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Dear Parent/Carer

16th January 2025

Re: School Holiday Dates From Summer 2024 – Summer 2026

Please find attached the list of dates on which school will be open and dates when school will be closed for holidays right up until Friday 17th July 2026.

Please note that we have chosen to break up for the October Half Term break on Thursday 23rd October 2025 because we understand that if parents/carers are planning a holiday in the half term holiday, it might be cheaper to travel or start your holiday on the Friday. This will depend upon your holiday or travel company.

In addition, we have chosen to finish on Thursday 21st May 2026 for the May Half Term Holiday for the same reasons.

These decisions have been taken by the Senior Leadership Team in recognition of the ridiculous price hikes for families during school holidays and also in an attempt to encourage parents/carers to please book holidays at these times rather than during school term time.

As you will have seen from our Ofsted Report, our attendance data is extremely poor and puts us in the highest 10% of schools nationally for persistent absence. The majority of our absences are due to legitimate illness or unauthorised holidays during term time.

I am therefore asking if parents/carers can please help us as a school to address this Ofsted Area For Improvement (AFI) and please be mindful of the impact of booking holidays in term time. We are trying our best to help by planning holidays as flexibly as possible to support you to book holidays and take advantage of cheaper options by arranging our Teacher Training Days on a Friday before half term holidays. Please recognise though that this means our own staff team cannot take advantage of cheaper holidays as they can only book holidays for official school holidays.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Cross

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Head Teacher

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HOLIDAYS – 2024/26

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Autumn half-term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Tuesday 5 November 2024
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Spring half- term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 May 2025	Tuesday 6 May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 2 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Autumn half term 2025	Thursday 23 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring half term 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	Monday 2 March 2026
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May Day 2026	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer half term 2026	Thursday 21 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	

PD Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 22nd May 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 20th July 2026

Friday 24th October 2025