

# Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

## Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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### Summer Term / TYMOR Y HAF

Start / Dechrau: Monday 13 April 2024 / Dydd Llun Ebrill 13 2026

Half Term : Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May /  
Hanner Tymor : Dydd Llun Mai 25 - Dydd Gwener Mai 29

### Summer Term / Tymor y Hâf

End / Diwedd: Friday 17th July 2025 / Dydd Gwener Gorffennaf 17

### Week Beginning - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Week 2

Monday		Bank Holiday
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday	-Y11 GCSE Numeracy exam (morning)	Year 9 Vaccinations
Friday	-GCSE Drama Unit 3	

### Week Beginning - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Week 1

Monday	- Business unit 1 (pm)	
Tuesday	-Geography Unit 1 -Biology Unit 2 -Science Double Unit 4	
Wednesday	-Welsh Unit 3 -Computer Science Unit 1 Understanding -History Unit 1C	
Thursday	-Maths Unit 1 Non Calculator	
Friday	-English Language Unit 1 Written	

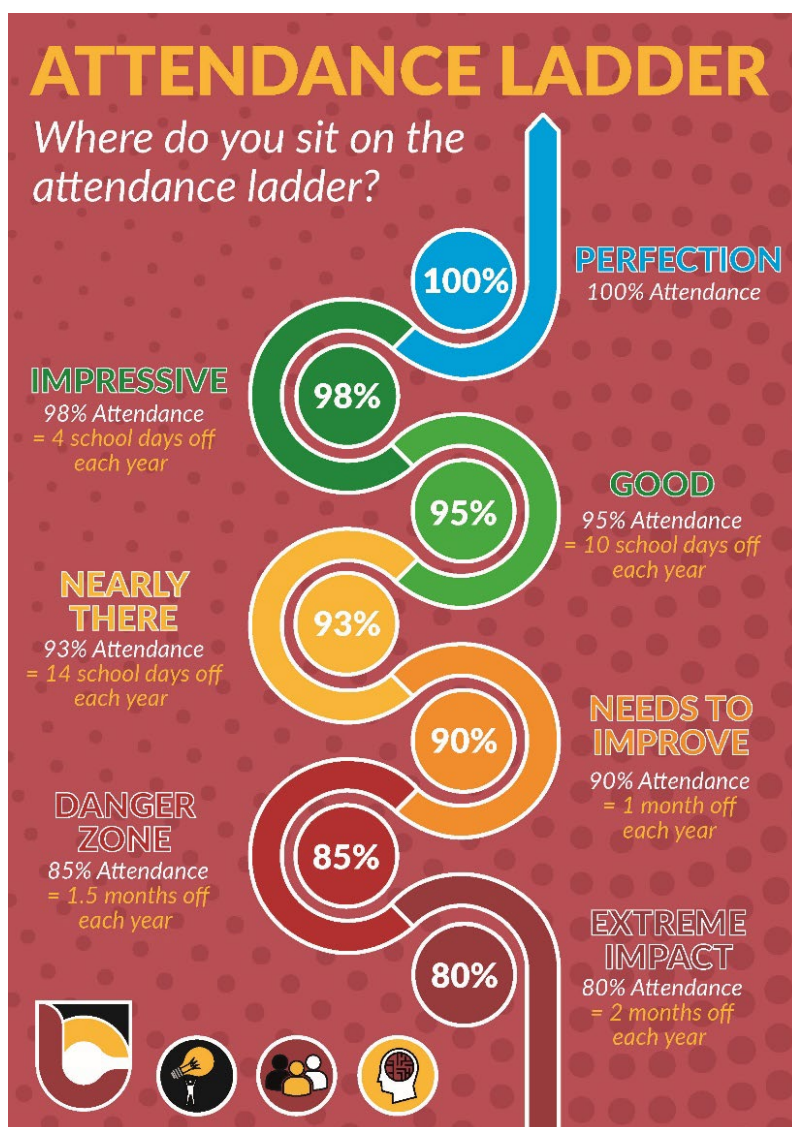
## Why Attendance Matters More Than We Sometimes Realise

At the heart of a successful school experience is something very simple: being there. Regular attendance allows pupils to fully access the opportunities available to them, not just academically, but socially and emotionally too.

