

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 27th April - Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 9 Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:30)
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week Beginning - Monday 5th May - Week 2

Monday		Bank Holiday
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday		Year 9 Vaccinations
Friday		

Easter Ski Trip to Austria



Over the Easter half term, a group of students from our school enjoyed an unforgettable ski trip to Austria. The trip gave many students the chance to try skiing for the very first time, while others were able to build on their existing skills and take on new challenges on the slopes.

After a long but exciting 26-hour coach journey, we arrived at our hotel and quickly settled in. Throughout the week, students were placed into groups based on their ability and took part in daily ski lessons. With the support of experienced instructors, everyone made fantastic progress, learning how to control their speed, develop their confidence and enjoying the slopes.



Our days were busy and rewarding. A typical day involved around six hours of skiing, with a well-earned lunch break at midday before heading back onto the slopes. By mid-afternoon, we would return to the resort together via the gondolas. Each evening, we were treated to delicious homemade meals prepared by the hotel owner, with breakfast provided every morning to set us up for the day ahead.

The evenings were just as enjoyable as the skiing. Students took part in a range of activities including sledging, swimming, shopping, and bowling. One of the standout moments of the trip was the fancy dress night at the bowling alley, where students showcased some incredibly creative and colourful costumes, providing plenty of laughter for everyone involved.

Skiing was undoubtedly the highlight of the trip. As the week went on, students grew in confidence and ability, with many progressing to higher slopes and tackling more challenging runs. It was fantastic to see such determination and improvement from everyone.

The trip concluded with a special awards evening, celebrating the effort, progress, and positive attitudes shown throughout the week. It was the perfect way to end a truly successful trip.

Beyond the skiing, the trip offered a valuable opportunity for students to spend time together outside of school, creating lasting memories and friendships. Overall, the Easter ski trip to Austria was a huge success and one that will be remembered for years to come.



More than anything, the ski trip is about trying something new, building confidence, and making great memories with friends. It's a chance to step outside your comfort zone, have fun, and experience something completely different from everyday school life.

An exciting ski trip is planned for December 2026 for students in Years 7–10, and we're already looking forward to getting back on the slopes!

If you're thinking about going, don't hesitate! Whether you've skied before or not, it's an amazing opportunity you won't want to miss; for more information, please speak to Mr Hopkins to get a letter and a trip consent form.

For updates and more details, follow [@ycb_skiing](#) on Instagram.





MFL Trip to Cardiff



Some MFL students from Year 10 and 11 were chosen to take part in an International Languages Engagement Day at Cardiff University. We had the best time doing many activities including a Study Skills session, Portuguese and Mandarin taster sessions and finally a tour of the campus. We also had some talks in the lecture theatre where we had a welcome talk from the head of MFL Mentoring and we also did a Q&A with current university students at the end of the day. As we were going on the campus tour, we had some useful advice from our student ambassador, which we found very helpful for our GCSEs. Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the day and the train ride back was a fun experience too – our favourite word from the day was machimbombo (which means bus in Portuguese)!

Written by Emma Higgins 10M and Ellie Sinnott 10I



Sporting Success

Football



A strong performance from the Year 7 football team today saw them impress in the Afan Nedd Schools FA Cup semi-final. Demonstrating both confidence and composure, the team played with a clear commitment to their style, earning praise for their positive attitude throughout the match. Their approach on the pitch reflected not only skill, but a growing maturity and understanding of the game, making it a highly encouraging display for players and coaches alike.

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.

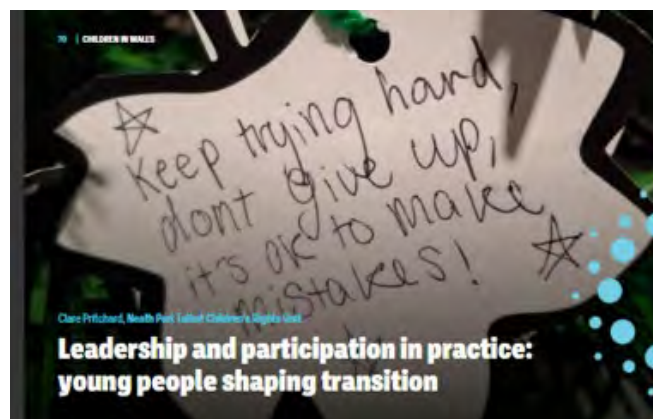
The recognition at the national conference is a significant achievement. The Children in Wales Annual Conference 2026 brings together professionals and organisations from across Wales to share best practice in supporting children's rights and wellbeing. Having our school's project discussed at such an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

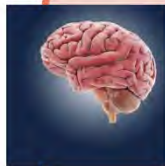
Use a fluoride mouthwash at a different time to brushing your teeth ✓



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

AIDS SLEEP QUALITY



IMPROVES MOOD

Reduces stress and anxiety promoting mental well being



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).

