passion and expertise in Welsh folk music with vibrant violin playing, beautiful vocals and rich harmonies, they will bring a unique traditional twist to some well-loved festive favourites.

This promises to be an uplifting and memorable musical experience that will help celebrate the festive season in style.



Y6 Panto Snow White
Friday 11/12/26



Year 6 pupils will enjoy a fantastic trip to see Snow White at The Epstein Theatre in Liverpool city centre. This exciting pantomime promises plenty of laughter, music, spectacular costumes and audience participation, making it a memorable festive experience for all.

Alongside enjoying a live theatre performance, pupils will have the opportunity to develop their appreciation of the performing arts and experience the magic of a traditional pantomime. We are sure it will be a fun-filled day that creates lasting memories for our Year 6 children!

Y2 – World Museum – Brilliant Bugs Workshop
Wednesday 16/12/26

Year 2 pupils will enjoy an exciting visit to the World Museum to take part in the fascinating Brilliant Bugs workshop. Led by one of the museum's knowledgeable animal care team, children will get up close to an amazing variety of creatures, including tarantulas, scorpions and cockroaches.

Through hands-on learning and engaging demonstrations, pupils will discover fascinating facts about these incredible minibeasts, exploring their habitats, behaviours and unique adaptations. This memorable experience will bring their science learning to life and inspire curiosity about the natural world.

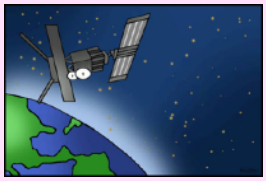


Y5 – World MuseumPlanetarium Capcom GO!
Thursday 17/12/26

Year 5 pupils will visit the World Museum to experience the exciting CapCom Go! planetarium show, an immersive journey through one of history's greatest achievements: the race to the Moon.

Through stunning visuals, archival film footage, photographs and authentic astronaut audio recordings, children will discover the remarkable story of the space race between America and Russia and learn about the groundbreaking Apollo missions.

The show will explore the challenges faced by NASA's scientists, engineers and astronauts, highlighting the innovation, determination and teamwork required to land humans on the Moon and return them safely to Earth.



Events in December 2026

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day & Own Clothes Day
Thursday 10/12/26

Our school Christmas Dinner Day will take place on Thursday 10th December 2026.
This is the same date as Christmas Jumper Day.

All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, Christmas hat or headband or their own clothes for Christmas Dinner Day. We hope that by combining our own clothes day, Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper Day, that families don't feel under pressure to purchase expensive jumpers.

Further details regarding the booking of Christmas dinner will be sent out by the



National Santa Dash
Friday 11/12/26

The National Santa Dash is an exciting initiative aimed at promoting healthy and active lifestyles among children in a fun and engaging manner.

On the 11th December, children will participate in this event, joined by teachers and our local PCSOs to encourage a festive community spirit.

Children are required to wear their PE kit and trainers on this date.



Christmas Performances

We are delighted to announce this year's Christmas Performance dates. Year groups will perform as individual year groups. This should enable more pupils to have speaking and performance parts, should they wish. There will be one performance per year group as follows:



Nursery 1 Performance: Friday 11th December 11am - 11:30am
Nursery 2 Performance: Friday11th December 2:45pm - 3:15pm
Reception Performance: Friday 11th December 9:15am - 9:45am
Year 1 Performance: Monday 14th December 9:15am - 10am
Year 2 Performance: Monday 14th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Year 3 Performance: Tuesday 15th December 9:15am - 10am
Year 4 Performance: Tuesday 15th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Year 5 Performance: Wednesday 16th December 9:15am - 10am
Year 6 Performance: Wednesday 16th December 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Please note, the event will operate on a strict booking only policy, as part of our safeguarding and risk assessment. We hope you can join us in celebrating our pupils' talents!

Christmas Movie Morning
Friday 18/12/26



As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be holding a Christmas Movie Day on Friday 18/12/26.
As part of this, your child is welcome to bring in 1 packet of either crisps or sweets to enjoy whilst watching the film. Please only send **1 item in** to ensure pupils and families do not feel in competition. Children will not be sharing their item with anyone else as we have a number of allergies in school including dairy, nuts, milk, tomatoes and pineapple.
Please do not send any items that contain nuts or pieces of nuts, as we may have pupils with severe nut allergies.

End of Term

The last day for pupils is Friday 18th December 2026.

We return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 04/01/26.



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AUTUMN TERM 2026	
DATE	**EVENT**
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Pupils return to school
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Last Day for Pupils
Friday 23rd October 2026	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half-Term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Pupils return to school
Friday 18th December 2026	Last Day for Pupils – End of Term
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 72 Total number of staff days = 74	

SPRING TERM 2027	
DATE	**EVENT**
Monday 4th January 2027	Pupils return to school
Friday 12th February 2027	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027	Half-Term
Monday 22nd February 2027	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 25th March 2027	Last Day for Pupils
Friday 26th March 2027	Bank Holiday
Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holiday (including Bank Holiday on Friday 9th April 2027)
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 54 Total number of staff days = 54	

SUMMER TERM 2027	
DATE	**EVENT**
Monday 12th April 2027	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 3rd May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 4th May 2027	All Pupils Return to School (after Bank Holiday)
Monday 10th May 2027 – Thursday 13th May 2027	Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 28th May 2027	Last Day for Pupils
Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027	Half-Term
Monday 7th June 2027	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 16th July 2027	Final Day of the School Year for Pupils
Monday 19th July 2027	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20th July 2027	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Notes: Total number of pupil days = 64 Total number of staff days = 67	

Total number of pupil days for the academic year = 190
Total number of staff days for the academic year = 195

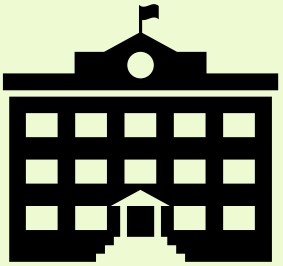
Reminders

Attendance Reminder

As a school community, we are committed to providing the best possible education for our students. A crucial aspect of this commitment is ensuring that students attend school regularly and punctually. Research consistently demonstrates that good attendance is directly linked to academic success and overall well-being.

Every day at school brings valuable learning opportunities, and it is vital that each child participates fully in their education. Regular attendance not only enhances individual learning but also contributes to a positive and engaging classroom environment.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, we kindly ask that you notify us before 8:30am on the morning of their absence. This will enable us to keep accurate records and ensure that we can provide appropriate support for your child.



Punctuality Reminder



Our school day officially begins at 8:45 am, providing students with a chance to settle in and prepare for lessons that commence promptly at 9:00 am.

Punctuality is crucial as it not only sets a positive tone for the day but also demonstrates respect for the learning environment and the educational process.

Arriving on time allows students to engage fully with their lessons and fosters a commitment to their own academic success.

We have observed that a small number of students are arriving after 9:00 am, which can cause disruption not only to their own learning but also to that of their peers.

Late arrivals often miss important instructions and can find it challenging to integrate smoothly into ongoing activities. Consequently, it is essential that we work together to encourage students to arrive at school with ample time to spare.

To support your child in gaining the habit of punctuality, we recommend the following strategies:

Routine Setting: Establishing a consistent morning routine will help your child prepare for the school day and ensure they arrive on time. This may include setting earlier wake-up times and organising belongings the night before.

Travel Arrangements: Please review your child's travel arrangements to ensure they allow sufficient time to reach school before the start of lessons.

Positive Reinforcement: Recognising and celebrating instances of punctuality can motivate your child to maintain this habit.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to thrive in their educational journey.