



Walter Infant School and Nursery

Friday Flyer

Dear Walter Families,

This afternoon our Chair of Governors, Zane Plescia visited the school with another potential governor. They were so impressed with the school and most especially all your wonderful children. They saw all the children playing, in their jeans, on a Friday afternoon, at the end of a busy week and could not believe how calm, focussed and happy all the children were. I felt so proud.

Mobile Phones on the Playground

There are so many adults using their phones on the playground. This is **NOT** acceptable because I am not able to monitor whether photographs are being taken or recordings being made. Please keep you phones in your bags or pockets on our playground to ensure all our children are being safeguarded.

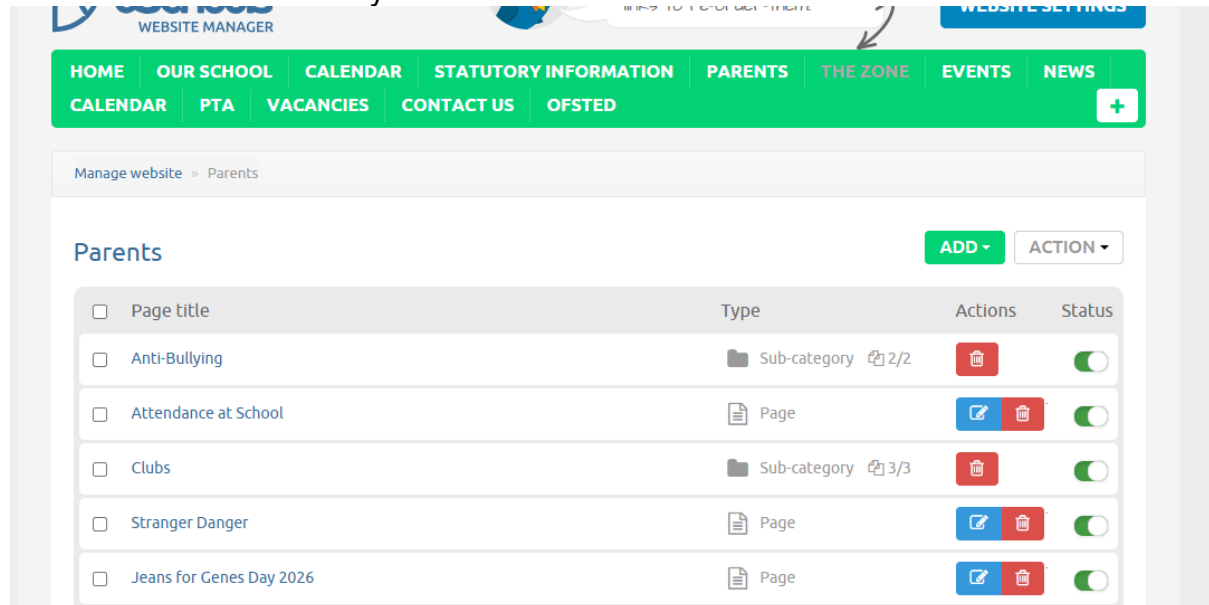


Jeans for Genes

Thank you for your amazing generosity for the Jeans for Genes charity. We have raised £127.30 in cash! If you would like to donate on line, please follow this link: [Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving](#) I have just logged on and we have £68 on our Just Giving Page. Our target is £400 so please help if you can.

I have added our Jeans for Genes assembly to the school website so you can see what the children have learned today.

You can find the assembly under the Parents Tab on the website:



The screenshot shows a website manager interface for a school. At the top is a green navigation bar with links: HOME, OUR SCHOOL, CALENDAR, STATUTORY INFORMATION, PARENTS, THE ZONE, EVENTS, NEWS. Below this is a secondary bar with CALENDAR, PTA, VACANCIES, CONTACT US, OFSTED. The main content area is titled 'Parents' and contains a table of links. The table has columns for checkboxes, Page title, Type, Actions, and Status.

