

Yn y Lwp!

("In the loop")

Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin

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Spring Term / Tymor y Gwanwyn

End / Diwedd: Friday 27th March 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27^{ain} Mawrth 2026

Summer Term / Tymor y Hâf

Start / Dechrau: Monday 13th April 2026 / Dydd Llun 13^{eg} Ebrill 2026

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Week Beginning – Monday 13rd April – Week 1

Monday		
Tuesday		Year 10 Parents Evening (15:30 – 18:30)
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 11 Exam Information Evening (17:00 – 18:00)
Friday		

PLEASE NOTE IT WILL BE WEEK 1 WHEN WE RETURN ON MONDAY APRIL 13th.



30 Days of Listening – Week 4 Reflection

Theme: Academic Standards

This week we explored what matters most to families regarding Academic Standards and the feedback was outstanding with 100% of parents agreeing that it matters that children gain the qualifications that will support them in achieving their next chosen pathway.

At the heart of our Vision 2030 is a commitment to excellence, not simply in outcomes, but in progress, ambition and preparation for future pathways.

Academic standards link directly to:

Aspiration

High expectations communicate belief. Qualifications open doors. Progress builds confidence. Families consistently tell us that they want strong outcomes that expand opportunity.

Belonging

When pupils feel academically supported and challenged, they develop confidence in their place within the learning community.

Character

Pursuing academic success requires resilience, discipline and self-motivation. Our role is to foster these traits alongside knowledge acquisition.

This week we sought feedback on:

- Importance of results versus progress
- Preparation for post-16 pathways
- Academic challenge
- Support for revision and examination readiness

Many parents emphasised that their children felt supported especially with the wide range of revision support that is offered. Feedback also suggested that Knowledge Drills were important, parents felt this prepared them well with good study skills which is pleasing to hear.

We are proud of the ambition within our community and grateful for some of the suggestions regarding revision resources and clearer communication of progress data and testing. We will be taking on board the suggestions and looking at addressing these after Easter.

Next week, we conclude our 30 days of Listening Campaign by looking at Learning Pathways. In our final week we are seeking your views on the curriculum we offer at Cwm Brombil. This includes the GCSE pathways we offer and the selection process. We also want to know your views about your child's timetable and any additional support that they receive for literacy, numeracy and digital skills.

Our last questionnaire will be released on Sunday, and our final drop-in session will take place at the school on Thursday 4-5 in the Community Hub. We look forward to hearing your views.

All questionnaires will continue to be available over the Easter Holidays and will close ready for review and action planning. Thank you again to all families that have taken the time to complete the questionnaires and offer feedback.

Sporting Success



Netball

The final netball fixtures of 2026 saw us welcome @ysgolcoedcaeschool for an exciting afternoon of competition. We are grateful to them for making the journey and contributing to such a positive sporting occasion. Pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 all took to the court, showcasing impressive skill, teamwork and determination throughout. The matches were played in great spirit, with plenty of quality netball on display across all year groups. It was a fantastic way to round off the season, highlighting the progress and enthusiasm of all involved.





Maths Team Challenge

A warm congratulations to Lilly, Poppy, Ollie and Ismael who accompanied Miss Williams in the UK Maths Team Challenge at Olchfa Comprehensive last Friday. The team competed against other schools across the South Wales region and made it into the top 10. A fantastic effort from all - da iawn!



OUTDOOR LEARNING CPD DAY GARDENING EDITION

Join us in YCB school garden for an inspiring CPD day with our Outdoor Learning Leader. Explore a month-by-month growing guide, practical tips, and creative ideas to help you develop your school garden, enhance your outdoor learning or start a children's gardening club. Whether you're a beginner or looking to build confidence, this session will give you the knowledge and inspiration to get growing.

Certificate of attendance included.

Where: Ysgol Cwm Brombil

When: Saturday March 28th

Cost: £30

Time: 10AM - 2PM

Includes a home-made, home-grown lunch, seeds to get you started and a month-by-month growing calendar.

Limited spaces available

To book your space, contact

Angie Thompson on

thompsona533@hwbcymru.net

Suitable for KS1,2 & 3



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!

Healthy Eating *Tips* Vegetables



Consume colourful vegetables. They provide essential vitamins and minerals.