Each school day is carefully planned, with learning building step by step. When pupils are present, they are able to follow this journey alongside their peers, ask questions when they are unsure, and gain confidence as their understanding grows. Over time, this helps to build a sense of independence and ambition, as pupils begin to see what they are capable of achieving.

Attendance is also closely linked to routine. Daily structure helps young people feel settled and secure, particularly during periods where life outside of school may feel uncertain. Being part of a consistent routine supports wellbeing, friendships and a sense of belonging within the school community.

We know that attendance is not always straightforward, and there can be times when families need additional support. If this is the case, we encourage you to contact us. Working together, we can ensure that every pupil has the best possible opportunity to succeed. Our attendance and pastoral teams are always ready to support.



# Sporting Success

## Boys Rugby



We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to our Year 11 pupils who have proudly received their Aberavon Schools Under-16 caps. This achievement reflects their dedication, hard work, and commitment to representing their school at a high standard. Earning this recognition is a significant milestone, and we celebrate their success both on and off the field. Well done to all involved!

## Year 7 Rugby

The first week back after Easter saw a busy week for our year 7 rugby squad with their Semi Final against Ystalyfera on the Wednesday. A slow start by their own standards saw them lead 17 nil at Half time, The 2<sup>nd</sup> half saw some excellent interlink between forwards and backs to put players into space resulting in the team scoring 6 tries in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half putting them into the Final on 13<sup>th</sup> May.



On the Friday we welcomed Severn Vale from across the bridge for our annual fixture between the two schools. Friday fixture was the perfect opportunity to give game time to the boys who were not involved in the Cup Semi Final win but the boys didn't let their standards drop again throwing the ball around and attacking space resulting in lots of tries scored.

## Girls Rugby

Since returning after the Easter break the year 8 and 9 girls rugby team have played two fixtures with 26 girls representing the school in those two games. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment – they are becoming an impressive and successful force in women’s rugby!



Congratulations to Freya year 10, Emily and Pheobe in Year 11 who have been part of the Rugby Player Development Centre West Under 16s programme and were selected to play in the 2 fixtures and national festival in Cardiff Uni.





**YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SUMMER TERM 2025**

**MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**PLEASE NOTE!! – ALL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND YOU WILL NEED TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY HOME. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE WEATHER DEPENDANT!**

**FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. TRANSPORTS ARRANGMENTS FOR THESE WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.**

<b>WEEK 1 AND 2</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ATHLETICS (starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>GRASS TRACK</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>TENNIS</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TENNIS COURTS</b>
	<b>TOUCH RUGBY</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>3G</b>
	<b>CRICKET</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>3G</b>
	<b>GCSE PE REVISION</b>	<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>C11</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ROUNDERS</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>3G</b>

## Challenge Champion



Well done to Millie Thomas in 7B for becoming our very first *Challenge Champion*! Millie impressed us immensely with this incredible cardigan, which she crocheted herself as part of her personalised challenge. She also wrote an accompanying note explaining how she built her confidence and skills over time to create this beautiful piece. Her dream is to inspire others to start crocheting too.

Well done, Millie, and thank you for sharing your passion with us!

Could you be our next Challenge Champion? If you are in Year 7 or 8 and have completed a challenge from your Challenge Organiser that you are proud of, please see Mrs Pereira-Thomas for a chance to be our next Challenge Champion.



## Meet the Governors

We would like to make parents aware of who our governing body are,

This week we begin with our chair of Governors, Mrs Mair John.

