

Boyton Primary School



Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September, 2026



Dear Parents,

We have had such a super start to the new school year. We have been so impressed with how settled everyone is and how eagerly all the children have embraced their new routines and teachers. It has been lovely to welcome two new faces to Year 2, and we are delighted that they have already become such valued members of our school family.

The children have enjoyed a fantastic couple of sessions at the Woodland Skills Centre. This week, we were particularly impressed with the teamwork demonstrated as the children built a shelter and had to decide on what was needed to survive in the Amazon rainforest! These sessions always provide wonderful opportunities for children to develop confidence, teamwork and resilience while enjoying the outdoors.

We are hugely grateful to Tracy, who has put so much work into developing our school meals to ensure they are even more nutritious and fully aligned with the latest government guidance. They are proving very popular, and the children do not always spot the extra vegetables she has cleverly incorporated into her recipes! We recognise that some children prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, and we fully respect that every family makes the choices that work best for them. As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, we would like to encourage families to consider including a balanced range of foods in packed lunches wherever possible. Small changes, such as adding a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or a healthier snack option, can help children to stay energised and ready for learning throughout the day.

Next Friday, we will be holding a **non-school uniform day** to raise money for '**The Children's Cancer Charity**' – Royal Cornwall Hospital . We are also looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Thursday 8th October. As always, we will be collecting donations to support Launceston Foodbank, and we greatly appreciate any contributions you are able to make.

A Few Polite Reminders -It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms and PE kits. Please could I remind families that children should wear school shoes, rather than trainers, on days when they do not have PE. Thank you. As the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, please ensure children bring a coat to school each day so that they are prepared for whatever the weather brings!

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or concerns.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes, Mrs Davies kdavies@andaras.org

Dates for Your Diary

Non School Uniform Day – Friday 25th September (Raising money for the charity, 'The Children's Cancer Charity' – Royal Cornwall Hospital)

Harvest celebration – Thursday 8th October – 9.10am

Parents meetings

14th Oct Mrs Davies/ 15th Oct – Mrs Gilman

10th March – Mrs Davies / 11th March – Mrs Gilman

Children in Need(Non-uniform day) – Friday 20th November

Christmas dates - tbc

INSET - Monday 4th January (No school for children)

KS2 SCARF workshop – Monday 11th Jan

Whole school swimming (not including Nursery) WB 22nd February – 26th February

World book day – Friday 5th March 2027 (Dress as a book character – actual World Book day is Thursday 4th)

Red Nose day – Friday 20th March 2027 (Dress in red and crazy hair)

SATs week – Monday 10th May 2027

Sports day – Tuesday 25th May 2027, back update 8th June 2027

Whole school trip to the 'Education of Sustainability Centre' dates: Wed 9th Sept, Wed 16th Sept, Wed 23rd Sept, Wed 25th Nov, Thurs 6th May, Thurs 13th May, Thurs 20th May

Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

Non School Uniform Day – Friday 25th September (Raising money for the charity, 'The Children's Cancer Charity' – Royal Cornwall Hospital)

Whole School to Date	90.4%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	87.1%
Chestnut This Week	86.6%

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a regular part of children's online experiences. From chatbots and homework apps to creative tools, AI can offer exciting opportunities for learning and play.

But it also brings risks, especially when children aren't sure what's real, who they're talking to, or how AI works.

Many parents and carers feel unsure about how to explain AI to children. This guide offers practical advice to help families talk about AI in ways that build understanding, encourage curiosity, and keep children safe.

Eight practical ways parents and carers can support children

By learning about AI, talking openly with your child and agreeing boundaries, you can help them use it safely and confidently.

Follow the link to find out more...

[Talking to children about AI | NSPCC](#)

Useful Information

Safeguarding

- All children have a right to be safe, no matter who they are or what their circumstances.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are concerned about a child, please speak to one of the Designated safeguarding Leads. If a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.



