

Scapegoat Hill School Summer 2 Newsletter 2026



Another Busy and Exciting Term

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to thank everyone for their support in making Scapegoat Hill such a special place. This newsletter celebrates just some of the wonderful experiences, achievements and memories from Summer 2 and the year as a whole.

A huge well done to all of our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and kindness throughout the year. Thank you also to our staff, governors, volunteers, FOSS members, parents and wider community for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on 2nd September.

Best wishes,

Miss Shackleton 🌻💕💕

Staffing Updates

As we come to the end of the academic year, we would like to congratulate Mrs Ambler on her retirement as she heads off into the sunset. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication, hard work and commitment over the years, as well as the support she has provided to staff, pupils and the wider school community. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Edmondson, who will be joining our team in September. Mr Edmondson will be teaching in both Class 3 and Class 1 during his three days in school each week. We are sure he is going to be a fantastic addition to our team and we look forward to working with him.

Staffing for September

Class 1

- Mrs Reid
- Mrs Rushworth

Class 2

- Mrs Mitchell
- Mrs Myles
- Mrs Senior

Class 3

- Miss Shackleton (SENDCo)
- Mr Edmondson
- Mrs Lodge

Office Team

- Mrs O'Grady
- Mrs Heeley-Beaumont
- Mrs Senior (Friday afternoons)

Breakfast Club

- Mrs Senior
- Miss Wimpenny

School Business Manager

- Mrs Andrews

Caretaker

- Mrs Lynne Jones

School Cook

- Mrs Gruszka

Lunchtime Supervisor

- Mrs Moran - supporting on Thursdays and Fridays currently

Designated Safeguarding Leads

- Miss Shackleton
- Mrs Reid
- Mrs Senior

We are looking forward to another successful year and thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our school community.

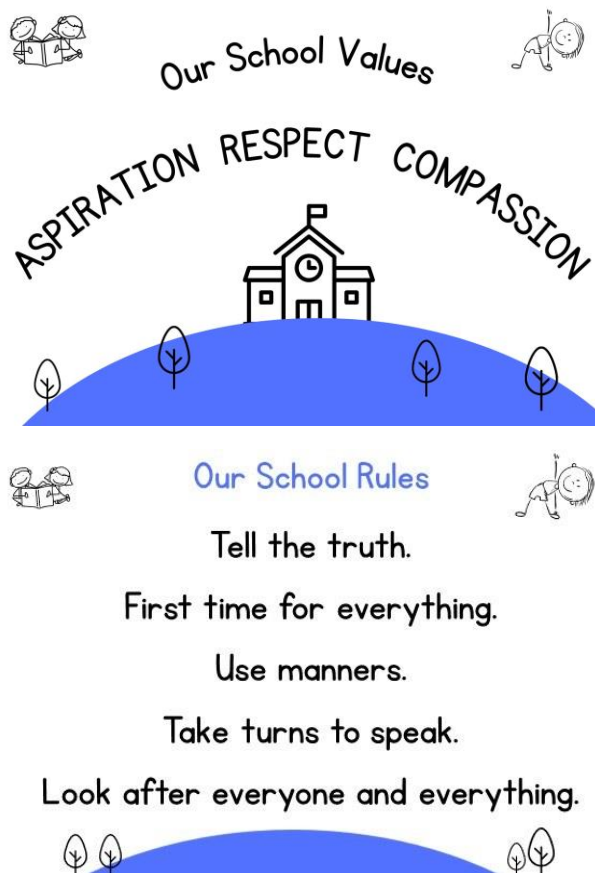
Partnerships for 2026 to 2027

We are pleased to continue our partnerships with Kirklees College and Create Music, and to begin a new partnership with the Nexus Project next year. Kirklees College students will join us as trainee Educational Teaching Assistants, providing valuable support for pupils while gaining experience in a school setting. We would like to thank Mrs Smith and Mr Shahzad for their fantastic contribution this year and wish them every success in the future. We also look forward to welcoming a participant from the Nexus Project, who will be working in school on Thursdays and Fridays to develop skills and gain valuable workplace experience.

