


SKETTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GYNRADD SGETI
Newsletter 23 – April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
Another busy and exciting month has flown by at Ysgol Sgeti. The children returned happily for the Summer Term and have fully embraced their new topics with enthusiasm. It has been particularly lovely to see the sunshine make an appearance, allowing pupils to enjoy a range of positive outdoor learning experiences.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the Rainbow Raffle, and to everyone who kindly donated. Twenty four lucky winners were selected by our Year 6 School Council, and hampers are now ready for collection from the school office. An incredible amount of money has been raised, which will directly benefit children across the school. Diolch pawb!

May promises to be a very busy month, with trips, visitors and Sports Days planned. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the sunny weather continues.

Important Reminder
School will be closed to pupils on Friday 1st May (INSET) and Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday). We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th May.

Cofion Cynnes
Mrs Bev Phillips
Headteacher
Sketty Primary School

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Nursery

Meithrin

A super fun April at Dragonflies Nursery, made even better by the fabulous sunshine! This month in morning Nursery we launched our topic for the Summer term, Market Stall. **On June 19th the children will be setting up and running their very own market stall in Swansea City Centre-Parents of morning Nursery, please save the date.** To launch the project a group of Reception children came to talk to Nursery about what they did last year. We looked at photos of their market stall and discussed what they sold. Afterwards, the children looked at photos of stalls in Swansea Market and some children even sent in photos of them next to their favourite stall in Swansea Market, or in another market they had visited. We then discussed resourcing our stall and what was, or wasn't possible. We said that we couldn't make clothes because we don't have any sewing machines, and we couldn't make cakes because we don't have a big enough oven. However, our list was quite long, so our next job is for the children to bring the list home and to ask their families to choose their favourite 3 things that they would like to buy from our stall.



Afternoon Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen. They have been super creative dragons and have totally immersed themselves in the experience. Shaving foam, seeds, cornflour, rice, coloured water have been transformed into some wonderful creations. They have also enjoyed working alongside Reception children to develop their creativity, alongside their ability to organise their equipment. We have been doing lots of singing in Welsh, using the sentence pattern, Wyt ti'n hoffi….? (Do you like….?) The children have also enjoyed playing games in the mud kitchen with the woodland animals. Hide and seek has been a favourite and the children have learnt to say "Ble mae…..?" (Where is…..?) followed by "Dyma fi!" (Here is…)

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Reception

Derbyn

This month, Reception have excitedly begun our new topic, 'Sun, Sea and Sandy Toes'! The children have loved diving into this seaside-themed learning and sharing their ideas. We started with our EPIC Planning, where the children used their current knowledge of the topic to plan the term ahead. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity, with lots of brilliant ideas helping to shape our learning journey for the weeks ahead.



We began our new topic with some Science and Technology. The children became young engineers and they designed and created their own boats using recyclable materials, then tested them to see whether they would float or sink. There was lots of excitement (and a few soggy boats!) as we explored what makes a successful design.

We also had a visit from Mrs Fox from Nursery, who introduced us to our upcoming Enterprise Challenge for this term. The children are already full of ideas and we are looking forward to developing these further.

As part of our No Outsiders work, we read the story 'Hello Hello', which helped us to think about welcoming others and celebrating differences. This linked beautifully with our Drawing Club sessions, where the children explored the story through creativity and discussion.

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We have also been working hard on our Welsh language skills, focusing on the pattern *"Beth sy yn y bag traeth?"* (What is in the beach bag?). The children have enjoyed practising this through games and activities.

As we continue exploring 'Sun, Sea and Sandy Toes', we are excited to see where the children's ideas take us next. We can't wait to share more of our learning with you soon!

Reminder that Reception Sport's Day is on Thursday 21st May at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Year 1
Blwyddyn 1

April has been a busy month in Year 1, filled with hands-on learning and lots of excitement. In Maths, the children have been working on doubling and halving, and they've been using this knowledge to help them solve number facts with growing confidence. We've also been making the most of the outdoors, enjoying activities such as building birds' nests and creating bug hotels, which the children approached with lots of creativity.



We've started our new topic, Wild Things, and introduced our focus book Where the Wild Things Are. The story has sparked so much imagination in the classroom. The children have been busy in provision making crowns like Max's, designing and testing boats for his journey, building an island inspired by the book, and taking part in lots of other activities linked to the story.

Our Welsh learning has been just as busy. The children have been reading their Tric a Chlic books, playing Welsh games, creating a giant pili-pala, and practising their Dewi sentence patterns. Their confidence in using Welsh around the classroom is really growing.