Katherine Davies
Safeguarding Lead



Jane Gilman
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Useful numbers

Early Help Hub	01872 322277
Citizens Advice	0344 411 1444
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Addiction: Drug and Alcohol support	01579 340616 (24hrs)
Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 123 1116 (If you are concerned about a child's safety)

School Clubs

Breakfast Club:

At Boyton, we are really lucky to have a fantastic Breakfast Club run by Tracy and Mrs Billing. Children can be dropped off from 8.15am and have a choice of breakfasts including cereals, toast, etc. It costs £2 a session. If you would like to book your child in, please let Mrs Basford in the school office know.

boyton@andaras.org

After School Clubs

Monday – Mountain Biking Club (Year 2 – Year 6)

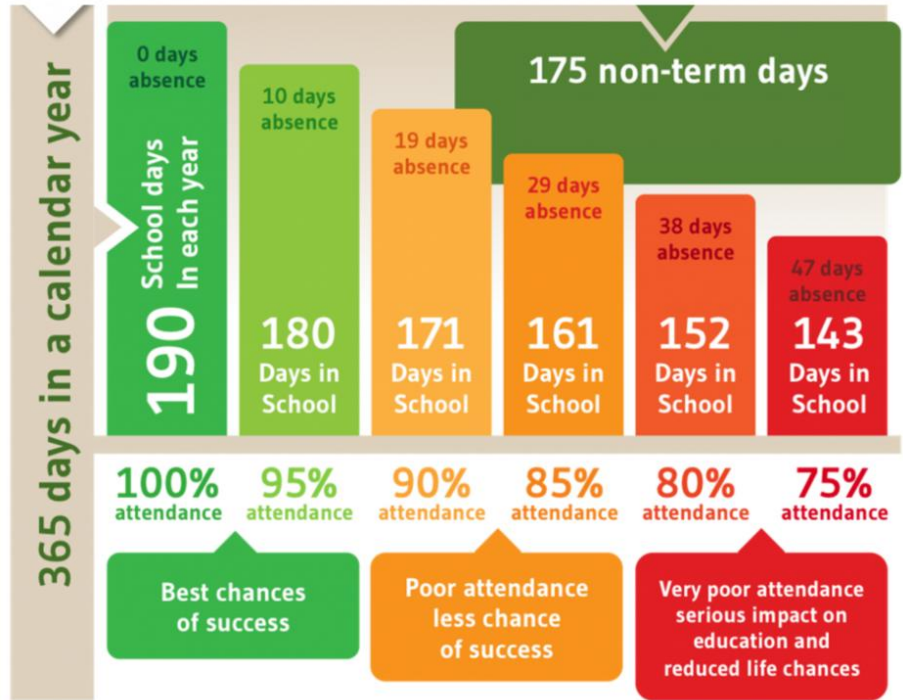
Tuesday - Lego Club– Mrs Davies

Thursday – Art and Craft Club – Mrs Lawton

Attendance / Holidays during termtime

We have been really impressed with children's efforts in being punctual and in school! However, we are obliged to remind you that, if your child is absent from school without authorisation and this includes taking holiday in term time you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80. We do understand that for many families working in rural area that it is difficult to take holidays in August and there are also financial considerations, but we must follow the law as set out by the government.

Thank you



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Acorn and Birch Update

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year and I have been incredibly impressed by how quickly the children have settled into their new routines, as well as the positive relationships they are building with different staff members and new friends.

Thank you for helping the children remember their item on a Wednesday. They have all been so confident when using sentence stems and speaking about their special items.

In Story Club, Reception and Year 1 have been sharing The Colour Monster. We have been talking about feelings and emotions, and all of the children have decorated a peg to use on our feelings chart each morning.

In Maths, our Reception children have been developing their understanding of numbers to 5. Year 1 pupils have been ordering and counting numbers to 20, while Year 2 pupils have been investigating place value, with a particular focus on multiples of 10 and adding and subtracting 10. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by helping them recognise numbers and understand what they represent.

The interactive Paint the Squares activity on Topmarks is a great way to reinforce these counting skills and develop confidence with numbers up to 100: www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares

We have also started reading as part of our phonics sessions. Next week, the children will begin bringing home reading books, tricky words and other resources to share with a grown-up at home.

Thank you for your continued support with this, as regular practice at home makes a significant difference to children's progress.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, worries or concerns.

