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Fairview Community Primary School

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Weekly newsletter – Friday 14th February 2025

We are a nut free school – Please do not send your child into school with anything that contains nuts

Head teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 3, marking the midpoint of the academic year, I would like to share some of the exciting events and learning experiences that have taken place in our school over the past fortnight.

Our Reception children had an incredible experience visiting a Science Dome, where they were fully immersed in the wonders of space. They also enjoyed a special 'space' themed day which sparked their curiosity even further.

Year 1 focused on the important topic of road safety, learning vital skills on how to cross the road safely. This is key to ensuring their safety during walks and outings.

In Year 4, the children engaged in a Roman workshop, which enriched their understanding of their topic and helped consolidate their curriculum learning.

Years 5 and 6 experienced a fantastic time during 'Bounce Fitness', embracing fun and fitness in a lively setting. Additionally, a group of our children attended the table tennis MYG, and our cross-country team competed in their fourth fixture.

We have also hosted some enjoyable whole school events. On NSPCC Number Day, the children engaged in a variety of fun number activities while wearing their own clothes or accessories that represented numbers. The creativity on display was wonderful! We also held assemblies focused on fire safety, and I encourage you to check your smoke alarms at home to ensure your family's safety. Finally, to end the week, the children participated in an 'Internet Safety' activity as part of our ongoing commitment to online safety education.

Behind the scenes, we held two strategic Governor meetings this week. During the Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting, we welcomed our new Governor, Mrs Victoria Hills, to the board. The Resources Committee also conducted important discussions regarding budget monitoring, health and safety, and other essential non-educational matters. I would like to express our gratitude to the Governors, who volunteer their time to support and challenge our school's growth.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school to start Term 4 on Monday, 24th February.

Best wishes,

Mrs K Tillet
Headteacher

Whole school attendance and punctuality

The whole school attendance target is 96% set by the Department for Education. Our attendance for the year, so far, is 95.69%.

Please report all absences via Parentmail. If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will call you to find out why your child is not in school, following this up with a Parentmail.

Important information...

Reading raffle

This term is the first of the reading raffle. Children who read at least 4 times, a week, at home are entered into a draw to win a £10 Smyths voucher. This term's winners are:

EYFS – Elliot W (Dragonflies)

KS1 – Isabella H (Tigers)

LKS2 – Harry W (Wolves)

UKS2 – Anieciya F (Owls)

Founders day – 22nd February

The Scouting and Girl Guiding organisations Founders Day is on Saturday 22nd February – To celebrate, children are welcome to wear their uniform on Monday 24th February.

Correct equipment/kit for school

Please can we ask that you (and your children) ensure that the correct kit/equipment are brought into school. We have to phone parents daily requesting water bottles, PE kits, Forest school kit etc. The PE & Forest school time for term 4 is attached to this newsletter.

After school clubs

All club spaces have now been allocated. Unfortunately, if you haven't received an acceptance letter then your child was not successful in gaining a space and will be put on the waiting list. Should a child drop out of a club we then re-allocate from the waiting list.

- We do have spaces in **Y3-6 Invasion Games** which is run by Craig Harvey on a Monday. Which we are going to open up to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 as well. This is a fun club where each week children will have a go at games such as netball, basketball etc.

Spotlites Theatre Group

If you would still like to sign up your child to Spotlites Theatre Group please follow this link:

www.spotlites.co.uk/fairview

Eco Squad Amazon wish list

Our Eco Squad work very hard to ensure the wildlife that visit school are well looked after. Mr Hammett has created an Amazon wish list of items that would really make a difference.

Wish list link: <https://amzn.eu/8oJPV8Y>

Music donation requests

Does anyone have a music stand that they no longer need and would like to donate to school? We are in need of some extra ones for our instrumental group teaching and would really appreciate any donations.

Our school piano has recently been fixed and tuned and is in need of a cover. Is there anyone out there who has the sewing skills to help us and would be happy to make us one?

Medway Music Association - Guitar Lessons

If your child is interested in attending guitar lessons at Fairview School, please can you let the school office know. Lessons are half hour and are held on a Monday afternoon in the Music room. The fee is £4 per session and if you sign up to start on Monday 3rd March the overall fee until the end of July will be £56 which will need to be paid in advance, via Parentmail.

Are you a painter & decorator? Do you have an afternoon to spare?

