Boyton Primary School

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October, 2026

EY & Y1 Acorn

Y2, Y3 and Y4 Birch

Y5 & Y6 Chestnut

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had another couple of busy weeks. Thank you so much for your kind donations, supporting The Children's Cancer Charity' last week. I know the children enjoyed the opportunity to wear their own clothes…and for such a good cause.

Our school lunches continue to get better and better! The children are really enjoying the opportunity to have homemade bread rolls and different fruits and vegetables to accompany their meals…kiwi has been particularly popular! Even if your child brings their own packed lunch, we are always happy to give them a bit of school lunch if they fancy trying it.

We have some exciting events coming up. Next week, we are having our **Harvest Celebration.** This year, we would like you to join us for coffee and homemade cake after! It will start at 9.10am.

Chestnuts class have also been invited to attend a **Trust Computing event in the Town Hall** on **Tuesday 13th October.** We would be very grateful if children be dropped off at the town hall from 9.15am and collected from there at 2.30pm. Mrs Gilman will be there to meet the children. Thank you.

We have also got our first lot of **parent meetings on Wednesday 14th October (Mrs Davies) and Thursday 15th October (Mrs Gilman).** Information will come home soon regarding booking your slots. Thank you. If you can't make any of the times available, do chat to your class teacher as I'm sure an alternative time can be arranged.

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

Harvest celebration – Thursday 8th October – 9.10am
Trust Computing Event (Chestnuts Class) – Town Hall (9.15am arrival) – Tues 13th October
Chestnut Class- Trip to Callywith College-Exploding Words- Thurs 22nd Oct

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!

Harvest Celebration – Thursday 8th October

Trust Computing Event (Chestnuts Class) – Town Hall (9.15am arrival, collection 2.30pm) Tues 13th October

Whole School to Date	**91%**
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	87.5%
Chestnut This Week	92.9%

https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-a-guide-for-parents

What is Roblox?
Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds, however players of all ages can use the site. Roblox is currently available on PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One.

Every game on Roblox is created by users, and there are a wide variety to choose from. These can vary from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show. This variety is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with young people.

Is there an age requirement?

Roblox doesn't have a strict age minimum, but it does use different ratings for game content:

- **All Ages**: Mild content, light fantasy violence.
- **9+**: May include more fantasy violence.
- **13+**: Contains more intense content and social interactions.
- **17+**: Mature content, requiring age verification.

While these Roblox experience ratings aim to guide users toward age-appropriate games, it's possible for inappropriate content to slip through. The ratings primarily focus on violence and may not fully cover other areas like sexual content, drug use, or crude humor.

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.

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After School Clubs

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

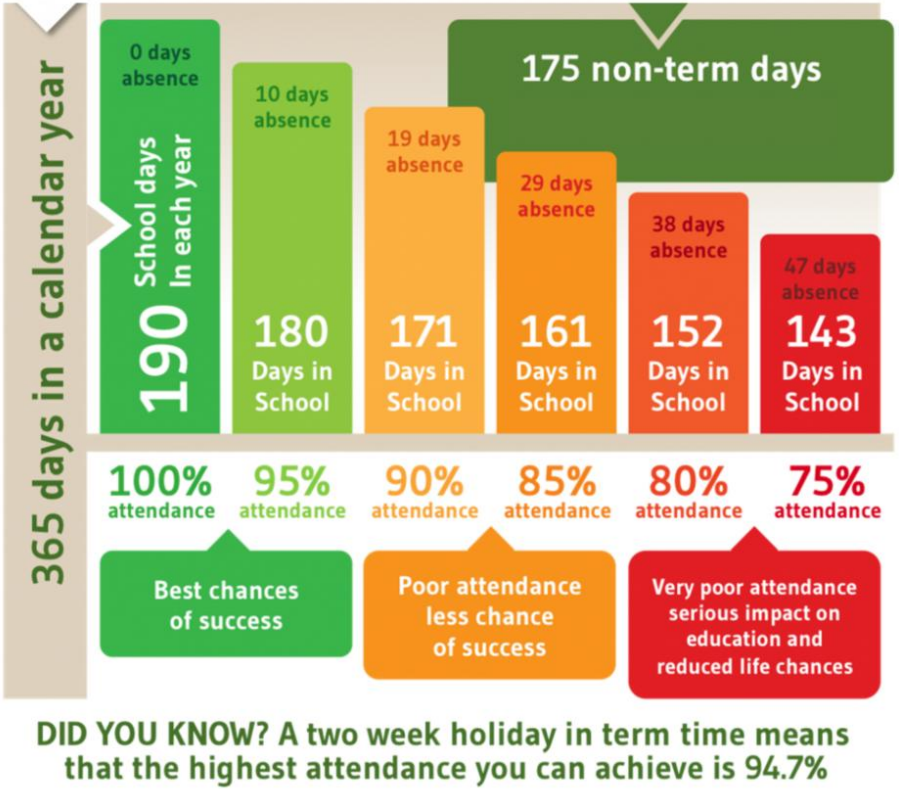
Tuesday -Lego Club– Mrs Davies

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



Acorn and Birch Update

We have had another couple of busy and productive weeks, with happy, hardworking and settled children! It has been wonderful to see everyone making the most of our continuous provision opportunities, using them to deepen and extend their learning. In RE, the children showed great creativity as they designed and built boats to save Jonah from the whale. We have also been amazed by the imaginative ideas emerging in the sandpit, where children have been working collaboratively to create a range of impressive human features, including bridges and tunnels. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and problem-solving on display as the children bring their learning to life through play and exploration.