Best wishes, The Catkins, Acorns and Birch Team



Chestnuts Class Update

What a fantastic start to the new school year with some amazing learning in Chestnuts Class! We have been exploring how the feelings of a character can change quickly from being at peace to panic in our Guided Reading sessions through the book 'The White Fox'. In maths, years 3 and 4 have been solving word problems by adding and subtracting in multiples of 100, and the year 5s and 6s have been doing the same with multiples of 1,000. In English, we have been writing diary entries and letters, inspired by the book 'The Lion and the Unicorn', as well as identifying plural nouns and adding the correct suffix to spell them. In art, the children enjoyed going outside to sketch a landscape. In science, year 3 and 4 have been learning about the skeleton of the human body. Years 5 and 6 investigated how light moves in straight lines by using torches and mirrors. We had a great time visiting the Sustainability Centre where everyone worked in groups to learn about how to survive in the Amazon rainforest. Please continue to listen to your child read every day at home – this is so important for all of their learning. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman





**PLAY, LEARN,
GROW WHILST
MAKING FRIENDS**

**01566 772484
boyton@andaras.org**



'Stay and Play' at Boyton Primary School has to a Monday afternoon, from 2pm. Please share about our wonderful group.

Boyton Primary School



Launceston College

Open Evening



**Thursday 24 September
5pm - 8pm**

**Any questions please email
enquire@launcestoncollege.uk**



Year 6 Open Evening

**Thursday 24
September
2026**

**4.30pm
to 7pm**



Headteacher Talks at 5.00pm and 6.00pm

**Year 6 pupils, parents and
carers are warmly invited to
join us and discover life at
Budehaven**

Community School.

- ✓ Explore our school and facilities
- ✓ Meet teachers and current pupils
- ✓ Experience our curriculum
- ✓ Learn about life in Year 7
- ✓ Discover the opportunities, learning and community that make Budehaven special.



**We look forward to
seeing you!**

Werrington Ladies Circle Programme
2026/27

Would you like to hear a talk about the Spooky Myths and Legends of Dartmouth?



On a walk-through history with the life and times of the amazing Lady Elizabeth Edgerdale 1843 to 1925?



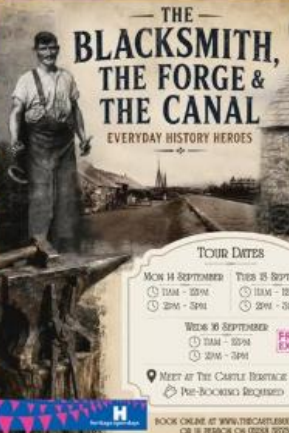
Are you interested in how they train dogs to assist people with hearing problems?

Is making paper flowers more your thing?



These are just a few things from our new programme. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in Yeombridge clubhouse. We would love to welcome you. We serve tea, coffee and homemade biscuits. Our programme consists of 10 meetings and our annual subscription is £20 or £5 per visit. (Donations) **Id like more information, PLEASE RING SUSAN DESMOND 01566 773768**

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BLACKSMITH, THE FORGE & THE CANAL
EVERYDAY HISTORY HEROES



YOUR DATES

MON 14 SEPTEMBER	TUES 15 SEPTEMBER
11AM - 12PM	11AM - 12PM
2PM - 3PM	2PM - 3PM

WED 16 SEPTEMBER

11AM - 12PM
2PM - 3PM

FREE TO EXPLORE!

MEET AT THE CASTLE HERITAGE CENTRE
PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.THECASTLEHERITAGE.CO.UK
OR IN PERSON ON 01294 505502

BINGO Night!

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

TRETHORNE LEISURE PARK

EYES DOWN: 7:00 PM

All Welcome!

Come along for a fun evening with great prizes while supporting a fantastic local cause.

IN AID OF LAUNCESTON FOODBANK

Bring your friends and family - everyone is welcome!