We have been gifted a wall mural from a mural company for our medical room, but it needs hanging! We are absolute novices at wallpapering so were hoping one of our talented parents may be able to help. If you could spare a few hours hanging the mural we would be really grateful. Below is a picture of the artwork, and how it will look in situ.



Tissues donation

It's the time of year for coughs and colds, and we are getting through boxes of tissues like they are going out of fashion! We would be really grateful for any donations of tissue boxes.

Before school

Please can we remind you that before school starts, children are not to play on any equipment or play ball games. The playground areas are busy and some children are not supervised, therefore these activities are not appropriate at this time.

Appointments

We are seeing an increase in children being collected early from school. Whilst we appreciate these appointments cannot be avoided sometimes, we do ask that where possible you book appointments outside of school hours. Please can you also provide us with booking confirmation/appointment letters when notifying school.

Medicines in school

We are always happy to administer prescribed medicines, when necessary, once a day. If you require us to do this, please come to the office to fill out a consent form.

Please **DO NOT** send any medicines into school with your child. This poses a risk to all children.

Children's birthdays

Don't forget children can wear their own clothes to school on their birthday, or if their birthday falls in a holiday or weekend, on a day in the school week closest to it.

Sports News...

MYG Cup Swimming report



Another day of swimming for our Cup team on Friday 17th January 2025 at the MYG swimming gala. The girls and boys both took part in freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke. This was followed by two relay races. The team worked really well together, showing great collaboration and perseverance. 32 schools took part - we finished in 10th place! A superb achievement by team Fairview. A big well done to: Izabelle C, Ted B, Ben M, Hughie P, Elia B, Megan T, Scarlett K.

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics



On 30 January it was Year 3 and 4's turn to take part in Sports Hall Athletics. Eighteen children spent the morning competing in a range of track and field events. This involved running, jumping and throwing. The children worked well as a team and showed great athletic skills. After a tough morning of competing against Fourteen other schools we were very happy to learn we had come in 4th place. Well done team Fairview.

Our super squad was: Hayden T, Alfie P, Buddy G, Jenson H, Phoenix G, Alanna B, Oakley B, Tristan I, Emilia W, Violet S, Katie B, Poppy E, Immie H-N, Joel K, Joshua T, Ayanna C, Rosa L, Imogen S.

MYG Championship Table Tennis Tournament

WOW what a brilliant day Fairview has had at the mini youth games table tennis tournament. In the morning Fairview was on a winning streak until we faced some tough opponents and some foes, we faced in the swimming competition. As the afternoon commenced, we faced some opponents with very high skill like St Andrews Cliffe Woods and Swingate. The team used perseverance to push through the challenges they faced along the way. In the end we came 4th out of 11 schools and got medals and a trophy. Huge thanks to Mr Bodkin, Mrs Saputo for supervision and contestants and last but certainly not last parents/guardians. Our super team were: Alex T, Ted B, Jack H, Freya S, Emily B, Ava M and sports reporter Callan N

Report by Callan N (Zebras)

MYG Cup Table Tennis Tournament

Fairview's Cup team including: James, Henry; Isaac, Amaya; Elise, Elena and Naila has competed in an abundance of fair matches at Medway Park. On the first match, everybody risked losing by hitting the ball hardly (to make sure the opponent doesn't get the ball and hit it back) and most of us managed to succeed within the rounds. Unfortunately, Henry's opponent had a good strategy and managed to beat him by a couple of points. We were undefeated so far except from this round. On the third game, it was challenging. We all knew that we had to top it up a notch to make sure that we stay undefeated. Elise's skills were phenomenal as she got the first points for the girls. James' opponent was incredibly talented, leading him to not win the point. Due to Fairview's collaboration and kindness,- to everyone who attended the Table Tennis MYG- our day was worth it because we won... THE FAIR PLAY AWARD! We did not win but we came 9th place out of seventeen schools!