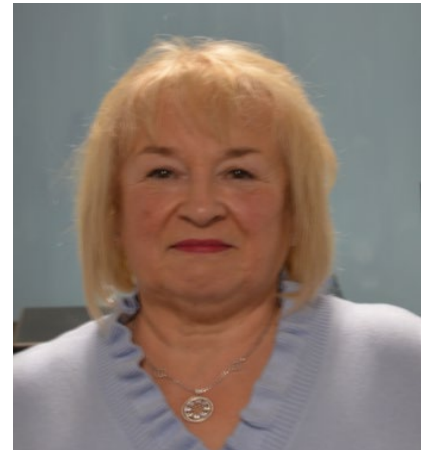
Hi everyone. I'm Mair John, the Chair of Governors here at Ysgol Cwm Brombil. I've been asked to write something to introduce myself to you!

I'm born and raised in Port Talbot, but more specifically Margam. My dad was a steelworker, and my mam opened a market stall in the original Aberavon market - Ann's Florist, a business I later went on to take over. I had two sisters, my elder a teacher in Cwmafan Primary and my younger sister a nurse. It always felt somewhat predetermined that I would follow in my mother's footsteps and take on the business as I was always helping my parents and grandparents in their gardens and greenhouses, even making g my first bouquet at the age of six!

I've been a governor for around 30 years now, whether in Groes Primary School, Dyffryn Comprehensive school or here, at Ysgol Cwm Brombil. It's a role I thoroughly enjoy. It is really important to me that the school succeeds because I have seen it through every stage of existence. I attended the original Groes School- the one that was knocked down to make way for the motorway, and as was the norm at that time, went on to attend Central Junior school before making my way through Dyffryn. Both my daughters attended Groes and Dyffryn., and now my two granddaughters are pupils at this school too!

I have been Chair of Governors here since just before the new school opened, and it's a position that I feel incredibly privileged to hold. Why am I a governor? Initially, all those years ago I was an extra pair of hands helping out at school events, summer and Christmas fetes, school shows, a responsible adult on school trips etc. But as the school grew I know I could use my knowledge from running a business and from being active in the community to do more and try to help as many people as possible. It really matters to me that the pupils, staff, parents and the wider community are able to use our fantastic school to get the best possible outcomes for their future, after all, that's why this school is here!

So, if you see me around the school whether I'm talking to teachers or picking up the granddaughters at the school fetes please feel free to say hello !



## Teaching and Learning Pupil Leadership Group

This week the Teaching and Learning Pupil Leadership Group met to discuss how teaching routines were impacting on learning in the classroom. The group also discussed Tasg Tanios and homework. As always pupils gave Mrs Perreira Thomas and I excellent feedback. Year 11 sat with pupils to guide the conversation and gather their feedback. This was Year 11s last meeting with the group. I would like to thank Year 11 for their huge contributions and input into teaching and learning in Ysgol Cwm Brombil, they have been instrumental in shaping lots of big decisions we have made over the past year. Their contributions have always been thoughtful, mature and considered.

They have met with staff and delivered assemblies on Teaching and Learning and been a real asset to the school. We will miss their input in September; however, I am sure the group will continue to confidently shape learning in YCB for many years to come.



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## Newyddion y Senedd/Senedd News!

We are celebrating exciting news after a transition project led by the School Senedd, who are already Children's Rights Champions, was recognised at a national level. The project was recently discussed at the Children in Wales Annual Conference 2026 and has also been featured in a publication by Children in Wales.

The transition project, organised by Clare Pritchard from the Children's Rights Unit, aimed to support pupils moving from primary to secondary school. The initiative focused on ensuring that our pupils feel confident, informed, and supported during what can often be a challenging time. Members of the School Senedd played a key role in shaping the project. They gathered ideas from pupils, shared their own experiences, and worked collaboratively to create resources and activities designed to ease the transition process. Their work highlighted the importance of listening to pupil voice and ensuring that young people are actively involved in decisions that affect their education.

The recognition at the national conference is a significant achievement. The Children in Wales Annual Conference 2026 brings together professionals and organisations from across Wales to share best practice in supporting children's rights and wellbeing. Having our school's project discussed at such an event shows the real impact of the pupils efforts.