Leafy **Green** veg are a powerhouse of minerals; vitamins and fibre



Red coloured veg contain anti oxidants - help fight infections and reduce the risk of heart disease



Garlic - good source of Manganese; Vitamin C & B6 - boosts immune system -helps protect against common cold

SLEEP HYGIENE

Five effective tips to establish a healthy sleeping habits

Stay clear of stimulants late in the day.



Avoid drinks and foods that contain caffeine

Regular Activity



Regular exercise routine can help contribute to improved sleep. At least 1 hour a day

Stick to a consistent sleep schedule.



Going to bed and waking up at the same time every day

Create a relaxing bedtime/pre-bedtime routine.



A relaxing activity about an hour before bed helps create a smoother transition.

Unplug an hour before bed.



Keep screen use to a minimum, switch off at least an hour before bed,

Keep your room cool and comfortable.



Ideal for sleeping is cool, quiet, and dark.

Avoid eating high sugar/fatty foods late that may disrupt sleep.



Laying down right after a big meal, your digestive juices are still working

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).

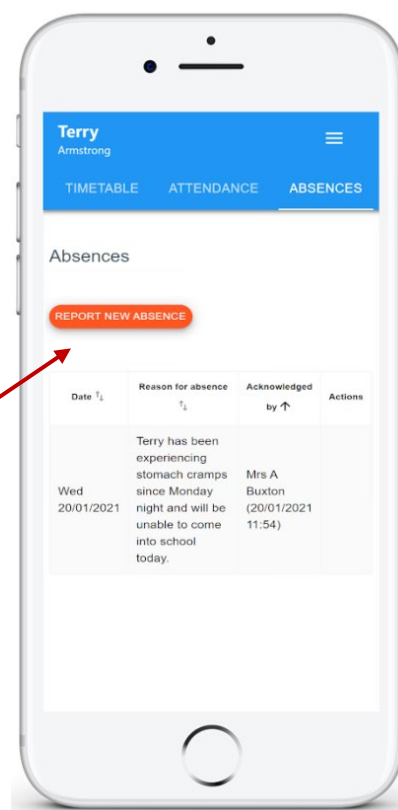
Selecting this tab will display a list of absences that you have reported, once you have reported them. This includes when the absence took place, the reason for the absence and who acknowledged your absence report.