We have also enjoyed exploring our Big Question for this half-term: "How should we treat people when we win or lose?" The children have had thoughtful discussions and activities around kindness, fairness, and good sportsmanship. It has been a lovely way to help think about their actions and feelings, and it links perfectly with all the excitement building for Sports Day.

We've also been working hard practising for our Sports Day, and the children are very excited to take part. See you on May 15th at 1.45pm to cheer them on.

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Year 2
Blwyddyn 2



Year 2 have really enjoyed completing their 'Turrets and Towers' topic, learning all about castles. A highlight was our visit to Oystermouth Castle, where the children explored many of the features they had been studying in class. They learned how the castle has changed over time, discovered who lived there, and found out about the battles that took place. The myths and stories linked to the castle were particularly interesting.

We have now begun our new topic, 'The Enchanted Wood'. The children started with their EPIC planning, where they generated thoughtful questions about what they would like to learn. We are looking forward to exploring woodland habitats and learning more about the animals that live there.

In Literacy, the children have written some lovely poems inspired by the natural world, including shape poems and acrostic poems. In Mathematics, they have begun learning to measure using standard units and have been practising using rulers to measure a range of objects.

Year 2 have also been preparing for Sports Day and are looking forward to the event. We hope you are able to join us at 1:30pm on Monday 11th May.

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Year 3
Blwyddyn 3



We kicked off the month with a fantastic visit to the Swansea.com Stadium, where we learned all about sustainability and healthy eating, enjoyed an incredible behind-the-scenes tour, and experienced the stadium from a whole new perspective. We were thoroughly spoilt as Chef Martin cooked up a storm, treating us to delicious teisen and brechdanau to sample. This visit was the perfect way to round off our Food, Glorious Food topic.

We have since begun our exciting new topic, Wonderful Wetlands, where pupils have started mapping out our very own Sketty Pond and asking thoughtful questions about what lies beneath the surface – discovering that there is often more than meets the eye.

In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of multiplication and division, exploring arrays, sharing and grouping, as well as identifying multiples. In Literacy, we have focused on improving our story writing by using speech marks and speaker patterns, along with creating effective character and setting descriptions.

Our Welsh language skills have also flourished through reading, singing, and writing in the past tense – all set to the catchy tune of “Ais, ais, ais, baby”

It has truly been an amazing month, and excitement is already building as we look ahead to Sports Day next month.

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Year 4
Blwyddyn 4

Pupils have made a big splash on their return to school, with Mr Tucker's class starting swimming sessions this half term at the National Pool — a fantastic start to the Summer term.

In Mathematics, pupils have continued developing their knowledge of multiplication, area and perimeter, while in Literacy they have been busy beginning their work on discussion texts, sharing ideas and learning how to express their opinions clearly. We as teachers are looking forward to continuing to work with the pupils to develop their understanding of discussion texts before we begin the process of writing their final discussion text.

We have also had a wonderfully wild start to the term with the launch of our new topic, Wild Isles. We were very lucky to welcome the team from Animal Cwtch, who introduced pupils to a range of amazing animals. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting creatures including owls (tylluanod), rabbits (cwningod), hedgehogs (draenogod) and glass lizards (madfallod gwydr) — a truly memorable experience for everyone.

In outdoor learning, we have been making the most of the glorious sunshine by exploring the school grounds. Pupils have been on a mission to search for, identify and build habitats for the local wildlife that live in and around our school, developing both their teamwork skills and their understanding of how we can care for the natural environment.

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Year 4 pupils also had an amazing time on Wednesday taking part in tennis sessions at the courts by Bishop Gore. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, coordination and sportsmanship while learning new skills, and we may well have some future tennis stars in the making!



Finally, we have been delighted to welcome Mrs Griffiths back into class. It has been lovely to see her around the school again, and pupils are especially looking forward to reconnecting with her Criw Cymraeg during our weekly Welsh assemblies.

We are excited for all that the summer term has to offer and look forward to sharing more learning with you soon.

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Year 5
Blwyddyn 5

April has been a short but busy month in Year 5.

We started our new topic Express Yourself. We started our topic with Epic Planning, the children had amazing ideas for areas they would like to study over the term, including a trip to the beach to try out some beach art.



