

Radnor Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Radnor

Newsletter 22

20th February 2025



Together we can do our best!

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Reliable

Be Responsible/Safe



We hope you all have a safe and happy half term.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd March.

Dates for the Diary – Spring Term 2

Please see below a list of important dates for next term. Please ensure you check the calendar on the school website regularly as there may be additions.



MARCH:

- **Monday 3rd March - Children return to school**
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Pupils can dress up
- Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th March – Y6 Residential to Llangrannog
- **Monday 17th March – Booking system for parent meetings opens at 5pm**
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day 2025
- Monday 24th March 2:00 – 3:00pm – Dosbarth 1 Show and Shine for Parents/carers
- Tuesday 25th March 9:15 – 10:15am – Dosbarth 2 Show and Shine for Parents/carers
- Wed 26th March 9:15 – 10:15am – Dosbarth 3 Show and Shine for Parents/carers
2:00 – 3:00pm – Dosbarth 5 Show and Shine for Parents/carers
- **Monday 17th March – Booking system for parent meetings opens at 5pm**
- Thursday 27th March 2:00 – 3:00pm – Dosbarth 4 Show and Shine for Parents/carers
- **Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April – Parent Meetings**

Let's Get Attendance Back on Track – Every Day Matters!

Our Whole School Attendance for the year from 3rd September 2024 to 14th February 2025 = **93.2%**
 Whole School weekly attendance for week ending 7th February = **96%**.
 Individuals classes are as follows:

Dosbarth 1 Dosbarth 2 Dosbarth 3 Dosbarth 4 Dosbarth 5



Dosbarth 6 Dosbarth 7 Dosbarth 8 Dosbarth 9



Congratulations to the top three classes: **Dosbarth 5, Dosbarth 4 and Dosbarth 7**.

Radnor Eisteddfod – Thursday 20th February

Today we hosted our annual Eisteddfod to celebrate, in advance, St David's Day on 1st March. It was wonderful to see the children showcasing the learning they have completed in our curriculum focus "Radnor's Got Talent and Cynefin". The children also showed commitment and passion to their houses whilst showing a mutual respect to others. It was a truly wonderful celebration of instrumentalists, artists, singers, presenters and writers – **Radnor really does have talent!** The children's rendition of Yma o Hyd was a real show stopper! I am very proud of the children's efforts and enthusiasm; selecting the winners was once again a very difficult job.



The winner of this year's Eisteddfod is **Pembroke**

Our winner of the bardic competition was the pen name "Definitely not Gregor" with the poem below entitled: "The One and Only Wales". **Llongyfarchiadau Theo in D9 - Pembroke!**

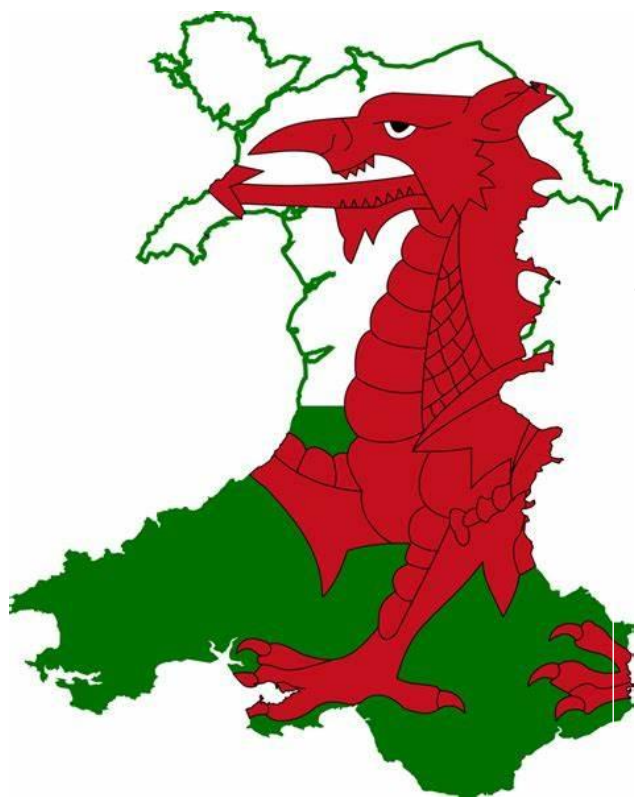
The One and Only Wales

We stand as one and unit our land,
bright beaches in the Gower with vivid gold sand,
our daffodils flutter in the bright yellow fields,
as Cardiff Castle beams, the sanctuary of swords and shields.