Report by Amaya (Crocodiles)

MYG Plate Table Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday the plate team went to the table tennis Mini Youth Games. In game one, Abigail played against Lordswood and came first of the three rounds that they played, Lordswood won one of the games 11-10. George was playing next and won with one if the scores being 11-7. Immi won 11-1 with some good shots to the other team. In the next games, Ben had good rallies with the other team. Saxon Way were next and although we lost the first game 11-5, Eloise (11-2) and George (11-5) won the next two for Fairview with some good serves and rallies. After, Joseph went up against Oakland where we had good rallies, tried hard and had good serves winning 11-7. Soon after, the plate team went up against Walderslade where Joseph won and in one of the games, he got 11-6 to us. Next, we went up against Hoo where Ben had a tight game and scored 11-10 to Hoo. In one of the girls games Immi had some good corner hits. Now we were up against All Saints, where Eloise won 7-3. Now we were up against Balfour Bucks where Joseph was good at serving and almost won but it finished 7-6! Lastly, we went up against Horsted, Eloise had fast shots and Immi had a tight game! Fairview went on to finish 9th out of 16 teams and won the Fair Play trophy, which is brilliant!

Well done Fairview!

Report by Chloe W (Crocodiles)

MYG Cross Country – Race 4



Another fabulous display of running from Team Fairview for race 4, despite missing some key runners due to injury (rest up for race 5!)

We won three team awards:

- 1st in Year 4 boys. 🏆
- 2nd in Year 5 boys. 🏆
- 2nd in Year 6 boys. 🏆

We also had some individual medallists too. 🙌 🙌 🙌

- 1st place in Year 6 boys (Myles) 🏆
- 2nd place in Year 4 boys (Hayden) 🏆

Well done boys on your outstanding run.

One more race to go before the overall series results.....watch this space! 🏆 🏆 🏆

Well done to all our runners (and spectators) who braved the cold. Superstars! 😊

Community News

We love sharing the children's achievements outside of school, if there is anything you'd like us to share please send it to office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

PSA Football – Soccer School

As part of their partnership with Fairview School, PSA would like to offer a discounted rate to all the children at Fairview when booking onto their February Soccer School this Half-Term.

All children will receive a **10% discount** when using the code **PSA10** at the checkout.

PSA Soccer School's are designed for young players of all skill levels, our fun-filled sessions focus on developing key football techniques, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a supportive environment.

Led by experienced coaches, participants will enjoy engaging drills, exciting matches, and the chance to make new friends.

If you would like to sign up click on this link: [February Soccer School 2025](#)

Lifesaver Course



Izabelle from crocodiles has been doing a rookie lifesaver course since she finished her all her swimming stages. In this she learns first aid and CPR and vital skills in which to save people from drowning. She's been doing this for 10 weeks now and these are her first 2 certificates. This is amazing, well done Izabelle!

Star Pupil of the Week



Caterpillars	Grace & River
Ladybirds	Sophie
Bumblebees	Amelia G
Dragonflies	Rosie
Sparrows	Riley S
Doves	Finley
Robins	Lainey
Lions	Valerie
Leopards	Ethan Wanstall
Tigers	Harry K
Wolves	Harry Whitehead
Hedgehogs	Anaya Azhar
Foxes	Isla
Dolphins	Phoenix Green
Otters	Alice Warren
Turtles	Joel Keeler
Owls	Scarlett Kirk
Ravens	Hollie Q
Hawks	Ethan Baugh
Crocodiles	Evie-Bow P
Zebras	Dylan
Elephants	Ellis