We are delighted that Create Music will continue to provide guitar lessons and music sessions across the school. At their recent summer concert, many of our pupils showcased their talents, performing with confidence and enthusiasm on the glockenspiel and guitar. We were incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to continuing these exciting opportunities next year.



Our School Rules and Values



Friends of Scape School (FOSS)



FOSS and the Scarecrow Festival

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to FOSS (Friends of Scape School) for another fantastic year of fundraising and support. Through the hugely popular Scarecrow Festival, they raised an incredible £3,166.30 for the school. Congratulations also go to the Dimelow family, whose wonderful *Matilda*-themed scarecrow was a deserving winner, showcasing remarkable creativity and attention to detail.

Thank you to everyone who took part, volunteered, donated or visited the trail. Once again, the scarecrows brought colour and enjoyment to the village over the Easter weekend, celebrating both our farming heritage and the creativity of our community. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a supportive village, and every contribution helped make the festival another great success.



This fantastic achievement is in addition to the many other successful fundraising events organised by FOSS throughout the year, including school discos, the Christmas Fair and the ever-popular Colour Run, which raised an impressive £853. Thank you to all the parents, families and members of the wider community whose generosity and support continue to make these events such a success.

The funds raised by FOSS have a direct and lasting impact on school life, helping to provide additional storage for Class 1's outdoor learning area, a new television for the hall and a range of extra-large games for children to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are also incredibly grateful for the time, commitment and enthusiasm of FOSS members, whose hard work behind the scenes, teamwork and constant willingness to help make such a positive difference to our school community. ❤️❤️



1 - Great for learning, singing, sharing photos, breakfast club boogies and World Cup Highlights!



2 - This brilliant storage is in Class 1 playground but in dark grey. Mrs Reid and Mrs Rushworth love it!



3 - Cool games for the heat!

Thank you Kate!

We would also like to give a special thank you to Kate France, who has been a parent at our school for the last 15 years. During that time, Kate has been a tremendous supporter of the school through her involvement with FOSS, her work with the school uniform exchange and her support for families. She has also been a fantastic ambassador for our school, regularly recommending us within the local community. Her contribution over many years has been greatly appreciated by staff, children and families alike.

Another great highlight for the charity this year was receiving the **King's Award for Voluntary Service** in recognition of its outstanding work supporting families across Kirklees. This well-deserved award is a wonderful achievement for Kate and everyone involved with the Uniform Exchange.



Remembering Eileen Worthington

We would like to remember Eileen Worthington, a valued member of the Scapegoat Hill community and a great supporter of our school and the Scarecrow Festival. We are very grateful to Eileen and her family for the generous donations made in her memory, which helped contribute towards our new playground equipment. To honour Eileen's memory, Year 6 children planted a cherry tree overlooking the playground. It will serve as a lasting reminder of her kindness and generosity, and our Gardening Club, led by Mrs Lodge and Mrs Baxter, will help care for it in the years ahead. Thank you, Eileen and family, for your support





Forest School 2025 and 2026

We have enjoyed another wonderful year of Forest School with Rosie and Maggie. The sessions are always a highlight for many children, and Forest School has become so popular that we now have a well-established Forest School Club every Wednesday, led by Bethany and Maggie.

Activities this year have included making friendship bracelets using tools, creating artwork using natural materials and colours, building dens, exploring our woodland area, surveying our grounds for bugs and other wildlife, and, of course, enjoying delicious fire-roasted marshmallows and other tasty campfire treats. These experiences help children develop confidence, teamwork and a greater appreciation of the natural world around them.









SEND Newsletter

Please see below the link for the SEND Newsletter.

[July 2026 Kirklees SEND Newsletter](#) | [Kirklees SEND Newsletters](#) | [Kirklees SEND Local Offer](#)

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school by joining **EasyFundraising** and selecting **Friends of Scape School** as your chosen charity.