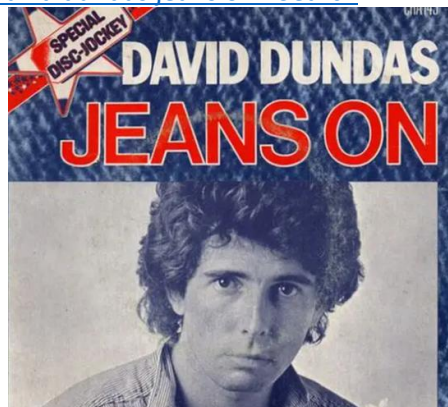
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You may also like to follow these links to find out more:

[What 'genes' means - a Jeans for Genes Day film - YouTube](#)



I strongly recommend listening to this song by David Dundass from 1976!!!! I remember it very well!!!! [david dundas jeans on - Search](#)



We also sang "Together We Stand" which is very much a favourite song to sing at school as we know at Walter we are stronger together! The Year 2 children knew the song really well and most could read the words on screen. However, the Year 1 children were not as confident. It would be great if you could add the song to a play list or listen to it by following this link! It is a lovely song to sing as a family. [Together we stand lyrics](#)

Together We Stand

Changes to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding September 2026

IS YOUR INCOME BELOW £7,400 A YEAR? If so your child is entitled to Targeted Free School Meals which includes Pupil Premium Funding which goes to our school.



Are you entitled?

All the children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, so often parents do not check to see if their child is eligible for Free School Meals until they join a junior school. However, there are benefits for children who are eligible for Free School Meals before Year 3! Children who are entitled to a Free School Meal are also entitled to Pupil Premium Funding, which can be used to support them in school (please see the benefits below). They are also entitled to free holiday clubs [Holiday activities and food programme 2025 to 2026 financial year - GOV.UK](#)

From September 2026, changes have been put in place for working parents:

What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

From September 2026, there will be two types of free school meal eligibility:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covers pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM, a new category covers pupils who are in households receiving Universal Credit, earning above £7,400.

- Children eligible for Targeted FSM will be entitled to other educational entitlements such as the [HAF programme](#) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance. Pupil Premium funding will be provided to schools based on children eligible for Targeted FSM.

- Children eligible for Expanded FSM will receive free school meals but will not be eligible for the additional support that children eligible for Targeted FSM are entitled to and will not attract pupil premium funding.

Universal Infant Free School meal policy

All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to be entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meals policy regardless of family circumstances. Schools should continue to encourage the parents of children in reception, year 1 and 2 to apply for free school meals. If they are eligible for Targeted FSM, the children can benefit from the HAF programme and school travel assistance, and the school receives pupil premium funding.

End of transition protections

Since 2018, some children have continued to receive free school meals, even if their family circumstances changed during the rollout of Universal Credit. Now that entitlement for free school meals is being expanded to all families on Universal Credit, these protections will end.

This means:

Some children may no longer be eligible from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year if their family does not receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit. Eligibility will now be based on current benefit status.

Pupil Premium

From September 2026, children who received free school meals during the transitional protection period will be considered an 'Ever6' child and will attract pupil premium funding for their school. This includes pupils who are no longer eligible for free school meals under the new system, or who are eligible for Expanded FSM.

These pupils will remain part of the 'Ever6' cohort for 6 years.

From the 26/27 academic year, only children eligible for Targeted FSM will be included in the 'Ever6' category in future years. This means that children eligible for Expanded FSM who cease to be eligible in future years will not be considered 'Ever6' and will not attract pupil premium funding for their school.

New FSM claims

Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM criteria. To ensure that those families can receive free meals from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, schools should:

- **promote awareness of the new FSM entitlement so families, including families using early years provision, know about support they might be able to receive**
- **begin accepting new FSM applications as soon as possible.**

This is the link for the form: <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/sites/schoolshub/files/2026-09/Free-school-meals-claim-form.pdf> Mrs Janes will be very happy to support any applications.

For more information, please follow this link: [Free school meals](#)

Success inside and outside School

These two amazing Year 1 writers wrote exceptional sentences using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. They both got a headteacher's award!



Sonny was awarded Star of the Week at gymnastics club for his amazing seat drops on fast track!

If you would like to share exciting events with school to go in the flyer, please email admin@walter.wokingham.sch.uk

Birthdays in School

Today we celebrated Jesse's birthday as well as Ben's as Ben couldn't remember getting a sticker when he had his birthday in June. We will be celebrating birthdays each week in our Singing Assembly on Tuesdays.