The folk songs and myths make up our country Wales,
our landscapes so magical it's like they tell tales,
Yma o hyd, we are still here,

Dewi our dragon stands on our flag with no fear.
Y wal goch, our wall will never be broken
the tale of Gelert, always unspoken,
the red and white dragons soar in the sky
and they fight for Wales as they fly.

The history of coal defines the rich and the poor,
and the food here will leave you beckoning for more,
all of these landscapes, songs and tales,
this is what makes our one and only Wales.



★★ Duolingo – End of Term Champions ★★

We are delighted with how many of the children are using Duolingo from home to help them improve their spoken Welsh. I would like to congratulate the following children for being the end of term champions who have the highest 5 XP scores across the school since Duolingo was introduced:



Amir in D9 4659 XP	Zahra in D9 4732 XP	Maddie in D8 4659 XP	Ivy in D7 3645 XP	Theo in D9 3516 XP
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Healthy

Respectful

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Children's February Half Term Activities Llanover Hall Arts Centre 2025



Tuesday 25th February

- 10-12pm Little Artists: "My Happy Holiday" (Painting) 5-8yrs
- 10-12pm Little Potters: Clay Spring Birds 5-8yrs
- 10-12pm Personalised Batik Book Covers 8yrs+
- 10-12pm Pokémon Inspired Painting and Drawing 8yrs+
- 1-3pm Kitchen Table Top Science Fun 5-8yrs
- 1-3pm Stitch a Small Woodland Creature 8yrs+
- 1-3pm Clay Club: Animal Pencil Pots. 8yrs+



Wednesday 26th February

- 10-12pm Little Artists "We Love Wales" (Painting) 5-8yrs
- 10-12pm Clay Club: Throwing on the Wheel 8yrs+
- 10-12pm Paper Crafted Baskets 5-8yrs
- 10-12pm Mixed Media Animal Paintings 5-8yrs
- 1-3pm Little Potters: Clay Secret Gardens 5-8yrs
- 1-3pm Make Botanical Soaps 8yrs+
- 1-3pm Watercolour and Wax Art 5-8yrs

Thursday 27th February

- 10-12pm Little Potters: Mini Castles in Clay 5-8yrs
 - 10-12pm Art Inspired by our Solar System 8yrs+
 - 1-3pm Make a Paper House 5-8yrs
 - 1-3pm Clay Club: Deep Sea Creatures 8yrs+
 - 1-3pm Build and Hand Paint A Mini Treasure Box/Jewellery Box 8yrs+
- *£2.00 extra material fees to be paid on the day to the tutor**



Let's Act Presents...

The Show Must Go On!

Tuesday 25th – Thursday 27th February

10am-3pm Ages 8-12 years

When a theatre company arrives in town not everything quite goes to plan! Join us for three days of Drama fun leading to a performance for family & friends on the final afternoon.



Our Kitchen Café will be open for light refreshments
We reserve the right to cancel at any time where there are insufficient numbers to run the workshops

£9.00 per 2 hour session except Little Potters and Clay Club which are £10.00 per 2 hour session each.

Children on all 2 hour sessions will require adult supervision if they stay during the lunchtime

Refunds will only be issued if a minimum of 24 hours 'notice is given

Lets Act Presents course £60.00

Call now to book a place

029 20872030

Please note that we are unable to enrol any children Under 5 years old



Healthy Lives Event 26th February 2025

Venue:
CARDIFF
City Stadium
Free Parking

11am - 3pm

Activities:

- Bouncy Castle
- Magic Show
- Balloon Modelling
- Face Painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Henna
- Raffle Prizes



- Chat with local experts about your Health and Wellbeing
- Free Blood Pressure and Weight Checks
- Immunisations
- Menopause Cafe 11:30-12:30
- CCAWS Café 12:30-13:30
- Thai Chi taster 13:30-14:30

FREE ENTRY



Scan the QR code to register your interest in attending

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GYDA'R HWYR: GWYDDONIAETH AR WAITH AFTER DARK: SCIENCE ON SHOW



Chwefror 26 February 2025
6-9pm



Noson wyddoniaeth ryngweithiol i'r teulu cyfan yw gwyddoniaeth a pheiranneg ar waith.

Science on Show is a family-friendly hands-on science and engineering evening.