Thanks to your support, as of July 2026 we have raised a fantastic **£3,809.37** so far, and we now have **67 supporters!**

Please continue to spread the word — encourage friends and family to join and help us raise even more for our school community.

Please see attached link for more details: [Friends of Scape School, Huddersfield Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

How it works ? - When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

Playing Out!



We certainly experience all kinds of weather up at Scapegoat Hill, and this time it was hot, hot, hot!

The children were fantastic throughout the warm spell and adapted brilliantly to the high temperatures. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with sun cream, water bottles and sensible adaptations to uniform, which helped to keep everyone comfortable and safe.

One of the advantages of our wonderful school setting is being able to make the most of our outdoor environment. During lunchtimes, the children particularly enjoyed spending time in our fabulous wooded area, where they could explore, play and enjoy some welcome shade. It was lovely to see them making the most of this special space and appreciating the natural environment that surrounds our school.

Despite the heat, the children continued to demonstrate resilience, positivity and enthusiasm and we were very proud of how well they coped. ☀️🧒💧



Class 1 have been going back in time!

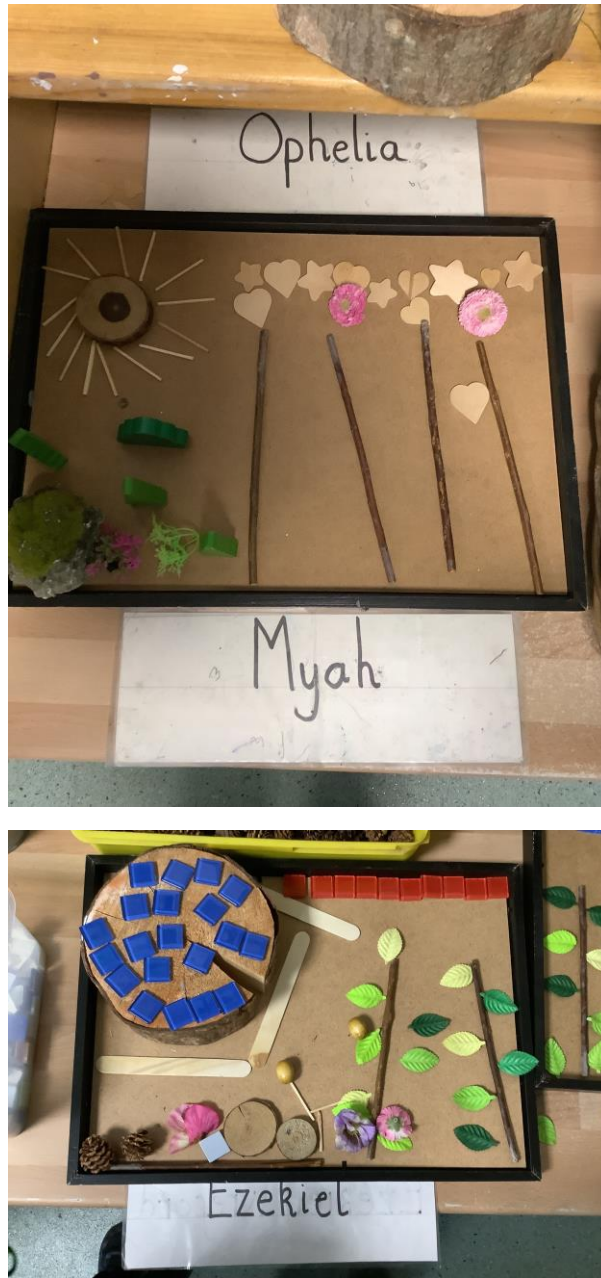
We had a visit from John to talk to us about toys he used to have when he was younger.

Reception had been planning lots of questions for him which they asked with great confidence. In another session, they also looked at some Victorian toys. I created some super discussion about how they all differed from toys we have today. It also made us consider materials too!