PLEASE BE AWARE

Scam Warning regarding SKY

In the past two weeks both my daughter and I have received telephone calls saying they are phoning regarding a SKY account, **they are pretty convincing. Don't get caught out!**

Sky spam calls are **fraudulent calls pretending to be from Sky**, often claiming to offer loyalty discounts, contract renewals, or urgent broadband upgrades, before asking for personal or banking details

Never share personal or financial information during unsolicited calls. Genuine Sky representatives will not pressure you for full banking details

Do not follow instructions to install remote access software unless you initiated the support request



Boyton Village Diary

SEPTEMBER 2026

2nd Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm **Everyone welcome**

3rd Coffee Morning
At The Methodist Chapel 10am **Everyone welcome**

10th Coffee Morning
At The Church Hall 10am **Everyone welcome**

14th Boyton Parish Council Meeting
At The Church Hall 7.30pm **Everyone welcome**

16th Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm **Everyone welcome**

16th Boyton Countryside's Tour of Bodmin Jail
Further details please email: shirleybell789@gmail.com

17th Coffee Morning
At The Methodist Church 10am **Everyone welcome**

17th Mobile Library
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am - 12.10pm

24th Coffee Morning
At The Church Hall 10am **Everyone welcome**

25th Wine & Wisdom
At The Church Hall 7.30pm
Tickets available from Rachel Ellacott 07960534290 & Vanessa Stanbury 01566 785326 **Everyone welcome**

30th Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm **Everyone welcome**

Keep up to date with events by following: Boyton Support Group on Facebook

BOYTON COUNTRYSIDERS

Wed 16th Sept Tour of Bodmin Jail
Wed 21st Oct Tripto Torquay
Wed 18th Nov Lunch at The Weary Friar
Wed 16th Dec Christmas Lunch

For further details email:
shirleybell789@gmail.com

New members always welcome



The Little Red Bus Launceston Community Transport Partnership

They provide various services for all ages from villages, hamlets and communities in and around Launceston, that have a poor or non-existent bus service. The service can be used to come into town, Tesco, etc

They offer a Launceston shopping round robin Collecting Boyton area, into Launceston pickups, visiting town centre, Tesco, Lidl, retail park, Phillip Warrens inc. return with shopping. **Every other Friday.**

To book: call: 01566 777960
or 07942 337 615
between 10.00am & 12 noon
Monday to Friday

Thank You

For Fundraising and Helping the Environment

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Boyton Village, Cornwall

Has raised £204.50 for Friends of the Sea Pool
and saved 7.3kg of ink cartridges from landfill

People's Charity



11 August 2020

In case of an emergency
We are very fortunate
to have located in the village a
defibrillator

Which is based on the
Methodist Church wall
PL15 9RF

Friday 25th September
At Boyton Church Hall
7.30pm

Wine & Wisdom Evening



£6.00 per person

To book tickets
please contact
Rachel Ellacott
07960 534290

Vanessa Stanbury
01666 785326

Everyone welcome

BOYTON CHURCH HALL

Available for hire
to local organizations or individuals.
Contact Gerd Willetts
on 01566 776917
email: g.willetts@talk21.com

Congratulations



Gilbert (Gil) Heal has received a Cornwall Civic award. He went to County Hall at Truro to receive the award which was nominated by Councillor Adam Paynter in recognition of his outstanding contribution to community life.

Gil can often be seen, tidying the lanes of Boyton, the next time you see him give him a 'thumbs Up' to show that we all appreciate his commitment to keeping our village tidy.

Thank you Gil



Save the dates

Friday 2nd October
Sunday 4th October

Harvest Festival
at Boyton
Methodist Chapel

BOYTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. M Stanbury (Choir)
Cllr K Bailey
Cllr G Cook
Cllr S Dovey
Cllr M Law
Cllr J Sanders
Cllr G Willetts

Ms S Cleave (Clerk)
Tel: 0753 298595

Groups/Churches

Spice of Life
Bev Hunt
Tel: 07463 903630
beaver.hunt@icloud.com

Boyton Countrysiders
Shirley Bell

Werrington Ladies Circle
Susan Desmond
susandesmond3@icloud.com

Table Tennis Club
Gerd Willetts

Boyton Walking Group
Sue Martyn
Tel: 07967 512660
hornnacott@btconnect.com

Boyton Parish Church Hall hire
Gerd Willetts
g.willetts@talk21.com

Boyton Church Warden
Tim Smith

Boyton Methodist Church
Lorraine Slugget

Vacancies at An Daras Trust.