We looked at the work of the artists Keith Haring, Banksy, Andy Goldsworthy and Helen Elliot in Expressive Arts. We also tried out the new school drone with our own version of Art Attack. The children loved it, although there were some rumours about spy drones circulating! In Maths we have moved on to area and perimeter, while in science the children have been learning all about pollination and parts of a plant. The Year 5 garden area is really taking shape, thanks to the help of Mrs Holland. The children have researched and planted fruit trees and the flower beds. In music the children have started to make their own songs to which they will be developing music videos and artwork to accompany them.

We are looking forward to our Band Along trumpet and trombone concert on Tuesday May 5th (6pm) and Sports' Day on Wednesday May 13th. We can't wait to see you there.

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Year 6

Blwyddyn 6



The month of April has flown by in Year 6, Our students have been diving into the new topic of CHANGE. Our journey began with a visit to our very own Museum of Curiosity, where students explored various artefacts that sparked their imagination. They generated thoughtful "I wonder" questions, which have driven their inquiries further into the subject matter.

As part of their research, students have been investigating how food production methods have evolved over time and the changes within the fashion industry. They brought in clothes from home to examine labels, discovering where their garments are made and the materials used. This exploration led to enlightening discussions about fast fashion, with students expressing surprise at the statistics they uncovered. These activities not only foster critical thinking but also raise awareness about sustainability, aligning with our commitment to environmental education.

With the arrival of brighter weather, our Year 6 students have taken their learning outdoors! They have been busy constructing bug hotels, which not only enhances their understanding of biodiversity but also encourages a connection with nature. This hands-on activity allows students to appreciate the importance of various species in our ecosystem and enjoying the fresh air.

Our students have been diligently practising their dance routines for the upcoming performance at the Taliesin Theatre. The excitement is palpable as they refine their choreography, and we can't wait to showcase their hard work and creativity. As we approach Sports day, students are also honing their athletic skills, ensuring they are ready for a day of fun and friendly competition.

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Last week, we were fortunate to welcome the CHAT team from Olchfa Comprehensive School. Year 10 students led an engaging session, providing valuable insights into what to expect as our Year 6 pupils transition to secondary school. They answered questions and offered reassurance, making the experience both informative and enjoyable with fun games that fostered camaraderie among the students.

As the end of the school year approaches, there are many exciting events on the horizon. We encourage parents to check our list of important dates on Dojo and the school website to stay informed. The anticipation of these upcoming activities not only strengthens our school community but also creates lasting memories for our students as they prepare for the next chapter in their educational journey.

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School Council
Cyngor Ysgol

Over the past few weeks School Council have been talking to their peers to find out their views and opinions on school dinners. They arranged a meeting with Anne-Marie and Glen from Swansea Council Catering Services and Becky our School Cook. Councillors shared their own and peers' feedback on school dinners.



School Council will be monitoring the changes to school dinners that have been discussed and will meet in a few weeks to again review pupils' feedback.

On June 3rd we will be holding a 'Salad Bar Promotion' in the school hall, for pupils to try different salad options. We hope that if this is successful some of these options will regularly feature in the salad bar for pupils.

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Welsh Crew

Criw Cymraeg

Pwy yw Pwy??

Dw i'n byw yn West Cross.

Mae gwallt golau gyda fi.

Mae llygaid glas gyda fi.

Dw i'n hoffi yfed mountain dew, ond dw i ddim yn hoffi yfed coffi, achos mae'n boeth.

Dw i'n hoffi bwyta pitsa achos mae'n blasus iawn, ond dw i ddim yn hoffi bwyta pys.

Fy hoff hobi yw chwarae pel-droed a golff.



Mr Cadmore ydw i.

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Eco Crew

Criw Eco

We continue to work hard as a school in the Battery competition. Thank you to everyone who is sending their batteries into school for recycling. Congratulations to Y2MJ who won the April battery competition. They collected an amazing 519 batteries- Well done all!





Last year we launched a competition to create an Eco Code for our school. We had some amazing entries that really summed up what we believe at Sketty Primary. We decided to combine the two winning entries to create our finished code. This month we displayed it in pride of place on our Eco wall. Congratulations again to Alice, Leo and Africa for their inspirational ideas.

It's time to have a rummage through those drawers and wardrobes again as we have another collection of used clothes on Thursday 4th June. More details to follow - PLEASE DO NOT SEND BAGS IN UNTIL THEN.

Mrs Palmer and The Eco Criw

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Visitors
Ymweliad



Pupils from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed an interesting and informative assembly from the RNLI explaining the importance of staying safe at the beach in the summer.