In Maths, Year 1 have been deepening their understanding of teen numbers by ordering them and finding 1 more and 1 less. Year 2 have also been extending their place value knowledge, counting confidently beyond 100 and exploring the value of digits in larger numbers.
Across the whole class, we are working hard to develop children's instant recall of key number facts. For example, knowing that 1 + 4 = 5, 2 + 3 = 5, 3 + 2 = 5 and 5 + 0 = 5 without having to count. Rapid recall of these facts builds a strong foundation for future mathematical learning and helps children become more confident and fluent mathematicians. We would be very grateful if you could support your child by practising these number facts little and often at home. Whether in the car, at the dinner table, on the walk to school or while shopping, a few quick questions can make a real difference. Thank you for your support!.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,
The Catkins, Acorns and Birch Team

Chestnuts Class Update

Chestnuts have had another great two weeks of learning!
We had our last of three visits to the Sustainability Centre last week, where everyone took part in the three survival essentials – building a shelter, making a filter for water and creating a fire.
As we are coming to the end of our class book, 'The Lion and the Unicorn' in English, we have created a class poem using synonyms and described the setting of the story using personification.
In maths, we have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in year 3 and 4, extending this further to rounding 7-digit numbers to any power of ten in years 5 and 6. The children enjoyed consolidating their learning with some games today!
In science, the year 5s and 6s investigated how their eyes work, observing how their pupils increase in size when there is limited light as well as researching the name and function of each structure within the eye. The year 3s and 4s have been continuing their learning about the human body by making a model of a joint using cardboard and elastic bands. When the bones (cardboard) moved, it was clear to see how the muscles (elastic bands) relaxed and contracted as a pair. Fantastic scientific investigations!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman

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An Daras Trust

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

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Community Money Advice

As the cost of living crisis continues to affect us all, local Launceston based Charity - Community Money Advice are able to help those in need of support. Are money problems and debt getting you down? Are you struggling with your household budget? Would you like help filling out forms? Community Money Advice Launceston is a team of volunteers, including trained money advisers, who offer free and confidential advice to anyone who is experiencing problems with managing their money.

CMA also continues to work closely with colleagues at Launceston Foodbank and Launceston Job Centre so – to both existing and new clients – please get in touch if you think they might be able to help you. 01566 777407 www.launcestonmoney.co.uk

PTA Events!

Thank you!
to all that supported the
non-uniform day
on Friday 25/9/26
We raised
£14
for
The Children's
Cancer Unit Fund,
Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity
It is such an amazing charity
helping children here
in Cornwall

Saturday 31st October

The children of Boyton love Halloween, but if you wish **not** to be disturbed perhaps leave a note on the door.

Boyton Village Diary

OCTOBER 2026

Thur 1st	**Coffee Morning** At The Methodist Chapel 10am Everyone welcome
Fri 2nd	**Harvest Thanksgiving** At The Methodist Chapel Tea 6pm Service led Mark Shepherd 7.15pm All welcome
Sun 4th	**Harvest Thanksgiving** At The Methodist Chapel Service led by Rev Shirley Henderson 11am All welcome
Thur 8th	**Coffee Morning** At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
Thur 8th	**Ladies Skittles** At The Church Hall 7.30pm
Mon 12th	**Boyton Parish Council Meeting** At The Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
Wed 14th	**Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)** Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
Thur 15th	**'Charity Thursday' Coffee Morning** At The Methodist Chapel 10am Everyone welcome
Thur 15th	**Mobile Library** Opposite the Methodist Chapel 11.45am - 12.10pm
Fri 16th	**Harvest Festival** At Boyton Parish Church 7.00pm Everyone welcome
Wed 21st	**Boyton Countrysider's** Trip to Torquay Further details please email: shirleybell789@gmil.com
Thur 22nd	**Coffee Morning** At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
Wed 28th	**Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)** Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
Thur 29th	**Coffee Morning** At The Methodist Chapel 10am Everyone welcome
Thur 29th	**Ladies Skittles** At The Church Hall 7.30pm

HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS ?