Year 1 learned all about Victorian life. We used AI to talk to Queen Victoria and the children were very glad to be at school today and not back then! They particularly found the boys and girls being split for playtimes and learning times shocking. They also decided their teachers today aren't too bad either, especially when they heard about the cane!

In our Religious Education we have discussed our wonderful world and different views and beliefs about how our world came to be. Children have been learning that some people believe that the world was created and that others believe that our wonderful world evolved over time. We have listened to the story of creation which Christian and Jewish people share and discussed what we all thought as a class. It has been wonderful to hear lots of views from the children and their experiences outside school.



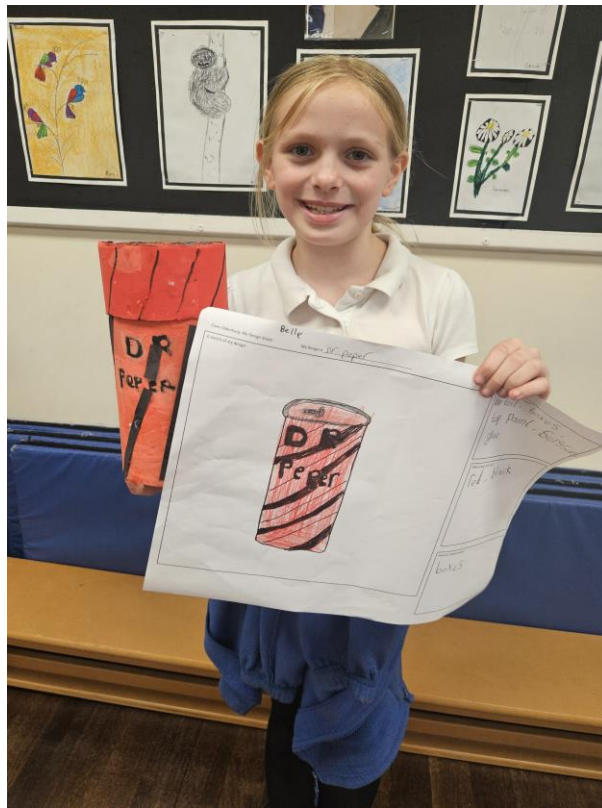


Class 2 has been super busy with lots of exciting learning this term!

In Art, we explored the work of Claes Oldenburg, a sculptor who is famous for creating supersized food sculptures. We were fascinated by his artwork and were inspired to create our own sculptures. First, we carefully designed our models and chose the materials we wanted to use. We then brought our ideas to life using a variety of different materials. We did a fabulous job and created some brilliant, imaginative sculptures that we are very proud of! We also compared his work to that of Yayoi Kasuma and Jeff Koons!

Across the curriculum, we have loved learning about Ancient Egypt. We have discovered what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians and learnt about the importance of the River Nile, Egyptian gods and goddesses, beliefs about the afterlife, the process of mummification, and the magnificent

pyramids. To finish our topic, we even had a go at recreating pyramids using LEGO, which was great fun and helped us understand how these incredible structures were built.







Science Living Things and Their Habitats

We conducted some outdoor learning to look for things that are alive, dead or have never been alive.



In Year 3 French we have been learning about school life. The children took part in a practical PE lesson in French and each child took on the role of the teacher, giving instructions in French.

During SATS week, the children took part in a range of activities with Mrs Myles. They completed a collaborative piece of art work, participated in orienteering activities and also some additional PE, playing tennis.



The Colour Run and Sports' Day

It has become a real tradition at our school to follow Sports Day, where we showcase the wonderful athletic skills developed through our PE lessons, with our annual Colour Run organised by FOSS.

It was fantastic to see so many families joining us and braving the hot weather to celebrate one of the highlights of our school calendar. The event was full of energy, laughter and colour and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Class 3 News

A Fond Farewell to Our Year 6 Pupils

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move on to secondary school in September.

It has been wonderful to watch you grow during your time with us, and we are proud of all that you have achieved. We know you will embrace the opportunities ahead and make the most of this exciting next chapter.