SEND Voices

SEND Voices Wokingham

Local Offer Live 2026

Family Information Day for those in Wokingham Borough with a child or young person 0-25 years with any Special Educational Needs &/or Disability

Saturday 10th October
10.30 – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3pm
St Crispin's School Sports Hub,
London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1SR

- Information & Advice Stalls
- Berkshire Reptile Encounters
- Face Painting • Circus Skills
- Tea/coffee/squash/cake

Book your FREE ticket
Scan QR code or visit Ticketsource:
<https://www.ticketsource.com/send-voices-wokingham>



More information on our website:
www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
or email: info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
Many thanks to St Crispin's School for supporting this event

WOKINGHAM SENDIASS **SEND Voices Wokingham**

SEND Coffee Morning

A relaxed space to chat, connect & get support



- Free tea & coffee
- Chat with other SEND parents or get individual advice & support from a SENDIASS advisor
- SEND Voices Wokingham & SENDIASS available

NEW VENUE! FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North
Finchampstead, Wokingham RG40 4ES

	September	October	November	December
12.00 – 2.00pm Tuesday's	8 & 22	6 & 20	3 & 17	1 & 15

No booking needed – just pop in!

Sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk
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sendiass@wokingham.gov.uk

Reading Meeting for Year 1 on Monday 21st September 2026



Please come along to our Reading Meeting with Mrs Good and myself to share how we teach reading in Year 1, including phonics and how you can help them to read at home! The meeting is at 2:45 pm, younger siblings can attend and we will be finished in time for you to collect your children from school. After the meeting, we will place the power point on our website for those parents who cannot attend.

Wokingham's Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs in Wokingham

Wokingham Family Hubs offer one stop access to local services, supporting families from pregnancy to early adulthood (up to age 25 for young people with SEND)

At our centres, out in the community or online, you can find the right help when you need it most



Free Drop-in Activities

Early Years Advisors

Antenatal Support

Learning through play

Outreach Support

Financial Advice

Spaces for young people

Volunteering

SEND Advice

Parent Support Programmes

Health Visiting Services

Support for Every Family

Wokingham Family Hubs

☎ 0118 908 8050

@ familyhubs@wokingham.gov.uk

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Find us online

To find Family Hub and timetable information online, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera

Visit our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/wokinghamfamilyhubs



Brambles Family Hub
Budges Gardens
RG40 1PX

Before and After School Clubs this Term

There are still lots of spaces available in all our clubs; there has not been much of a take up for dance or gymnastics. These are amazing clubs, which the children really enjoy. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, we are able to provide an extra-curricular free of charge.



WALTER INFANT SCHOOL: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS DIARY - Autumn Term 2026

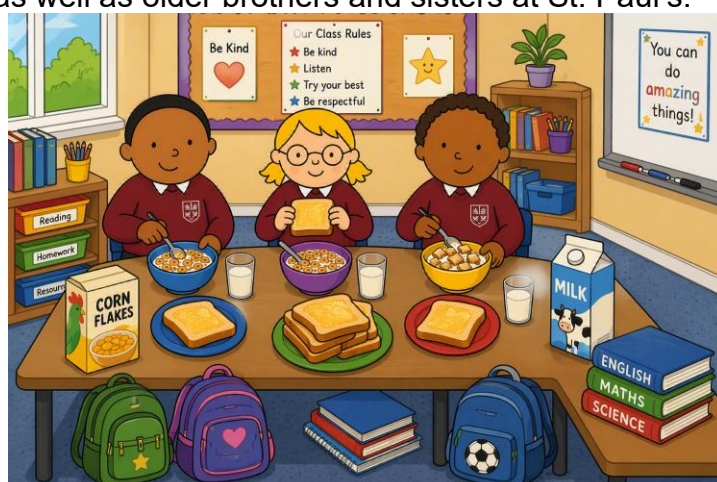


ACTIVITY	DATES		DURATION	COST	YEAR	TIME	SESSION LENGTH	PROVIDER
RISE & SHINE CLUB	Monday - Friday for the whole term	TBC	As per Term dates	£7.00	FS, Y1 & Y2	7.30am-8.40am		Lynnette.hemmings@walter.wokingham.sch.uk
UNTASTIC AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	Monday - Friday for the whole term	Hall	As per Term dates		FS, Y1 & Y2	3.15pm - 6pm		bookings@funtastickids.co.uk
MONDAY								
Spanish	Monday 7th September 2026 to Monday 7th December 2026	TBC	13 weeks	£78	Yr1 & Y2	3.30pm - 4pm	30 mins	cari@bilinguasing.com
Tennis	Monday 7th September 2026 to Monday 7th December 2026	Astroturf	13 weeks	£91	Yr1 & Yr2	3.30pm - 4.30pm	60 mins	office.mattreidprocoaching@gmail.com
TUESDAY								
Dance	Tuesday 15th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Hall	12 weeks	£96	F2 Y1/Y2	3.15pm to 4.15pm	60 mins	https://avenuedancecompany.classforkids.io/info/260
Basketball	Tuesday 8th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Astroturf	13 weeks		Y1/Y2	3.20pm - 4pm	40 mins	nkoraycaglar@gmail.com
Stageability	Tuesday 8th September 2026 to Tuesday 8th December 2026	Hall	13 weeks		5-18 years			jackie@berkshire.stageability.co.uk
WEDNESDAY								
French	Wednesday 16th September 2026 to Wednesday 9th December 2026	TBC	12 Weeks	£72	F2 Y1/Y2	3.30pm - 4.00pm	30 mins	laurencethonon@yahoo.com
Multi-skills	Wednesday 9th September 2026 to Wednesday 9th December 2026	Astroturf	13 Weeks	£117	Year 1 & 2	3.30pm - 4.30pm	60 mins	info@justplaysports.co.uk

