

# The Buzz

## 30th January 2026



**Brightstone C.E.**  
Primary School

**Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect**

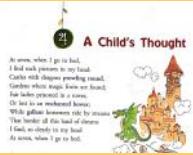
Dear parents, carers and children,

I have been really impressed with the poems that **Honey Bee class** have written this week. They have been exploring the poem **A Child's Thought** by Robert Louis Stevenson, and then creating their own poems inspired by it. After gathering and discussing rhyming words, as well as the rhythm, they drafted and edited their poems before writing them in neat. Some are now in our Proud Gallery in the main corridor, and I have included some in this week's Buzz. I am sure you will agree that they are fantastic! Well done, Honey Bee class!

You will have received an email about a vacancy that we have for a **parent governor**. We welcome nominations from parents and carers across the school. Please see the information and poster in the email and on Facebook, and contact Lisa Abbott, clerk to governors, at [clerk@brightstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brightstoneprimary.org.uk) if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to the governing body.



On Tuesday, **Helen from Tesco's** in Freshwater collected the children's painted stones for the community snake project. Please do look out for it curling (snaking) around the car park!



### Class news

"We have been learning about shade and tone in **Bumble Bee class**. Today, the children worked really hard to create an observational drawing of Challenge Chimp. They began by sketching Challenge Chimp and focusing on his body shapes. They then refined their work, by adding detail and looking at the different tones and textures on him. Well done team Bumble Bee - you are officially a class of awesome draw-ers!" Miss Sztypuljak



"Martha, Rosie, Henry, Helena, Quinn and Alice were **Ivy Bee's** first recipients of a pen licence this week. Their handwriting is neat and correctly joined and they now have permission to write in pen in all the books - except Maths books. Well done to all of them!" Mrs Sharp

### Reminders

**Hair accessories and socks** must be in the school colours. **Water bottles** must only contain water.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brightstone team



# Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is People Jesus Meets. This week, we have been learning about The Tempter. Our value this week is dignity.



We listened to the story of when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights.

The devil tried to tempt him to do wrong things, but, even though Jesus was tired and hungry, he knew that he should remain faithful to God and to only do God's will. He kept his dignity.

Sometimes when we are facing difficult decisions, it can be easy to be tempted to do the wrong thing, but, by following Jesus' example, it can help us to know what is right and what is wrong.

Lord Jesus,

Give us your courage to act justly,  
your compassion to show mercy,  
and your humility  
to put others before ourselves.  
Amen



## Inclusion

Welcome to our inclusion section! Each week, we share a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, as part of our inclusive ethos.

This week, our word is:

weather

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2uLj1b23ZI>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

## Poetry Corner

### The Furry Ones

I like -  
the furry ones -  
the waggy ones  
the purry ones  
the hoppy ones  
that hurry,

The glossy ones  
the saucy ones  
the sleepy ones

The snuggly ones  
the huggly ones  
the never, never  
ugly ones...  
all soft  
and warm  
and furry.

Aileen Fisher



## Reading Recommendations

Each week, we include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Annie recommends *How To Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell.

I recommend this book because it's funny! I love the fantasy in it. It's about Hiccup trying to be a hero but he gets a Common or Garden Dragon which makes him feel useless.

Hiccup is the son of the chief, and the chief is called Stoick.

The main characters are Hiccup, Dogsbreath the Duhbrain, Snotlout, Gobber the Belch, and Fishlegs.

I recommend it because it's a really good book and it's good for all ages.



## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm.

### **Contact the NSPCC Helpline**

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

0808 800 5000

[Find out more](#)

You can contact the NSPCC:  
Or call children's services 01983 823435

## Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 26th January  
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: **93.47%**

