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Term Dates & School Holidays 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025			
Staff Training	Monday	1st September	School Closed
Staff Training	Tuesday	2nd September	School Closed
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday	3 rd September	School Open
Staff Training	Friday	24 th October	School Closed
Half Term	Monday-Friday	27 th - 31 st October	School Closed
Back to School	Monday	3 rd November	School Open
Term Ends	Friday	19 th December	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2026			
Staff Training	Monday	5th January	School Closed
Back to School	Tuesday	6 th January	School Open
Half Term	Monday-Friday	16 th -20 st February	School Closed
Back to School	Monday	23 rd February	School Open
Term Ends	Friday	27 th March	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2026			
Back to School	Monday	13 th April	School Open
May Bank Holiday	Monday	4 th May	School Closed
Back to School	Tuesday	5 th May	School Open
Half Term	Monday-Friday	25 th - 29 th May	School Closed
Back to School	Monday	1 st June	School Open
Term Ends	Friday	17 th July	Last Day of Term
Staff Training	Monday	20 th July	School Closed

The government implemented new legislation that came into effect from September 2013 which means that schools may only authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. A parent or carer does not have any right to leave of absence during term time and if your request is refused the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. This could result in legal action being taken or a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

If a pupil takes unauthorised term-time leave for 10 consecutive sessions or more (generally 5 days) they will be subject to a Penalty Notice. The fine for a penalty notice is £80 per child, per parent/carer, increasing to £160 if not paid after 21 days but within 28 days for pupils who are of statutory school age. If a penalty notice remains unpaid, parents may be the subject of court proceedings for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child and this could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 3 months per parent.

For second offences of unauthorised term-time leave (10 consecutive sessions or more) within a three-year rolling period, the fine is a flat £160 per parent, per child. For the third offence in a three-year rolling period, the referral will be automatically considered for prosecution in relation to Section 444 Education Act 1996.



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