Day	Clubs and Times
Monday	Spanish 3:30 - 4:00 pm Tennis 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday	Dance 3.15 – 4:15 pm
Wednesday	French 3:30 – 4:00 pm Multi-skills 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Thursday	Gymnastics 7:45 – 8:30 am Football (Year 2) 3:30 – 4:30 pm Football (Year 1) 3:30 – 4:15 pm
Friday	iRock 12.30 – 3.00 pm (1/2 an hour sessions) Tennis 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Wraparound Care at Walter Infant School and Nursery

All the children from Robin to Willow can come to our Amazing Rise and Shine Breakfast Club; as well as older brothers and sisters at St. Paul's.



<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> using your preferred email address and mobile telephone number. You will not be able to book until September when we are back after the holidays and our new academic year starts.

Funtastic Kids will now be able to provide after school care for all children from Nursery (Robin) until Year 4 (the children at St Paul's do not have to have a sibling in our school to attend Funtastic Kids). We are however, happy to have older siblings in Year 5 and Year 6. If you book a junior child onto Funtastic Kids, please can you inform the class teacher that they may sometimes be collected by Walter or Funtastic Kids staff members.



After School Club: Full Session	After School Club: Short Session (Early)	After School Club: Short Session (Late)
From 3:15pm – 6pm	From 3:15pm – 4:30pm	4:15pm – 6pm
£14.50 First child	£8.10 First child	£9.10 First child
£13.05 Extra siblings	£7.29 Extra siblings	£8.19 Extra siblings
Book	Book	Book

Additional Info

10% Sibling Discount!

Want to save another 20%? Sign up for Tax-Free Childcare. Check if you are eligible at: beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker

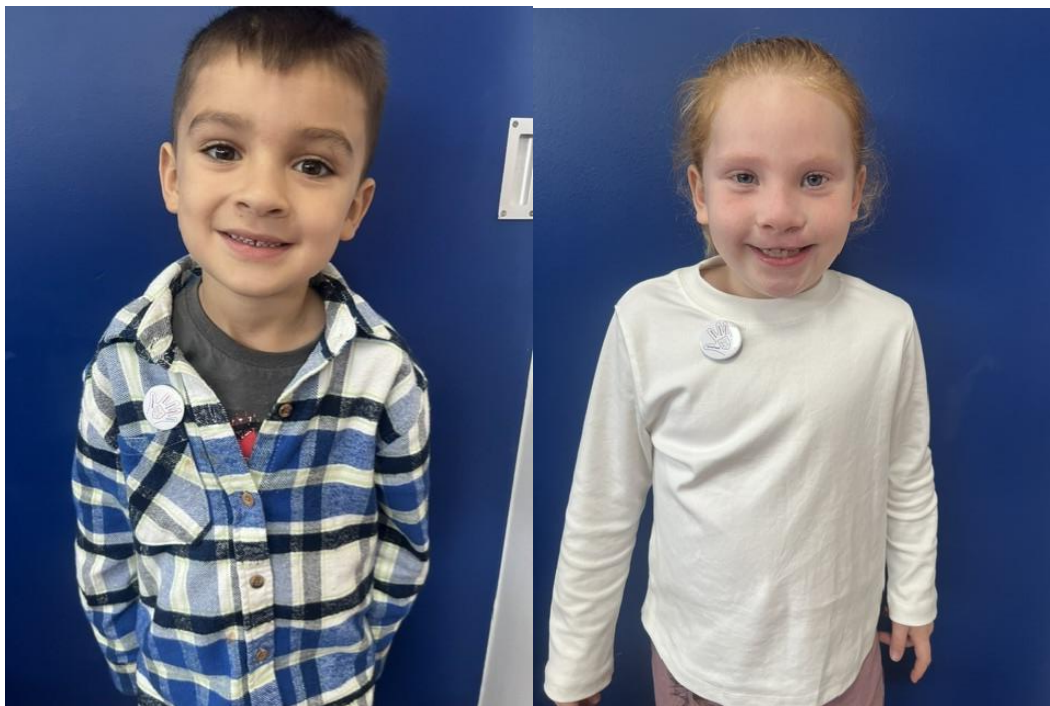
[View FAQs](#)