Late marks this week: **7**



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for->



# Golden Book

Flower Bee	<b>Evan</b> and <b>Cleo</b> for showing respect by tidying up different areas of the classroom without being asked to.
Bumble Bee	<b>Oscar</b> for taking on Miss Sztypuljak's Maths challenge independently. Oscar worked on his own to order Numicon. <b>George</b> for taking on Miss Sztypuljak's reading challenge at the weekend. He not only made Miss Sztypuljak proud, but made his mummy and the WHOLE of Bumble Bee Class super proud! Well done George! <b>Hudson</b> : he was finding his writing quite tricky. He came and asked for help, but then changed his mind and chose to try and complete it himself instead.
Honey Bee	<b>Ellie</b> for excellent effort in her poetry writing and for consistent hard work in maths. <b>Noah H</b> for expressing original ideas in his poetry writing, and working hard to edit and redraft his poem and improve his handwriting to present his ideas as effectively as possible.
Ivy Bee	<b>Kai</b> for his detailed answer in Guided Reading. <b>Hugh</b> for on different occasions comforting upset children, then helping or reassuring them.
Bee-Haviour	<b>Noah H</b> and <b>Dan</b> for being really kind to another child, offering them to play and giving them time to think showing a lot of compassion.
Sports Bee	<b>Ellen</b> for showing great enthusiasm and passion for learning in PE since joining Brightstone.

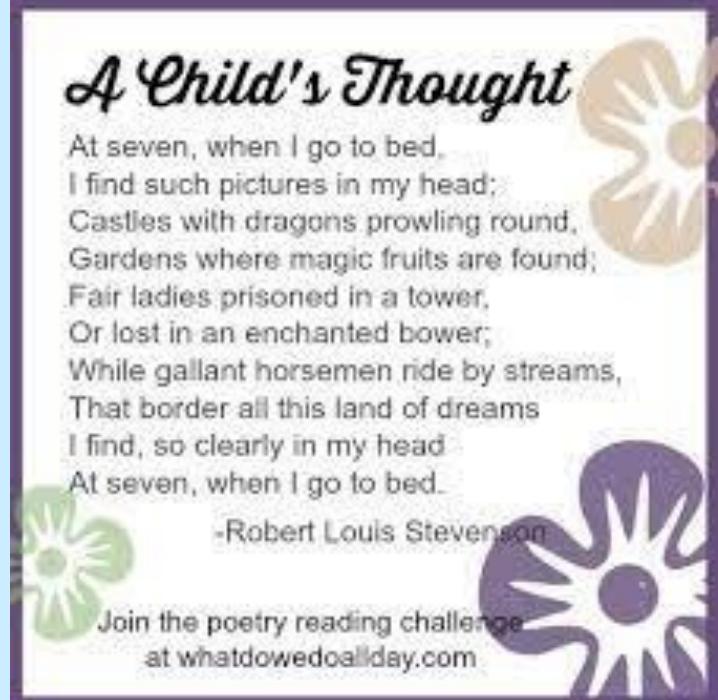


## Honey Bee Class

### Poems

Here are a selection of poems that the children have written, inspired by A Child's Thought by Robert Louis Stevenson.

*A Child's Thought*



At seven, when I go to bed,  
I find such pictures in my head;  
Castles with dragons prowling round,  
Gardens where magic fruits are found;  
Fair ladies imprisoned in a tower,  
Or lost in an enchanted bower;  
While gallant horsemen ride by streams,  
That border all this land of dreams  
I find, so clearly in my head  
At seven, when I go to bed.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Join the poetry reading challenge  
at [whatdowedoallday.com](http://whatdowedoallday.com)

**C** Night has its rights

I am when I go to bed  
I find such lands in my head  
Glittering cities where the winds sing  
angels like dragons beat their wings  
They mount up like sins.  
Bloody shark gins  
Emerald like sins  
They grow higher.  
Silver scales shine  
Gold fruits taste divine  
I find such lands in my head  
At seven when I go to bed

Annie

o Show is falling all around me  
Evil Intentions.  
At night time when I go to bed  
I find lots of lots in my head  
Deep hollows - .  
With sparkling wings  
Evil genius intentions  
Make evil intentions  
Sparkling bubbly poison  
Purple, hair lots lots.  
These lots of lots  
At the 10 when I go to bed  
Noah H

## Knight Pictures

At seven when I go to bed I find,  
Such pictures in my mind.  
A beach full of slimy rocks,  
With beautiful shiny tiny logos.  
When I go to bed I find,  
This happy place inside my mind.  
A hot shiny beach full of sea shells,  
With big golden bees.

