

Newsletter 22-Friday 21st March 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon,

This week, Year 3 and 4 children have taken part in The Big Sing at the Winter Gardens, and the whole school enjoyed watching 'Kung Fu Panda 4' at Cineworld. Thanks to our school community we have also raised £145.65 by wearing something RED for Red Nose Day!

Next week, two children from each class will represent Christ Church at St Martins for the annual Spelling Bee.

It's been a beautifully sunny week, and as the UV index has been increasing it is time to start thinking about bringing in sun hats and making sure children have their water bottles at school so they can stay hydrated.

Wishing everyone a lovely, restful weekend.

Mr James

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Future Stars Coaching
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19th March, 2025

Wrap Around Care Club Announcement – Future Stars Coaching

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce that Future Stars Coaching will be managing the Wrap Around Care club at Christ Church Primary School starting **Tuesday 22nd April**. We are excited to begin working with your children and providing a safe, fun, and engaging environment during this important part of the day.

We work with many other primary schools in the South West, delivering breakfast and wrap-around care provision to over 300 children daily.

We have received some funding from North Somerset Council in order to subsidise costs while the service gets up and running. That means places will be offered at the discounted rate of £7 per evening until at least Christmas 2025.

Club Details

- **Wrap Around Care Club**
 - **Days:** Monday to Friday
 - **Full Ticket:** £7.00 per session
 - **Time:** 15:15 – 18:00 (you are welcome to collect your child any time before 6pm)
 - **Snack:** ranging from wraps, fruit and special-occasion treats
 - **Collection:** Children are collected from their classroom straight after school (or brought to the session via class teacher – depending on age)

Booking Information

To book, please visit our website at www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk.

1. **Sign Up:** Click the "Sign Up" button to create an account. Register yourself as a user and add details for each of your children. This process only needs to be completed once.
2. **Make Bookings:** Once your account is set up, you can quickly make bookings on a day-to-day or termly basis.

Important:

- Wrap Around Care Club bookings must be made online by **11:59 am on the day of the session**.
- If you need a last minute Wrap Around Care Club booking after the cut off time above, please contact the office to make a booking.
- Please ensure your child is booked in for every session to provide us with the information needed to keep them safe.
- **If you do not have a booking with us, we cannot accept your child into our club.**

Payment Information

We are in the process of registering with HMRC TFC and childcare voucher payment schemes but the registrations do take a few weeks to complete. However, in the meantime if you use CHILDCARE VOUCHERS/HMRC TAX FREE CHILDCARE we will accept your bookings immediately, with an intention to pay at a later date. We can then reconcile all of this once the registration is complete.

1. **Pay via Card:** All bookings can be paid for securely online.
2. **We will be able to accept** payment through the below methods:

Childcare Vouchers/HMRC Accounts: We will accept payment via **HMRC Tax-Free Childcare** and several childcare voucher schemes (**Care4; Computershare; Edenred; Kiddivouchers; Pluxee [Sodexo]**). If you can't see your provider on the list, please send us an email and we'll sign up for you.

Simply transfer funds into your account and search for us via our name: Future Stars Coaching at Christ Church CE Primary School.

Note: Your bookings will remain secure even without immediate payment. We have a 14 day payment policy and will notify you if you've missed making a payment within this period. Of course, this payment policy will be on hold whilst we register with childcare voucher providers and HMRC TFC for those who prefer this method of payment.

Transfers and Cancellations

- We offer a **24-hour transfer policy:** If you do not need a booked session, you can move it to another date by notifying us at least 24 hours in advance.
- We cannot offer cancellations. For more details, refer to our cancellation policy on our website under "Resources/Hub."

Support with Bookings

Our dedicated office team is on hand to help with the booking process, provide guidance, and answer any questions Monday – Friday; 9am – 5pm. Please contact us at:

- **Email:** info@futurestarscoaching.co.uk
- **Phone:** 01275 867128

We are looking forward to meeting you and your children and providing a high-quality Wrap Around Care club experience. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Future Stars Coaching office directly.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fantastic start!

Kind regards,
Leanne Selman
Extra-Curricular Manager
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BIG WALK AND WHEEL - 24TH MARCH TO 4TH APRIL



The poster features a central graphic with the text 'sustrans BIG WALK AND WHEEL' in a stylized, colorful font. The word 'BIG WALK' is in orange and green, and 'AND WHEEL' is in white and orange. A bicycle wheel is integrated into the 'W' of 'WHEEL'. Below this, a pink banner reads '24 March–4 April 2025'. The background is light blue with various icons: a balloon, lightbulb, speech bubble, cloud, hand holding a heart, globe, person on a scooter, apple, person on a bicycle, person in a wheelchair, person on a bicycle, person walking, and a tandem bicycle.

**We're taking part
in the Sustrans
Big Walk and Wheel
2025 challenge.**

Join in by walking, wheeling,
scooting or cycling to school
between 24 March–4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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PRIMARY CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSES

Monday 7th April and / or Wednesday 9th April

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day Monday 7th April or Wednesday 9th April 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Monday 7th April Haywood Village Academy, Whitney Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 8ES

Monday 7th April Unity Oldland Methodist Church, West Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QS

Wednesday 9th April St Peter's Church, between Church Road North and Church Road South, Portishead, BS20 8EN

You may attend a Monday and Wednesday course if you wish. You will need to apply for both separately.