Find out more
information about our
Trust vacancies at
[https://www.andaras.org/
web/vacancies](https://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies)



Family Support Worker - Callington Primary School

Job Title: Family Support Worker	FTE salary: £25,605 - £28,641 Actual annual salary (approx. gross): £17,361 - £19,418
School Base: Callington Primary School	Contract Type: Permanent / Variable
Start Date: 02 nd November 2026 (sooner if possible)	Hours (weekly): 30 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks (term time only)	
Interview Date: 07 th October 2026	Closing Date: midnight on 29 th September 2026

Please return completed applications and equal opportunities forms to recruitment@andaras.org

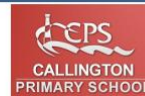


SEN Teaching Assistant St Catherine's C of E Primary School



Job Title: SEN Teaching Assistant	FTE salary: £24,765 Actual annual salary (approx. gross): £16,091
School Base: St Catherine's C of E Primary School	Contract Type: Permanent Variable
Start Date: 12 th October 2026	Hours (weekly): 28.75 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks	
Interview Date: w/c 28 th September 2026	Closing Date: midnight on 22 nd September 2026

Please return completed applications and equal opportunities forms to recruitment@andaras.org



Higher Level Teaching Assistant Callington Primary School

Job Title: Higher Level Teaching Assistant	FTE salary: £24,858 Actual annual salary (approx. gross): £16,858
School Base: Callington Primary School	Contract Type: Fixed term until July 23 rd 2027
Start Date: 02 nd November 2026 (sooner if available)	Hours (weekly): 30 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks	
Interview Date: w/c 05 th October 2026	Closing Date: Midnight on 29 th September 2026

Please return completed applications and equal opportunities forms to recruitment@andaras.org

School Menu.

WEEK 1

07/09/2026 28/09/2026 19/10/2026

WEEK 2

14/09/2026 05/10/2026

WEEK 3

21/09/2026 12/10/2026

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Beef Cottage Pie , Carrots , Peas
Lentil & Vegetable Cottage Pie , Carrots, Peas
fresh Fruit Selection

Chicken Fajita Wrap, Sweetcorn, Salad
Mixed Bean & Veg Fajita
Yoghurt

Chicken & Veg Casserole, Silced Green Beans
Bean & Veg Casserole
Fresh Fruit Selection

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Homemade Chicken Curry & Rice
Chickpea & Vegetable Curry & Rice
Apple Crumble & Custard

Beef Lasagne, Salad
Vegetable Lasagne
Sponge & Custard

Beef Stir Fry & Noodles
Veg Stir Fry & Noodles
Fruit Crumble & Custard

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Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg
Quorn Roast
Yoghurt

Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg
Quorn Roast
Fresh Fruit Salad

Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg
Quorn Roast
Fruit Yoghurt

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Pasta Bolognese , Mixed Salad
Fruit Salad

Pork Meatballs in Tomato sauce, Pasta, Broccoli
Vegetable Pasta Bake
Fruit & Yoghurt

Sausage & Mash, Broccoli, Carrots
Quorn Sausage & Mash
Fresh Fruit Salad

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Salmon Fishcakes , Baked Beans, Sweetcorn
Oat & Berry Flapjack

Homemade Margarita Pizza, Salad
Fruit Muffin

Vegetable Pasta Bake , Mixed Salad
Tuna Pasta Bake, Mixed Salad
Berry Sponge

Cornwall Council**2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools****CORNWALL COUNCIL**
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for Families

September 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

November 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
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Fri	4	11	18	25		
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Sun	6	13	20	27		

January 2027						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
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February 2027						
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Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
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March 2027						
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Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
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Sun	4	11	18	25		

May 2027						
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June 2027						
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July 2027						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
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Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
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Sun	4	11	18	25		

August 2027						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
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Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

School holidays**Bank holidays**

Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)3 September - 18 December 2026
(HALF TERM 26 - 30 October 2026)**SPRING TERM (54 days)**4 January - 25 March 2027
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)**SUMMER TERM (69 days)**12 April - 23 July 2027
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

Inset Days

3rd & 4th September 2026
23rd October 2026
4th January 2027
11th June 2027