To book follow this link bookings@funtastickids.co.uk

Values Badges

We only had 5 white values badges left in school (we have blue ones arriving any day!) So, the Key Stage 1 teachers had to think very hard who to award them to! It was easy for me to choose Delilah as she showed so much resilience.





Stars of the Week!

Here are Key Stage One Stars of the Week; well done everyone, we are all so proud of you!





NHS Togetherness Programme for Wokingham Families

Togetherness is an NHS emotional health team provides online learning for parents, carers, families, and young people to support emotional wellbeing and preventative mental health in the UK.

More details can be found here – [Home - Togetherness](#) and here: [Free learning for wellbeing and relationships](#)

We can help!

If you are struggling to provide anything essential for your child's well-being, such as pyjamas, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, school uniform, bedding etc please ask us as we are here to help. We do not want any of our children to miss out on the basic fundamentals that they are all entitled to. As before, please just ask.

Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this is a wonderful addition to our school's budget and helps us to provided curriculum enrichment and support for our Pupil Premium children and all other children too!

Your child may be entitled to this funding which can be used to pay for clubs, uniform, additional support, one to one nurture, Canine Assisted learning etc.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Mrs Janes in the office to find out more or follow this link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

And Finally,

We are very proud to be a healthy school: if you are sending a snack into school with your child, please only send **one healthy snack**, for example:



Please do not send crisps, chocolate or anything with nuts in, including nut flour.



Please could you refrain from giving your child their after school snack until you leave the playground to avoid a build up of rubbish as we have noticed an increased amount of rubbish and food waste.

Judy Hargreaves: Headteacher



Calendar Dates for Parents Autumn 2026

Date	Event	Time
Monday 21 st September	Year 1 Reading Meeting	2.45pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Individual Photographs	
Wednesday 30 th September	'WOW! Wednesday'	8.40am – 9.00am
Monday 5 th October – Monday 30 th October	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October – Tuesday 1 st December	New Parent Tour	9.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Foundation Stage – Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 9 th October	Wear something YELLOW to support World Mental Health Day	
Wednesday 14 th October	Flu Immunisation - Foundation Stage 2, Year 1, Year & The Zone	
Thursday 15 th October	Year 2 Legoland	
Thursday 15 th October	Foundation Stage 2 Reading Meeting for Parents	2.45pm
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival	
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm – 6.20pm
Friday 23 rd October	Non-uniform Day in return for a bottle donation for our Christmas Fair	
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	

Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 2 nd November	School Open – Start of Autumn Term 2	
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Wednesday 11 th November	‘WOW! Wednesday’	3pm – 3.15pm
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day	
Monday 16 th November – Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week ‘Break the Silence’	
Friday 20 th November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair	
Tuesday 24 th November	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	3.20pm – 5.30pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	10am
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 1 Christmas Play – To Parents	9am -10am
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 11 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing Performance	9am
Friday 11 th December	iRock Concert for Children & Parents of iRock Children	2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 2 – Christmas Singing Extravaganza	2.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Class Christmas Party Day	
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 4 th January	School Open – Start of Spring Term 1	
Tuesday 2 nd February	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 12 th February	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	February Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 22 nd February	School Open – Start of Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 16 th March	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday – School Closed	
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – School Closed	
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	School Closed – Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	School Open – Start of Summer Term 1	

Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - ~School Closed	
Tuesday 18 th May	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 28 th May	Last Day of Half Term ~ Finish Normal Time	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	May Half Term – School Closed	
Monday 7 th June	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 8 th June	School Open – Start of Summer Term 2	
Tuesday 6 th July	Foundation Stage - Story Suitcase	9.30am
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Term (Children finish 1 hour early)	
Monday 19 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Tuesday 20 th July	School Closed – INSET	
Wednesday 21 st July	School Closed – INSET	

Further dates to be added. All Dates may be subject to change. Please continue to check the website calendar and the Friday Flyer.