TIME: 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

WHAT TO BRING: packed lunch and drinks for the day

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable clothing

COST: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY: <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking recommended. Bookings will close on 3rd April or earlier if all the places have been filled.

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: music@wema.org.uk

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

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Parenting village coffee morning

This is a relaxed and friendly drop-in session where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.

“It takes a village to raise a child” comes from an old African proverb. It shares the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment in which children can flourish.



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When? First Thursday of each month
Where? Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NP
What time? 1.30pm - 3pm
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When? First Friday of each month
Where? Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ
What time? 09:30am – 11:00am
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When? Second Tuesday of each month
Where? Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9DA
What time? 09:00am – 11:00am
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When? Third Monday of each month
Where? Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6NN
What time? 9.30am - 11am

Scan here to learn more about our advanced parenting groups



North Somerset
children's
centres



EASTER



For the Year 5 Easter service the children will be performing Resurrection Rock! by Sheila Wilson, and will take place on Monday 31st March at 10:45 at the Church. Parents of Year 5 are warmly invited to attend the Church service.

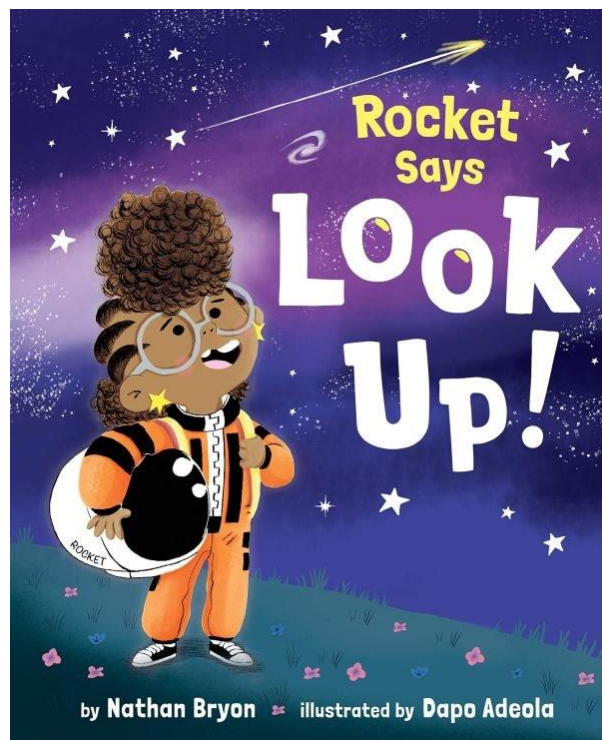
We are also running our Decorated Egg Competition this year! This will take place on Thursday 3rd April. The eggs need to be decorated at home and brought into school on Thursday 3rd April for judging. Please do not bring the eggs in before this date.

Please ensure your egg is hard-boiled or blown before decorating. They can be decorated however you like incorporated into a theme if you wish. Please do not put your name on your egg as children will complete a name card to put under the egg when it is displayed. We are very EGGcited to see what the children come up with this year!

SUMMER FAYRE

This year we will be hosting a Summer Fayre! Please save the date for **Saturday 28th June**. More details to follow later in the year.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



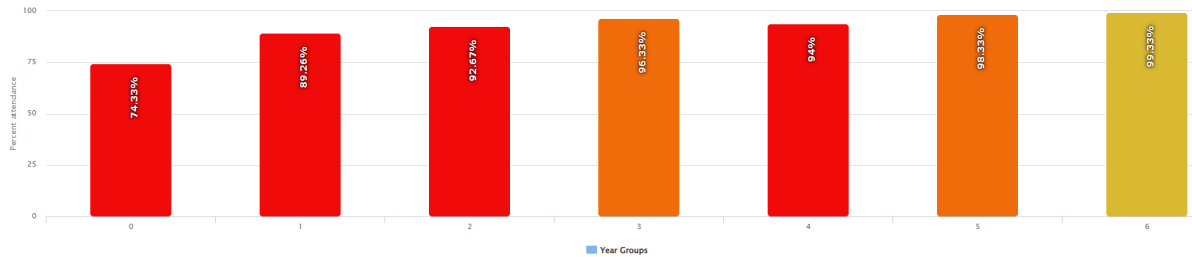
Our Reading for Pleasure Service takes place every Wednesday. Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way to spark imagination, develop empathy, and improve language skills. It's a chance to escape into different worlds, meet fascinating characters, and learn new things.

Each week, one of our teachers will share their favourite book and read a short extract from it. The book will then be displayed in our foyer and will be available for pupils to borrow. This is a great opportunity for the children to discover new authors and genres, and to find books that you and your child will enjoy reading together.

This week, Mrs Baxter shared her favourite book, 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon.

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But... can she convince her big brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars? Bursting with energy and passion about science and space, this heart-warming, inspirational picture book will have readers turning off their screens and switching on to the outside world.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...



Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
.....
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost



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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

1 Encourage journaling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

2 Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.

Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

3 Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

4 Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

5 Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives; talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember, adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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OPAL PLAY NEWS



We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Gold status!**

It is great to see that our play provision has been externally recognised in this way. It is a tremendous achievement and is reward for a lot of hard work and dedication.

Upon awarding Christ Church with the award, OPAL mentor Kate Smith praised the school as one of the best OPAL schools in the country and gave special thanks to the parents for donating items to OPAL.

Mrs Clarke, receiving the award said "we are delighted with the award and it really is a team effort. We are determined to build on this success and continue to give our play provision the importance it deserves. We are especially grateful to our Christ Church community for donations please continue to donation used loose parts to enhance our play!"

Please check the list below before you throw anything out!

To find out more about OPAL, please visit outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk






Attention parents of Christ Church!

OPAL PLAY DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are enriching our OPAL play program and need your help.
Do you have any of the following items at home that you could donate?

- Buckets & Spades
- Plastic Containers
- Dressing Up Clothes
- Old Phones
- Keyboards
- Cable drums
- Children's Umbrellas
- Saucepans, frying pans & kitchen utensils

Every little bit helps! Thank you for supporting our children's playtime adventures!

The Play Types

Supporting school improvement through play www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

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PERSONAL BEST AWARDS



Every week, Personal Best certificates are awarded to children who have been recognised for their hard work and fantastic attitudes.

Reception - Albie for sharing fantastically in the classroom!

Year One - Ethan for setting an example to other children.

Year Two - Lucien for his increased participation this week.

Year Three- Esmee for being a fantastic role model.

Year Four - Antonia for always doing the right thing.

Year Five - Joanna for trying her best and showing resilience.

Year Six - Mihnea for improved confidence and attitude to learning.

DOJO CERTIFICATES

Dojo points are Christ Church Primary School's own way of rewarding pupils for outstanding work & behaviour. Once a pupil has earned enough points they are awarded a certificate during school assembly to celebrate all their hard work.

Bronze (75 points)

Silver (150 points)

Kyle in Year 2

Evelyn

Ahmad & Shawn in Year 4

Holly in Year 6

Ruby (225 points)

Sophie, Esmae, Leon, and Yanek in Year 3

Arsalan in Year 4

Emily, Hristian and Giovanna in Year 5.

Gold (300 points)

Luca in Year 1

Anastasia in year 2

Theo in Year 5

Oli in Year 6

Sapphire (375 points)

Platinum (450 points)

Gemstone (525 points)

Rainbow (600 points)

STAR READER

Reading 50 times at home:

Evelyn & Diesel in Year 1

Silvie in Year 5.

Reading 100 times at home:

Ezra, Iris and Yoanna in Reception.

Reading 150 times at home:

Reading 200 times at home:

Reading 250 times at home:

[Headteachers Awards](#)



A Headteacher Award is given to children for exceptional work of which they should be proud!

Well done to:

Arthur and Anna in Year 2 for showing exceptional skills in tennis during PE,

Fletcher, Mattias, Lorik, Chloe, Erin and Sophie in Year 3 for amazing writing about feelings,

Sophie in Year 3 for amazing arithmetic!

And to Hunter in Year 2 for his amazing writing and mask design.

[Stars of the Week & Star Writer](#)





Our Star of the week awards are awarded weekly to pupils and staff.

Our Star of the week is: Arlo in Year 6 for taking the medical registers round to the teachers without fail.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Mr Ealden for settling into Christ Church really well.

Star Writer: Natasza in Year 4 for her incredible losing tale, with a super plot!

Quick guide to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you receive any of these you will qualify:

- ✓ Income support
- ✓ income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- ✓ income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ✓ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

WHAT IS FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Free school meals from Reception to Year 6,
Free holiday provision during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays through the Holiday (Activities and Food (HAF) programme), and help towards uniform & school trips.



To apply visit

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> or scan the QR code



We are here to help

If you need any help applying or have any questions, please visit the school office.

Call: 01934 620738 Email: office@christchurchprimaryschool.org

Dates for your Diary

CLUBS

Lego Club (Year 1, 2 3 & 4) Tuesdays

Little Kickers (Reception, Year 1, & 2) Thursdays

Multisports Club Mondays (Year 1 & 2), Tuesdays (Year 3 & 4) Wednesdays (Year 5 & 6)

Art Club (Year 3, 4, 5, 6) Mondays

PE DAYS

Monday - **Year 5 (group A Swimming KIT, group B PE KIT) & Year 1**

Tuesday - **Year 3**

Wednesday - **Reception Class & Year 4**

Thursday - **Year 2**

Friday - **Year 5 & 6**

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM 1

Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Term 2

Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3

Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Term 4

Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Term 5

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Term 6

Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Friday 18 April 2025 – Good Friday

Monday 21 April 2025 – Easter Monday

Monday 5 May 2025 - May Bank Holiday

INSERVICE DAYS – THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON:

2nd and 3rd September 2024

25 October 2024

6th January 2025

28th February 2025

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