Ellie

Magic I find inside my mind.

At seven, when I go to bed,  
I find a world beyond my head.  
A land with water glowing round,  
And fluffy white clouds on the ground.  
A dragon with glistening jaws,  
And dangerous acute emerald claws.  
Some diamond unicorns dancing,  
And proudly & happily prancing.  
This land I see inside my head.  
In my nice, warm, cozy bed.

Bethan

S K Y Dragon Thoughts K  
At 8:30 I go to bed  
I find magic in my head.  
Beaches warm and sandy  
Seashells made of candy.  
Blue windy waves bare  
In a cave dragons share.  
Tiny fairies dancing  
Unicorns prancing.  
I find so clearly in my head.  
At 8:30 when I go to bed.

S K Y

Sky

B E T H A N

My Thoughts

At eight, when I sleep at night,  
I find such magic and such light.  
A garden with a lot of trees,  
And a hive of bumble bees.  
Whilst I am climbing a rope,  
I can hear people that spoke.  
I can see a hidden key,  
Guarded by a magic tree.  
In this magic land I find,  
In my bed I stop my mind.

Holly

H O L L Y

# Focus on Attendance

With the children, we discussed how regular attendance helps them:

- Make strong progress in their learning, as learning builds day by day
- Feel confident, independent and part of their class community
- Build friendships and support their wellbeing
- Develop positive routines and life skills such as punctuality and responsibility
- Build strong habits that support success now and in the future

We talked to the children about what “regular attendance” means and the many benefits it brings. We also reminded them that we understand illness does happen, and if a child has a temperature, or if it could be an infection, then they need to stay at home and rest until they are better or the risk of infecting others has passed. However, it is often those days when children feel a little unsure or reluctant at first, but are able to push through and come into school, that can make a real difference. As always, if a child is not well enough to be in school, we will contact families and ensure they are sent home to rest.

To help celebrate and encourage good attendance, we also introduced a whole school campaign for this term:

## Be an attendance HERO (Here Everyday Ready On time)!

- For each full week of attendance, children will earn an entry into a draw - this gives children the opportunity to have up to 11 entries in the draw this term
- At the end of the term, one lucky winner will be chosen to receive a grand prize

We appreciate that there can sometimes be challenges, and we encourage families to speak to us if there are any worries or barriers to attendance, we are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child have the best chance to learn, grow and succeed.





BRIGHTSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6th February at 6pm  
Suitable from Age 4+

Teams of five / £7 per team  
Bring your own drinks and snacks  
Bring a prize for the raffle on the night

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up with our latest news!

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**Family members**  
& friends of Brightstone  
Primary School  
Does your place of  
work offer the Match  
Funding Scheme?

Get in touch with us if your employers could  
help our BSA fundraisers via email at  
[brightstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com](mailto:brightstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com)

## BSA Astra Recycling Clothing Bank

We take...

Clothes,  
Shoes,  
Bed Linen,  
Accessories  
(Such as  
belts, hats  
& handbags)  
Soft Toys



We can't  
take...

Duvets or  
Cushions,  
Off Cuts,  
Carpet or  
Curtains

Located in school entrance car park

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

GO  
ALL  
IN.

**The National Year of Reading: Go All In** campaign is an exciting initiative designed to inspire a **love of reading** and encourage everyone to fully immerse themselves in books and stories. By promoting **reading for pleasure**, sharing a wide range of texts, and celebrating reading in all its forms, the campaign aims to boost **confidence, creativity, and comprehension**. Go All In encourages children to **explore new genres**, take risks with their reading choices, and **develop lifelong reading habits** that support learning across the curriculum and beyond. Reading is essential for **developing language, imagination, and understanding of the world**. It supports children's vocabulary, comprehension, and communication skills, while also helping to build concentration and confidence. Regular reading encourages **curiosity, empathy, and creativity**, and lays a **strong foundation for success** across all areas of learning and throughout life.

Reading doesn't just mean books. It includes stories, ideas and information in print, digital and audio – from graphic novels and lyrics to articles, podcasts and games.

We are always encouraging reading for pleasure, and we will plan some events throughout the year as part of this national campaign. We welcome and value your support in this. Watch this space!