We are very happy to report that Estyn visited the school this week to review the recommendations from their July 2023 visit. During the day, inspectors spent time visiting classes, speaking with learners, and meeting with staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team. They were able to see first-hand the strong learning experiences, positive relationships and welcoming ethos that are central to life at Sketty Primary School.

Estyn
Dros ddysgwyr, dros Gymru
For learners, for Wales

A huge thank you to all our staff and children who worked so hard to showcase everything that Sketty has to offer. Your commitment, professionalism and pride in our school shone through. We are incredibly proud of you all and grateful for the teamwork that made the visit such a positive experience.

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Congratulations
Llongyfarchiadau

Over the last 6 weeks Alfie has entered 4 Kickboxing tournaments, taking away 7 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals, giving him both Welsh and English titles. He has now been invited to represent Wales in the World Championships in Madrid and Austria later this year. Da iawn Alfie. Everyone at Ysgol Sgeti is very proud of your success.



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PTA
Cymdeithas Rhieni ac Athrawon



A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the Rainbow Raffle, and to everyone who donated items. Twenty four lucky winners were selected by our Year 6 School Council, and hampers are ready for collection from the office. An incredible amount of money has been raised, which will benefit children across the school. Diolch pawb!



DATE	EVENT	NOTES
08/05/26		Year 1 - Miss Christer & Mr Lloyd-Jones Rep - Hannah Cullen
05/06/26	Summer Bake Sale	Reception – Miss Emily Jones Rep - Mel Burtonwood
19/06/26		Reception - Miss Rees & Mrs Porter Rep - Beth Phillips
03/07/26		Nursery AM & PM - Mrs Fox Rep - Rhea Hill & Stephanie Booth

Thank you also for your continued support of our Bake Sales. The proceeds all contribute to enhanced resources and activities for the children across the school.

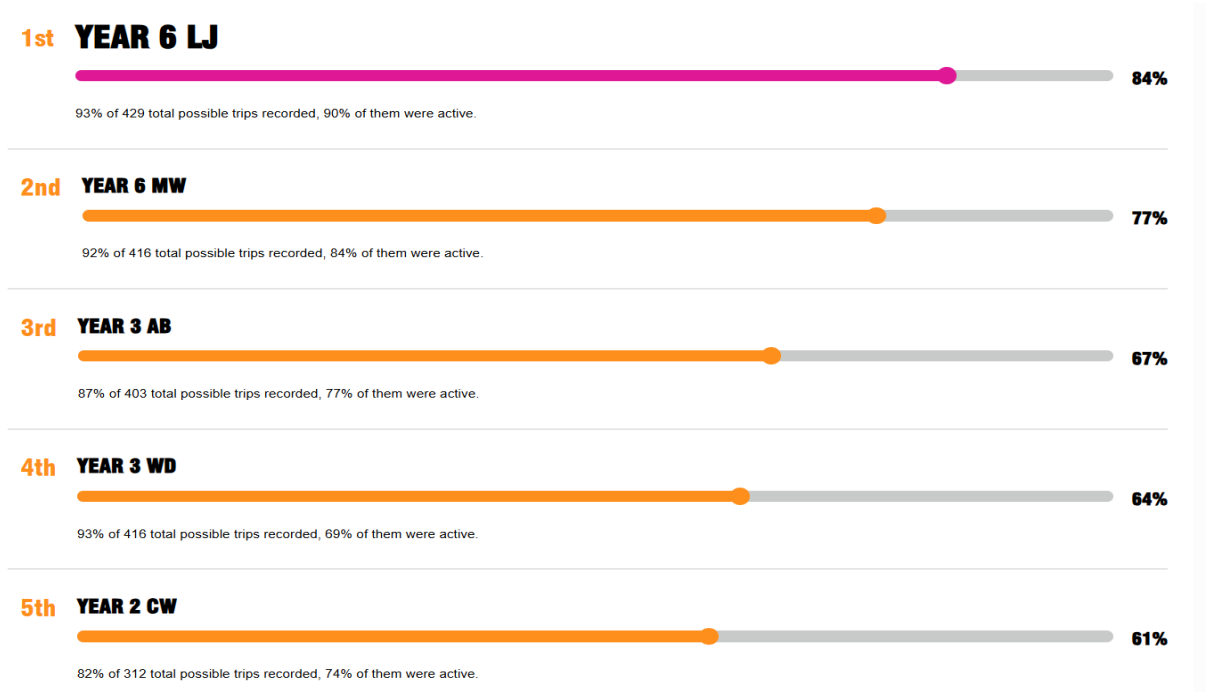
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Living Streets

Our Living Streets project has been continuing this month. The aim of the project is to create a nation where walking and wheeling is the natural choice for every day, local journeys. If the children can walk, cycle, scoot or walk and stride once a week it will make a difference.