Key dates and times for Events

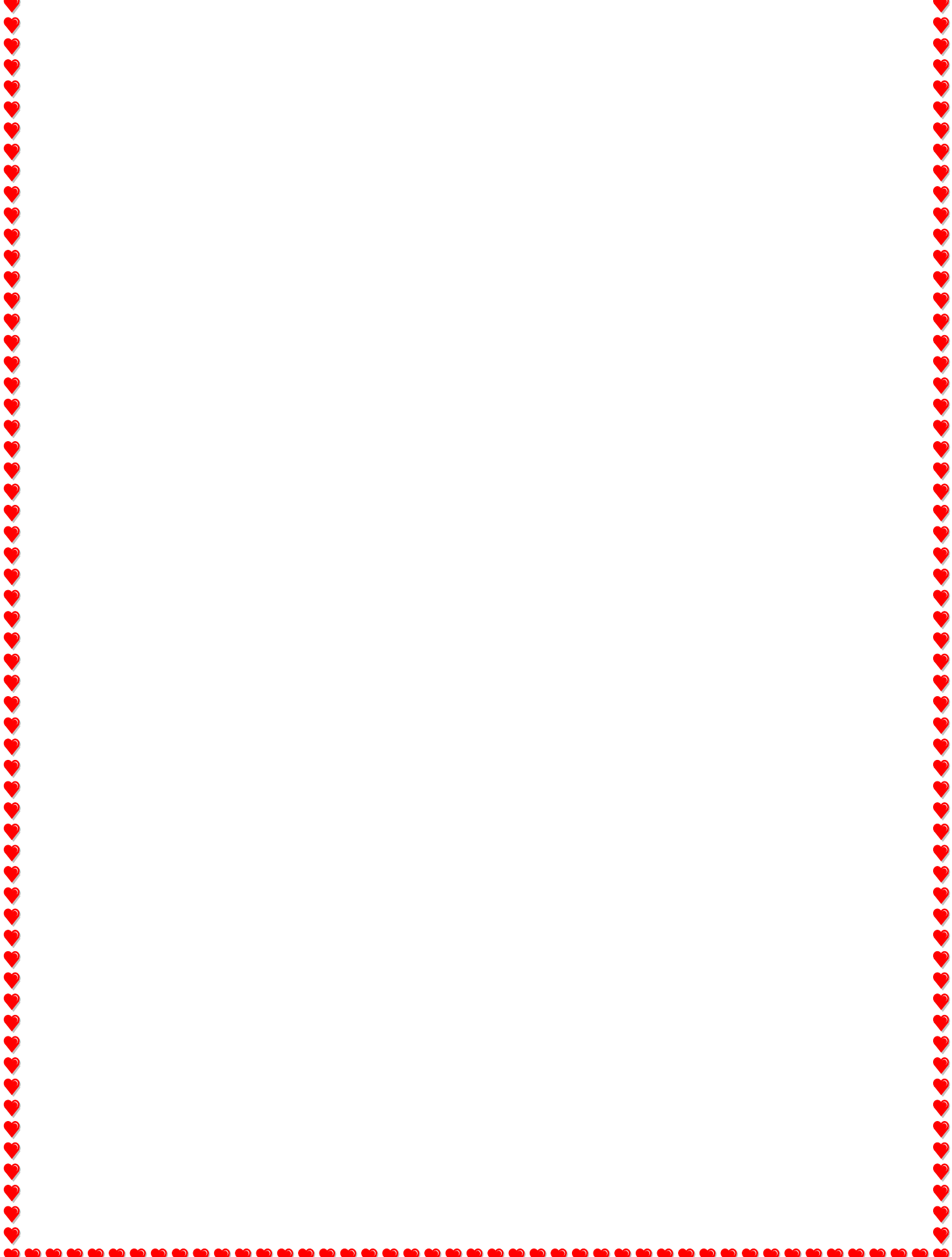
This section will be continually updated over the course of the year and may be subject to change.

February:	
Monday 24th February	First day of term 4
Monday 24 th February	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Thursday 27 th February	Year 6 only Class photos
March:	
Monday 3 rd March	Year 7 September 2025 offer day
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 4 (Otters) – Roman Museum visit
Wednesday 5 th March	Cross country – Fixture 5 (Medway Park)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March	Year 1&2 Multi Skills festival
Friday 7 th March	Year 4 (Turtles) – Roman Museum visit
Monday 10 th March	Year 4 (Dolphins) – Roman Museum visit
Friday 14 th March	Year 5 Book looks – 3pm
Monday 17 th March	Year 6 Book looks – 3pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 1 Book looks – 3pm
Wednesday 19 th March	September 25 nursery starters – Open morning
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 2 Book looks – 3pm
Thursday 20 th March	Utilitia Cup – Regional final – Swindon FC
Thursday 20 th March	Year 3 Book looks – 3pm
Thursday 20 th March	Year R Maths stay & play – 3-3.20pm
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 Book looks – 3pm
Wednesday 19 th March to Wednesday 7 th May	Swimming – Dolphins & Foxes
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 th March	Chicks arriving in Foundation Stage
Wednesday 26 th March	Bounce Beyond – Mini trampoline day (Years R-2)
Thursday 27 th March	Year 5 Art workshop
Friday 28 th March	Deadline to accept/decline year 7 2025 September school place
Friday 28 th March	PTFA Year R & KS1 party (Year R – 1pm, Year 1 – 2pm, Year 2 – 3.30pm)
Monday 31 st March	Caterpillars, year 2 & year 6 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
April:	
Tuesday 1 st April	Year R, year 1 & year 3 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	Caterpillars & year 4 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 6 Easter experience – St Matthews Church
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 5 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Thursday 3 rd April	All years Parents meeting – 4pm to 7pm
Friday 4 th April	House tag day
Friday 4th April	Last day of term 4