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

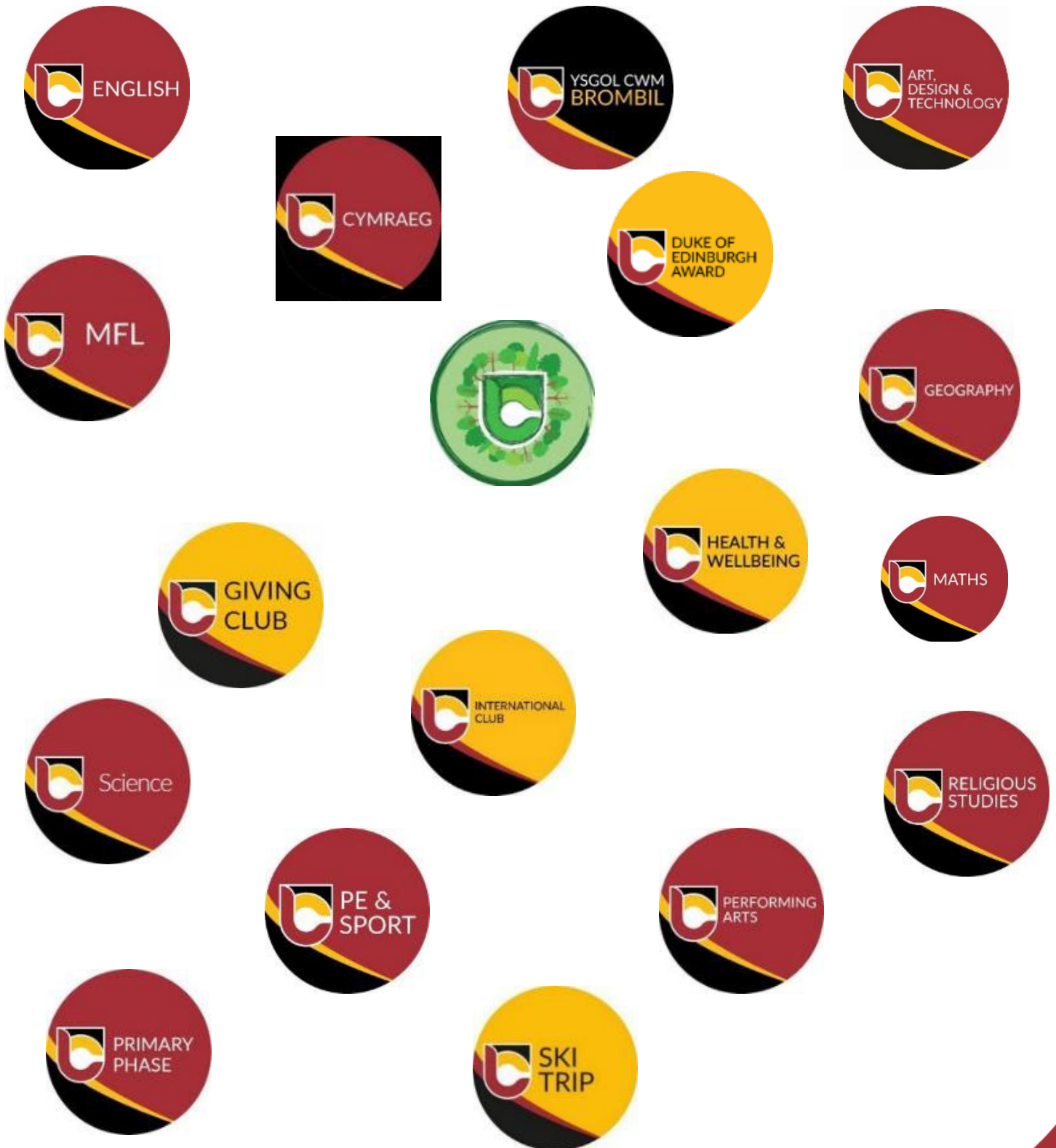
Attachments
+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

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!



Aspire Business Network

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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ASPIRE BUSINESS NETWORK



Results Driven Business Networking with a Professional and Friendly Approach.



Contact us for more information.

- 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
- **Web:** www.accountancy-solutions.co.uk

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YSGOL CWM BROMBIL EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME – SRING TERM 2026

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 27th MARCH

PLEASE NOTE!! – AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS AND TRAINING WILL FINISH BY 4PM AND PUPILS HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN TRANSPORT HOME. ALL CLUBS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AS FIXTURES WILL TAKE PRIORITY.

FOR SPORTS FIXTURES PLEASE LOOK AT THE FIXTURE BOARD ON FRIDAY FOR MATCHES THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE COMPLETION TIMES OF THESE FIXTURES WILL VARY AND WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU.

LOTS OF CLUBS WITH BE CANCELLED DURING THE PERIOD OF 30th JANUARY - 13th FEBRUARY DUE TO INTERNAL SCHOOL EXAMS.

WEEK 1 and 2 (AFTER SCHOOL)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	NETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTS HALL
	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM/MULITGYM
TUESDAY	NETBALL	9, 10, 11	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS/TRAMPOLINING	Yr 11 GCSE ONLY (UNTIL 27th FEBRUARY)	SPORTSHALL/BACK GYM
	GIRLS FOOTBALL	ALL YEARS	3G/GRASS
THURSDAY	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING	ALL YEARS	BACK GYM/MULITGYM

WEEK 1 and 2 (LUNCH TIME)			
DAY	ACTIVITY	YEAR GROUP	VENUE
MONDAY	S+C	9, 10, 11	BACK GYM
TUESDAY (WEEK 2 ONLY)	BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL
WEDNESDAY	BADMINTON/S+C	9,10,11	SPORTSHALL/BACKGYM
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL	7 AND 8	SPORTSHALL

For lunchtime activities pupils can wear school uniform or GET CHANGED if they choose. Pupils do not wear PE kit to school unless they have a practical PE lesson on the same day.

All clubs are also subject to cancellation if other school commitments take priority.

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