Llongyfarchiadau eto i Blwyddyn 6 LJ who have made the most active journeys again this month.

To find out more information about living streets, click on the following link https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/

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Important Reminders
Atgoffa Pwysig

- School gates are open from 8.40am-9.00am. Please come to the office if you arrive after 9.00am.

- The register is taken at 8.50am.

- School Uniform is a red polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie.



- PE kit is black leggings/joggers and white t-shirt.

- Please wear sensible shoes to school. No flip flops, crocs or sandals for health and safety reasons.

- As you know, we are a large school and accumulate a great deal of lost property over the year. Please help us by making sure all clothes, bags and equipment are labelled.

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Attendance
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Reception EJ	95.0%
Reception SP/SM	94.0%
Year 1 HC	94.8%
Year 1 KP/SG	97.3%
Year 2 CW	92.0%
Year 2 MJ	95.5%
Year 3 AB	91.8%
Year 3 WD	97.1%
Year 4 JG	96.7%
Year 4 NT	97.5%
Year 5 SW	95.1%
Year 5 SK	93.8%
Year 6 MW	95.8%
Year 6 LJ	94.2%

This month, our whole school attendance was 95.0%. Da iawn pawb!!

Congratulations to Year 4 NT who had the best class attendance this month. Da iawn also to Year 1 KP and Year 3 WD who were not too far behind. Llongyfarchiadau pawb!

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	Cause for concern: - 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.

If your child is unwell, please remember to contact the school office to inform us. A message can be left on the answer machine.

Please do not use class dojo to explain absences as teachers don't always get the chance to check during teaching time.

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur

May 2026

Date	Event	Year group
01/05/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils**	**All**
04/05/26	**May Day Bank Holiday – no school for pupils**	**All**
05/05/26	Bandalong Concert in school – 6pm (Pupils to return for 5.30pm)	Year 5
11/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 2
12/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 6
13/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 5
14/05/26	Sports Day AM – 10.00am PM – 1.45pm	Nursery
15/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 1
18/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 4
`19/05/26	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Year 3
21/05/26	Fire Safety sessions	Year 2 Year 5
	Sports Day – 1.45pm	Reception
22/05/26	End of half term **Pupils return to school on Monday 1st June 2026**	All

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Sports Day – May 2026

The dates for Sports Day 2026 are listed below:

Date	Year Group	Time
Monday 11th May	Year 2	1.45pm
Tuesday 12th May	Year 6	1.45pm
Wednesday 13th May	Year 5	1.45pm
Thursday 14th May	Nursery AM Nursery PM	10.00am 1.45pm
Friday 15th May	Year 1	1.45pm
Monday 18th May	Year 4	1.45pm
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3	1.45pm
Thursday 21st May	Reception	1.45pm

Unfortunately, there is uncertainty over whether the redevelopment of Swansea Bay Sports Park will be ready to host our Year 4-6 event this year. As a result, all Sports Days will take place at Sketty Primary School.

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Dates for your diary
Dyddiadau i'ch dyddiadur
June and July 2026

Date	Event	Year group
01/06/26	Back to School	All
12/06/26	Primary Partners	Year 5
15/06/26	Visit to Sony in Bridgend	Year 4 NT
18/06/26 + 19/06/26	Taliesin Dance Show	Year 6
26/06/26	PTA Summer Fete	All
29/06/26	Visit to Sony in Bridgend	Year 4 JG
30/06/26 – 03/07/26	Olchfa Comprehensive Transition	Year 6
02/07/26	Bird of Prey Centre	Year 4
06/07/26 - 08/07/26	Stackpole Residential	Year 6
17/07/26	Last day of Summer Term	All
20/07/26	**Inset Day – no school for pupils** **Pupils return to school on Thursday 3rd September**	**All**

Further dates will be added as the term progresses. We understand the importance of giving families sufficient time to plan, and we will therefore share updates and upcoming events as early as possible. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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School Term and Holiday Dates (2025-2026)
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Term	Term begins		Half-term holiday			Terms ends
Autumn Term 2025	Monday 1st September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 27th October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 3th November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	Monday 25th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026	Monday 20th July 2026

Bank holidays

3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

6th April 2026 - Easter Monday

4th May 2026 - May Day

25th May 2026 - Spring Bank Holiday

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 3rd October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 1st May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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