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

– Richard Steele

LittleYellowStar

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

-J.K. Rowling



Remember to send in photos of you reading! We'd love to see them!

# School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' free school meal every day.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£3.35** per day.

Please note the dates to see which week to look at.



**AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU**

**WEEK 1**  
W/C 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges   <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 2</b> BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges   <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 3</b> Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	<b>OPTION 1</b> Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta   <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 2</b> Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta    <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 3</b> Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	<b>OPTION 1</b> Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 2</b> Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy  <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 3</b> Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	<b>OPTION 1</b> Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice   <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 2</b> Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot  <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 3</b> Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  	<b>OPTION 1</b> Fish Fingers with Chips <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 2</b> Quorn Dippers with Chips  <b>OR</b> <b>OPTION 3</b> Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta  
<b>DELI</b>	<b>OPTION 4</b> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings   Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 				
<b>DESSERT</b>	Crunchy Apple Slice 	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY</b> Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water					
					

 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Fruity!  Wholegrain  Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

## WEEK 2

W/C 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Macaroni Cheese OR Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy OR Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Battered Fish with Chips OR Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 2 Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
	OPTION 3				
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI	OPTION 4 Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream



### AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



▼ Vegetarian    ♡ Vegan    ✦ Oily Fish    🍉 Fruity!    ⚡ Wholegrain    ❤ Nutritionist's Choice

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## AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

## WEEK 3

W/C 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2 Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spanish Vegetable Rice	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3 Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Marble Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly



### AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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## Respect Charter

### at Brightstone CE Aided Primary School

At Brightstone CE Aided Primary School we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect, to feel safe, work together and to use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated and action taken.

#### Expectations

- o That all adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- o That no one - staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers or children - be subjected to abusive behaviour or any form of threats from visitors on the school premises.
- o That physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written (including on social media), to staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from school premises and/or police action.

#### Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- o Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- o Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- o Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- o The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- o Physical threats
- o Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- o Swearing and name calling
- o Pushing
- o Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- o Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- o Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- o Disrespecting religion or belief
- o Inappropriate communications (posting on Social Networking sites, emails or letters, etc.) which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying, harassment and/or a hate-related

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse in line with policy and procedure. If you choose to engage in these behaviours you may be asked to leave the site or the police may be called.

**Thank you for your understanding and support**

If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:  
**01983 740285**  
[office@brightstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@brightstoneprimary.org.uk)  
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrightstoneCEPrimarySchool>  
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, you can email them at the following email addresses. Please allow at least one working day for a reply. For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

Year R - teacher.flowerbee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk  
Year 1/2 - teacher.bumblebee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk  
Year 3/4 - teacher.honeybee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk  
Year 5/6 - teacher.ivybee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk  
The Nest resourced provision - thenest@brightstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your child's **mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email [m.jones@brightstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:m.jones@brightstoneprimary.org.uk) [safeguarding@brightstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brightstoneprimary.org.uk)

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brightstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

## Contact us



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

Please be reminded that all children need to wear the correct PE kit on PE days.

The correct PE kit is also needed for sports clubs.

Socks and hair accessories must be in the school colours.

### School Day Timings

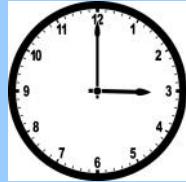
The school day is as follows:

8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close



Many thanks.



### **School Term Dates for 2025-2026**

Wednesday 4th February:	EARA visit to Gurnard Primary School
Friday 13th February:	Last day of term
Monday 23rd February:	Back to school
Thursday 5th March:	World Book Day
Friday 13th March:	Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day (details to follow)
Monday 16th March:	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 17th March:	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th March:	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Friday 27th March:	Last day of term
Monday 13th April:	Back to school
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May:	Y6 SATs
Friday 22nd May:	Last day of term
Monday 1st June:	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd June:	Back to school
Tuesday 7th July:	Transition Day
Wednesday 8th July:	Sports Day
Friday 10th July:	Reports sent home
Tuesday 14th July:	Parents Evening
Friday 24th July:	Last day of term

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days in this academic year:

Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Day 5: Monday 27th July 2026