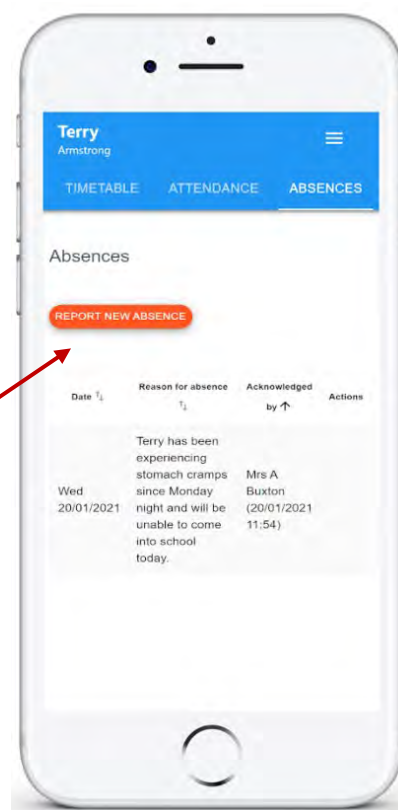
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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

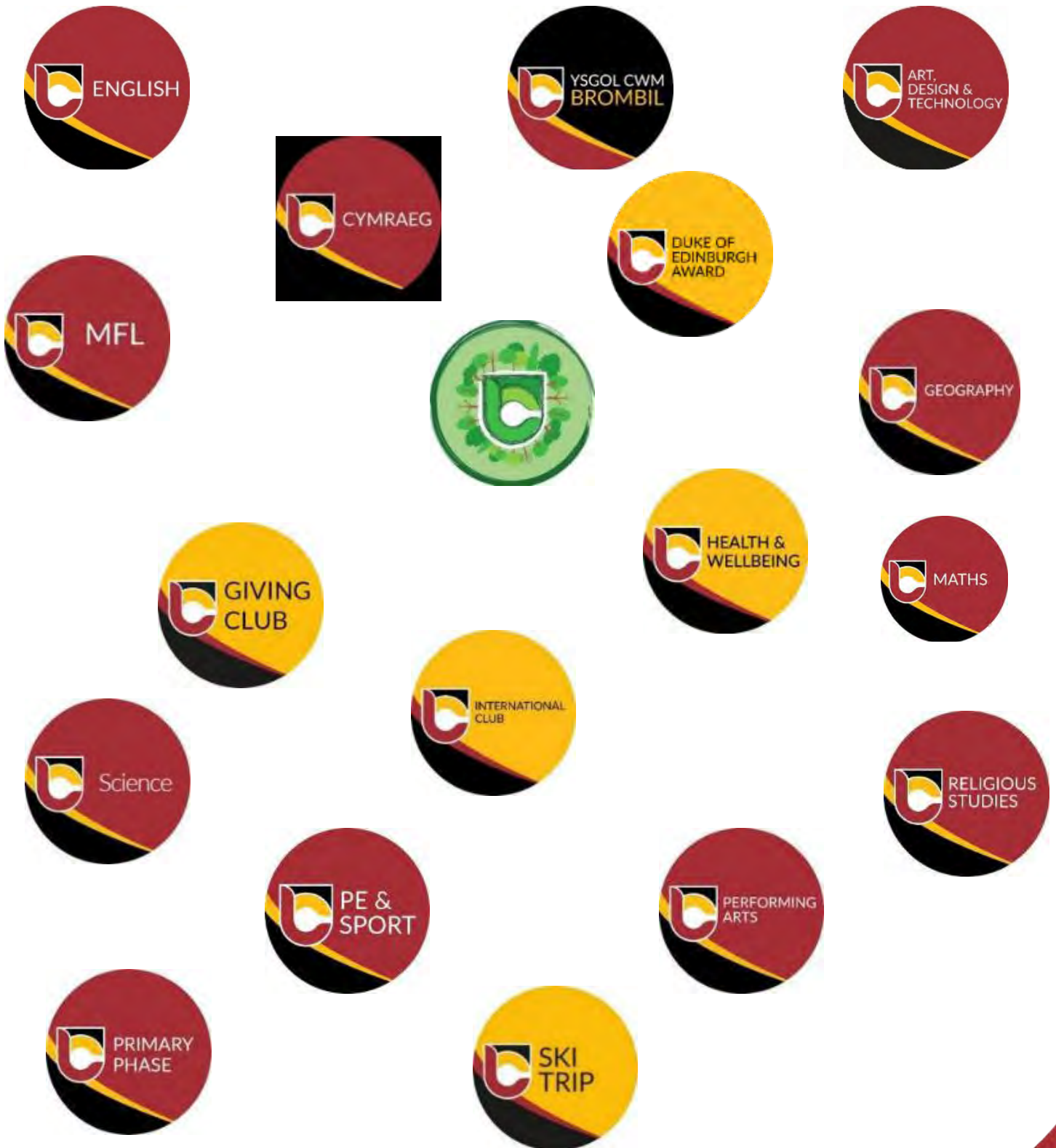
Attachments
+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