Good luck, Year 6—we will miss you. Don't forget to come back and say hello from time to time and let us know how you are getting on! 😊



Pottery at Globe Arts

Class 3 loved their workshop at Globe Arts! From spinning clay on the potter's wheel to crafting tea-light houses with the clay slab technique, the children learned loads of new skills and showed incredible creativity. Thank you to Globe Arts for inspiring our young artists.





Design Technology - Planning and Preparing a 2 Course Meal!

Class 3 were lucky to be joined by professional cook Mr Nutter as part of our 'Meals' course in our Design Technology topic. The children practised their chopping and cutting skills, made delicious homemade soup and created their own pizzas with fantastic dough and healthy toppings. Well done, Class 3 – you did an amazing job!





Class 3's Latest 'Green Fingered' Maths' Problem

Ron buys compost to fill his flower bed.



He spends £17.50 on compost.
Estimate the capacity of Ron's flower bed.

Parent View Questionnaire -2026

[Parent View Questionnaire 2026 – Fill in form](#)

As it has been just over a year since our Ofsted inspection, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your views about our school. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to improve and provide the best possible experience for our children.

Please complete the questionnaire here:

Thank you for your continued support.

Relationships' Education Curriculum Consultation

Following updates to government guidance, we have reviewed our Relationship Education curriculum and policy. The revised information is attached to this Ping, and we would greatly appreciate your views.

We have also resolved the issues with the previous form, so all questions can now be answered. Please take a few minutes to read the information and complete the questionnaire below:

[School consultation on the teaching of Relationships' Education Across School – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Ambler

Mrs Ambler would like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful gifts, cards, and thoughtful messages. Everyone's kindness and support have meant so much to her. She has loved being part of our school family and will cherish these memories. We will miss her lots and wish her happiness in her early retirement.

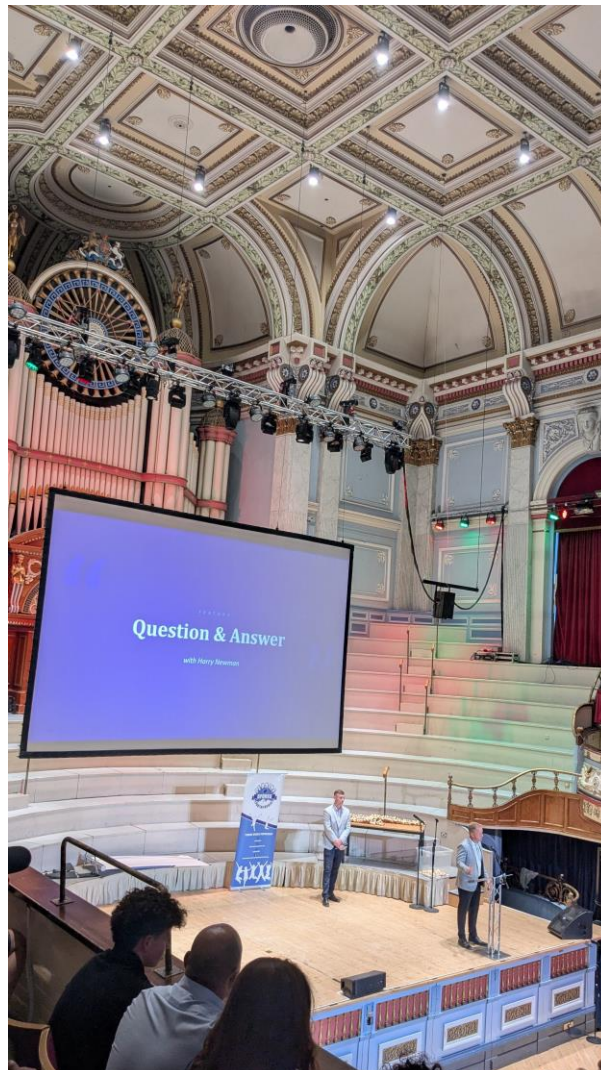
Summer Sporting Updates

Pennine Sports' Partnership Awards 2026

On 6th July, we were delighted to attend the Pennine Sports Partnership Awards, a wonderful event celebrating participation and achievement in PE and sport across local schools at Huddersfield Town Hall

A huge congratulations to **Poppy (Year 6)**, **Frankie (Year 3)** and **Ezekiel (Year 1)**, who were recognised for their outstanding sporting achievements. They received awards for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, endeavour, leadership and a determination to always try their best.