Monday 21 st April	Re-allocation of year 7 September 2025 begins
Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff development day
Wednesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts for children
Thursday 24 th April	MYG - Netball (Plate)
Friday 25 th April	Year 2 VR workshop
Tuesday 29 th April	NYG - Netball (Championship)
May:	
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
WC 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 14 th May to Wednesday 25 th June	Swimming – Wolves & Hedgehogs
Tuesday 20 th May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Championship)
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 3 Educational trip to Riverside Country Park
Thursday 22 nd May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Cup and plate)
Friday 23 rd May	House tag day
Friday 23rd May	Last day of term 5
June:	
Monday 2 nd June	Staff development day
Tuesday 3rd June	Term 6 starts for children
Tuesday 3 rd June	MYG – Football (Championship)
Thursday 5 th June	MYG – Football (Cup and plate)
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th June	Sports Inclusion week
Monday 9 th June	PGL 2025 parent meeting (Yr 6 parents)
Monday 16 th June	Year 1 Educational visit to Wingham Wildlife Centre
Thursday 19 th June	Make music day
Friday 20 th June	Sports day (Yrs R-6)
Saturday 21 st June	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 23 rd June to Friday 27 th June	Year 6 Residential and activity week for those children not attending
Tuesday 24 th June	MYG – Cricket (Championship)
Thursday 26 th June	MYG – Cricket (Cup and plate)
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 Educational visit to Wildwood
Monday 30 th June	PGL 2026 parent meeting (Yr 5 parents)
July:	
Wednesday 2 nd July	Additional swim session
Friday 4 th July	Reserve sports day (Yrs R-6)
Monday 7 th July	Year 6 'It's your move' – St Matthews Church
Tuesday 8 th July	MYG – Athletics
Wednesday 9 th July	Additional swim session
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 performance to parents - 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Additional swim session
Friday 18 th July	House tag day
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 leavers disco



Monday 21 st July	Year 6 leavers service at St Matthews Church – 2pm
Tuesday 22 nd July	Whole school picnic – No parents
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of year 6



Term Dates for September 2024 – July 2025

Term 1	Staff development day	Monday 2nd September
	Staff development day	Tuesday 3 rd September
	Term 1 begins for children	Wednesday 4th September
	Term ends for children	Friday 18th October
Autumn Break		Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October
Term 2	Term 2 begins for children	Monday 28th October
	Term ends for children	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Break		Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January
Term 3	Staff development day	Monday 6th January
	Term 3 begins for children	Tuesday 7th January
	Term ends for children	Friday 14th February
February Break		Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Term 4	Term 4 begins for children	Monday 24th February
	Term ends for children	Friday 4 th April
	Good Friday	Friday 18 th April
	Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April
Easter Break		Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April
Term 5	Staff development day	Tuesday 22 nd April
	Term 5 begins for children	Wednesday 23rd April
	Term ends for children	Friday 23 rd May
	Early May bank holiday	Monday 5 th May
	Spring bank holiday	Monday 26 th May
Late Spring Break		Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Term 6	Staff development day	Monday 2 nd June
	Term 6 begins for children	Tuesday 3rd June
	Term ends for children	Tuesday 22 nd July

Term Dates for September 2025 – July 2026

Term 1	Staff Development Day	Monday 1 st September
	Staff Development Day	Tuesday 2 nd September
	Year starts for children	Wednesday 3rd September
	Last day of term 1	Friday 17 th October
Autumn Break		Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October
Term 2	Term 2 starts for children	Monday 27th October
	Last day of term 2	Friday 19 th December
Christmas Break		Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January
Term 3	Staff Development Day	Monday 5 th January
	Term 3 starts for children	Tuesday 6th January
	Last day of term 3	Friday 13 th February
February Break		Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
Term 4	Term 4 starts for children	Monday 23rd February
	Last day of term 4	Thursday 2 nd April
	Good Friday	Friday 3 rd April
Easter Break		Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April
Term 5	Staff Development Day	Monday 20 th April
	Term 5 starts for children	Tuesday 21st April
	Early spring bank holiday	Monday 4 th May
	Last day of term 5	Friday 22nd May
Late Spring Break		Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Term 6	Staff Development Day	Monday 1 st June
	Term 6 starts for children	Tuesday 2nd June
	Last day of the academic year	Tuesday 21st July