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Boyton Village now has new speed restrictions

BEAT THE 13 TORS CHALLENGE
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

This is organised by Marie Curie but I'm also doing it for Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of Our dear friend Norman Perkin

Link to my just giving page is:
www.justgiving.com/team/sue-martyn-1
Bank account 30-94-91 31223468

Boyton Parish Church

Friday 16th October
7.00pm
Everyone welcome

Save the date....
Saturday 5th December 7.30pm
Barrel Seagals
at Boyton Parish Church
Further details to follow

BOYTON COUNTRYSIDERS

Wed 21st Oct Trip to 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

Charity Thursday 15th October
Coffee morning
at The Methodist Chapel 10am

Agnes

will be presenting a cheque to

Exeter Leukaemia Fund

from her birthday event. but it's also going to be in aid of Sue's walk in memory of Norman Perkins.
so we're hoping as many people as possible will come along to the Chapel and support.

Harvest Thanksgiving
at Boyton Methodist Chapel

Friday 2nd October
Tea at 6.00pm followed with a service of thanksgiving led by Mark Shepherd

Sunday 4th October 11.00am
Thanksgiving Service
led by Rev Shirley Henderson

Everyone welcome

We will be collecting non perishable items for the local foodbank
All donations will be gratefully appreciated .

BOYTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. M Stanbury (Chair)
Cllr K Bailey
Cllr G Cook
Cllr S Davey
Cllr M Law
Cllr J Sanders
Cllr G Willetts

Ms S Cleave (Clerk)
Tel: 07853 298595

Groups/Churches

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

Boyton Countrysiders
Shirley Bell

Werrington Ladies Circle
Susan Desmond
susandesmond2@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

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

Vacancies at An Daras Trust.

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

An Daras Trust

Cleaner
Boyton Primary School

Job Title: Cleaner	**FTE salary:** £24,765 **Actual annual salary (approx. gross):** £7,910
School Base: Boyton Primary School	**Contract Type:** Permanent Variable
Start Date: 02nd November 2026	**Hours (weekly):** 13 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 41.4 weeks	
Interview Date: w/c 19th October 2026	**Closing Date:** midnight on 13th October 2026

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

An Daras Trust

Lewannick Primary School

Lunchtime Supervisor
Lewannick Primary School

Job Title: Lunchtime Supervisor	**FTE salary:** £24,765 **Actual annual salary (approx. gross):** £2,798
School Base: Lewannick Primary School	**Contract Type:** Fixed Term until 23rd July 2027
Start Date: ASAP	**Hours (weekly):** 5 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks	
Interview Date: w/c 19th October 2026	**Closing Date:** midnight on 11th October 2026

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An Daras Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Launceston

School Secretary
St Stephens Community Academy

Job Title: School Secretary	**FTE salary:** £24,765 **Actual annual salary (approx. gross):** £12,037
School Base: St Stephens Community Academy	**Contract Type:** Permanent Variable
Start Date: 04th January 2027	**Hours (weekly):** 21 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 39 weeks (term time plus INSET days)	
Interview Date: w/c 9th November 2026	**Closing Date:** midnight on 01st November 2026

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An Daras Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Launceston

SEN Teaching Assistant
St Stephens Community Academy

Job Title: SEN Teaching Assistant	**FTE salary:** £24,765 **Actual annual salary (approx. gross):** £16,091
School Base: St Stephens Community Academy	**Contract Type:** Fixed Term until 23rd July 2027
Start Date: ASAP	**Hours (weekly):** 28.75 hours
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks	
Interview Date: w/c 19th October 2026	**Closing Date:** midnight on 11th October 2026

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BODMIN KEEP
CORNWALL'S ARMY MUSEUM

TANK TAKE OVER

This half-term Bodmin Keep–Cornwall's Army Museum is going full tank mode with a real Scimitar tank, loaned from the incredible Tank Museum Bovington.

Join us for an unforgettable half-term of activities, tank tours and trails.

- Mon-Wed & Sat | 19-31 October
- 11am-3pm
- The Courtyard at the Keep

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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
MONDAY	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,Sliced Green Beans Bean & Veg Casserole Fresh Fruit Selection
TUESDAY	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
WEDNESDAY	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
THURSDAY	Pasta Bolognaise , Mixed Salad Fruit Salad	Pork Meatballs in Tomato sauce, Pasta, Brocolli Vegetable Pasta Bake Fruit & Yoghurt	Sausage & Mash, Brocolli, Carrots Quorn Sausage & Mash Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Salmon Fishcakes , Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Oat & Berry Flapjack	Homemade Margharita Pizza, Salad Fruit Muffin	Vegetable Pasta Bake , Mixed Salad Tuna Pasta Bake, Mixed Salad Berry Sponge

Information Classification: PUBLIC

Cornwall Council

2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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
Tue		3	10	17	24	
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	

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

February 2027					
Mon		1	8	15	22
Tue		2	9	16	23
Wed		3	10	17	24
Thurs		4	11	18	25
Fri		5	12	19	26
Sat		6	13	20	27
Sun		7	14	21	28

March 2027					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

April 2027					
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	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

May 2027						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2027					
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	

July 2027					
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	

August 2027						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
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	

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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