We are incredibly proud of all three pupils. They are fantastic role models who embody the values we promote through sport and physical activity. It was a pleasure to see their hard work and commitment recognised at such a special event. 🏆 ☆ 🙌





A few great days of cricket at Broadoak Cricket Club for Years 3 to 6!



Some Year 6 enjoyed their final tournament together at Colne Valley High School with a great game of Rounders



Sports' Barn at Leeds Road for Year 4





Year 2 Football Team

What a brilliant team! The children showed fantastic teamwork, communication and commitment throughout the event. They supported one another, worked hard for every ball and represented our school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Well done, Year 2 – we are very proud of you all!



Holiday Clubs

[Home](#) | [Kirklees Schools Out](#)

Please see the above link to the activities funded through the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food programme. We have also attached to the Ping lots of activities which children can take part in over the summer.

After School Clubs - Autumn 1



Monday - Homework Club (years 2-6) FULL

Monday - Construction Club (Reception and Year 1)

Tuesday - Forest School (years 1-6) FULL

Wednesday - Clay (years 1-6)

Thursday - Animation Club (years 1 to 6)

Thursday - Dance (From Thursday October 1st)

Friday - Lego Club (years 1-6)

All places for our clubs (showing FULL) have now been allocated and confirmed via Ping. Any payments due can be made via ParentPay please.

If you have received a Ping message confirming your child's place.

If the club is showing as Full and you have not received a Ping confirmation, unfortunately your child has not been allocated a place on that club this term.

Lunch Accounts on Parent Pay - IMPORTANT

As we are at the end of the academic year, all school lunch debts require paying asap especially any for our Year 6 Leavers. Please can you check your child's lunch account on Parent Pay and make any necessary payments. All lunches should be paid for in advance. If you have any issues with paying please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Walking Home - Children in Years 5 and 6 Only

Walking Home & Mobile Phones

If your child will be walking home on their own, please let the school office know which days this applies to.

Only children who walk home independently should bring a mobile phone, and only if it's absolutely necessary. Phones must be handed in at the office on arrival and a permissions form (available from the office) will need to be completed.

These steps help us follow our Mobile Phone Policy and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support!

Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are considered.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

Registering for the free meals raises money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is because they are also entitled to things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Kirklees council website at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

School Ping/Friday Flyer/Newsletter

******IMPORTANT******

Please ensure you look at PING where we send information to parents. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs including BREAKFAST club, trip details, sporting events and other important information. Please make sure that these are read and if necessary, replied to. Every Friday we send out the Friday Flyer to keep you updated weekly about school events as well as local events and news. Our newsletter is sent out at the end of each term.

A Few Reminders

- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. **If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence – many thanks.**

Please be reminded you **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm.**

Should anybody be seen parking on the zig zags, we will pass the vehicle registration details to the police. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

Dates for your Diary

Term Dates

2026/2027

	Break up	Return to school
		Wednesday 2nd September
Half Term	Wednesday 21st October	Monday 2nd November
Christmas	Friday 18th December	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Friday 12th February	Tuesday 23rd February
Easter	Thursday 25th March	Monday 12th April
Half Term	Friday 28th May	Tuesday 8th June
Summer	Wednesday 21st July	

School will also be closed on the following days September 1st 2026, October 22nd 2026 and October 23rd 2026, February 22nd 2027, May 3rd 2027 and June 7th 2027.