Even more exciting is that the project has been published in a national Children in Wales publication. This means that schools and organisations across the country can learn from and be inspired by the work of our School Senedd.

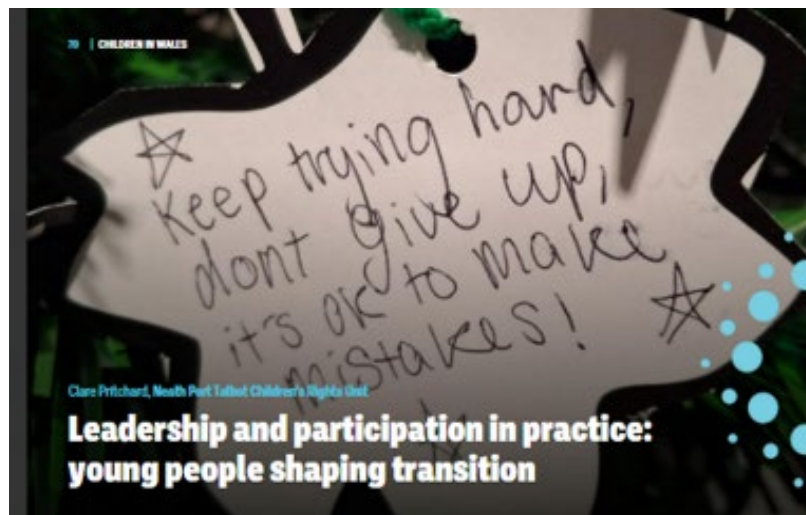
Clare Pritchard praised the Senedd for their enthusiasm and commitment, noting that their contributions were central to the project's success. The School Senedd members should feel incredibly proud of their achievement and the difference they have made.

This recognition highlights the power of pupil voice and shows how young people can lead meaningful change in their communities.

Llongyfarchiadau/Congratulations to everyone involved!

Here is a link to the publication and you will find the article on page 70.

[Spring magazine 2026 - Voices in Action: Putting Participation at the Heart of Change by childreninwales - Issuu](#)



## Y Cwtsh – Your Community Eatery!

**Y Cwtsh** is a warm and welcoming space right at the heart of our community. Freshly cooked meals are served every day, whether you'd like to sit in and relax or grab something tasty to take away. We are open 7 days a week, serving delicious all-day breakfasts, hearty meals, and tempting sweet treats to suit everyone.

### Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 7.00pm

Weekends: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Our sweet treats include luxury doughnuts, alongside other delicious goodies – perfect with a hot drink or as an after-school treat!

There's something extra special for our pupils too – all pupils receive 10% discount off everything on the menu. Just let us know you're from the school and enjoy your savings.

### Feeling creative?

Try our popular Create Your Own Milkshake option! Simply choose your favourite chocolate bar and we'll blend it into a delicious, customised milkshake just for you.

We also offer daily specials, so be sure to ask our friendly staff for more information about what's available each day.



Y Cwtsh is open to everyone in the community and stays open throughout the school holidays, making it the perfect place to meet friends and family.

We are proud to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy great food at great prices. Whether you're stopping by for breakfast, lunch, a sweet treat, or a milkshake made just the way you like it, we look forward to seeing you at Y Cwtsh soon!

## MAINTAIN DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

# Dental Care



Electric toothbrush better for plaque removal ✓

Medium-bristled brush best for removing plaque and debris ✓

Replace toothbrush every 3 months ✓

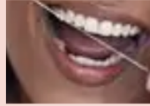
Brush for at least two minutes twice a day ✓



Pea sized amount of toothpaste ✓

Do not rinse mouth after brushings ✓

Toothpaste should contain at least 1,350 parts per million fluoride ✓



Regular flossing reduces gum disease, tooth decay and bad breath ✓

Use a fluoride mouthwash at a different time to brushing your teeth ✓



Have a healthy lifestyle, including eating well, not smoking and limiting your alcohol and sugar intake. It's good for your whole body, including your teeth, gums and mouth.