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!



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Empower your business journey by connecting with fellow entrepreneurs

Let's collaborate, connect, & support the growth of our local business community.

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- Are you seeking to expand your business opportunities? Come along to our next meeting to find out how we can help better your business opportunities, through business networking.
- Our members are all business professionals who refer business between each other. Discover how our community of business professionals can help your business connect and grow at our next meeting.
- Join our club for low-cost networking and growth opportunities. As an independent organisation, we focus on nurturing each other's businesses for mutual success.
- We meet every other Friday at YCB. Our meetings start at 7:30am and end at 9:30am. This includes breakfast rolls and pastries, with a choice of Tea or Coffee, along with an opportunity to network with local professionals from diverse industries.

This week's business in the spotlight:

Accountancy Solutions

At Accountancy Solutions, we believe that a strong town is built on the success of its local businesses. Operating from our office at Ty Dewin on Station Road, we are more than just your accountants—we are your neighbours.



Whether you are a sole trader in Aberavon or a growing limited company from Baglan, we understand the unique landscape of the Neath Port Talbot economy. Our mission is to take the "tax headache" away so you can focus on what you do best: running your business.

Why Choose a Local Partner? Navigating HMRC deadlines and ever-changing tax laws can feel like a maze. Having a partner-led firm just around the corner means:

- **Face-to-Face Support:** No call centres. Drop into our Station Road office for a coffee and a real conversation.
- **Tailored Advice:** We specialise in owner-managed businesses, providing commercial advice that fits your specific goals.
- **Transparent Pricing:** Simple, regular monthly payments with no hidden surprises. "Our aim is to take the administrative burden away from business owners, providing meaningful information that helps you grow."

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Get in Touch

If you're looking for an accountancy firm that truly understands Port Talbot, let's have a no-obligation chat about your business needs.

- **Visit Us:** Ty Dewin, 16 Station Rd, Port Talbot, SA13 1JB
- **Call:** 01639 887723
- **Email:** info@accountancy-solutions.co.uk
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YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SUMMER TERM 2025

MONDAY 20th APRIL – FRIDAY 3RD 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.

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

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:

All pupils Year 7 to 11		
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. NO TRAINERS
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 nd September 2025	Year 7 & 11 attend school
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	All pupils attend school
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Last Day of half term 1 for pupils
Friday 24 th October 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Half Term holiday - Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025	
Autumn Term, half term 2 2025-26	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Term starts
Friday 28 th November 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Monday 1 st December 2025	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of half term 2
Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	
Spring Term, half term 3 2025-26	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Staff INSET (Training) Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Half term 3 Starts for all pupils
Friday 13 th February 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term holiday - Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026	
Spring Term, half term 4 2025-26	
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of half term 4 for pupils
Easter holiday - Monday 30 th March 2026 - Friday 10 th April 2026	
Summer Term, half term 5 2025-26	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Term 5 Starts
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last Day of half term 3
Half Term - Monday 24 th May 2025 - Friday 29 th May 2026	
Summer Term Half term 6 2025-26	
Monday 1 st June 2026	Half term 6 Starts
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of half term 6, end of the school Year