## BENEFITS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous intensity physical activity a day across the week



### BOOSTS COGNITIVE FUNCTION

improves memory, focus and enhances productivity and creativity

### IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being

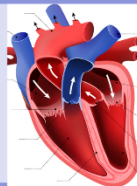


### AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



### ENHANCES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens bones and muscles; protects against osteoporosis and fractures



### PROMOTES HEART HEALTH

Lowers the risk of heart disease; stroke and diabetes

## Reporting your child's absence

In order to improve our efficiency tracking absences, we have enabled the reporting absence option on ClassCharts. When you go into the ClassCharts Parent app for your child, you will now see an absences tab on the top. (scroll across if it is not immediately visible).

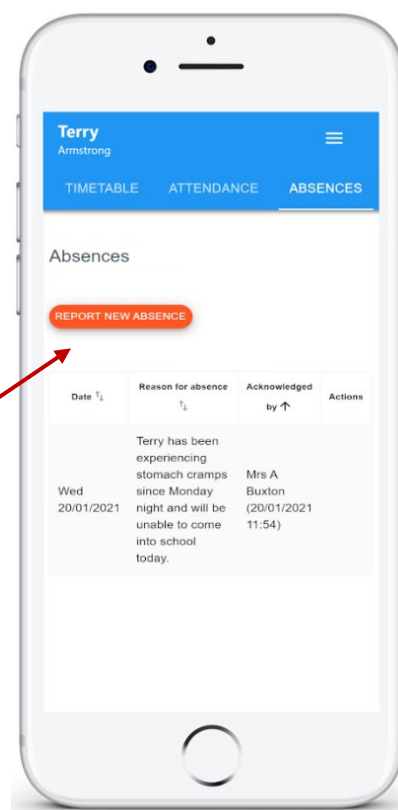
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the "Report new absence" button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the form provided.

You can also include up to 5 files in your absence report as supporting evidence. To do this, click on the "Attach supporting Evidence" button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the Submit button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be edited and deleted until it has been acknowledged by a member of staff.



Date of absence  
26/01/2021

Reason for absence  
Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments  
**+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

**SUBMIT** CANCEL

# Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

You can keep up to date with so many things that go on every day at Ysgol Cwm Brombil by following our school Instagram: We also have Instagram account of other departments and clubs in in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts (links in the logos) and give them likes!



## School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.  
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

<b>All pupils Year 7 to 11</b>		
Blazer	Black school blazer	Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.
Shirt	White shirt with collar.	Can be purchased from any retailer.
Trousers	Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.	Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.
Skirt *	Plain black school uniform style skirt.	Skirts should be an appropriate length.
Tights	Plain black tights	Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.
Shoes	Black shoes with black laces.	Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. <b>NO TRAINERS</b>
Tie	School tie.	Available from Bergoni.
Jumper	Black with badge.	Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.
Shorts	Black tailored shorts.	Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.
Outdoor coat/Jacket	Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.	Available from any retailer.
Socks (only if not wearing tights)	Ankle height, plain black or white.	Available from any retailer.

**Please note hoodies are not allowed in school.  
Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.**

### **Physical Education**

Unisex T Shirt	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Rugby Jersey	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Shorts	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Socks	Available exclusively from Bergoni
Unisex ¼ zipped top	Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni
Plain black tracksuit bottoms	Optional available at any retail store
Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)	Available exclusively from Bergoni

**Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school.  
Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.**

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):

## The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via “Y Cwtch” our community Hub Café.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



## Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
  - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
  - Beans
  - Beans and Sausage
  - Spaghetti
  - Tinned Veg
    - Potatoes,
    - carrots,
    - peas,
    - sweetcorn
  - Tuna
  - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
  - Shampoo,
  - Shower gel,
  - Conditioner,
  - Toothpaste
  - Toilet rolls

\*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Term dates for 2025-26

Autumn Term, half term 1 2025-26	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of half term 6, end of the school Year