Mynediad am ddim. Archebwch ar-lein
Free entry. Book tickets online

Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd
National Museum Cardiff



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Cardiff City & South
Primary Care Cluster

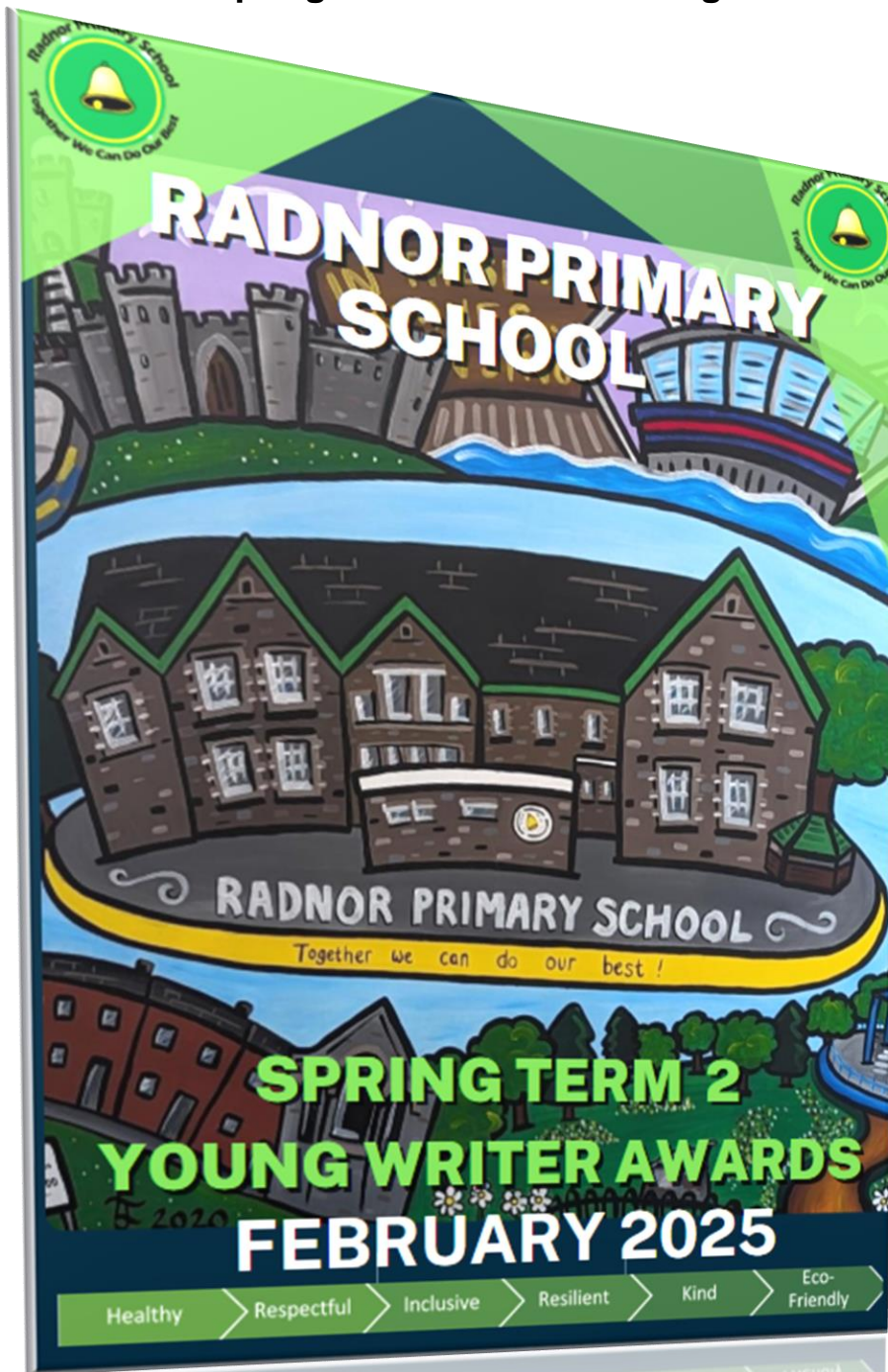


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De-ddwyrain Caerdydd
South East Cardiff
Primary Care Cluster



Chestrer Gofal Sylfaenol
Dwyrain Caerdydd
East Cardiff Primary
Care Cluster

Writing is one of our school improvement priorities and we would like to share the winners of the Spring Term 1 Radnor Young Writers Award.



Our Spring Term 1 winners are:

✎✎ Young Writer Award ✎✎

Dosbarth 1	Dosbarth 2	Dosbarth 3	Dosbarth 4	Dosbarth 5	Dosbarth 6	Dosbarth 7	Dosbarth 8	Dosbarth 9
Lionel	Gabby	Ismael	Isaac	William	Erina	Wren	Ayyub	Theo

Llongyfarchiadau! – Congratulations

To see their amazing work, please click on the link below to see the full version of the newsletter.

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Dosbarth 1 -

Focus: To write a sentence.

(I) (AB)

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LIONEL

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eating.

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You thought
of super
sentences
Lionel!

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Remember to leave
a space between
each word.

Dosbarth 2 - Gabrielle

FROGS can be green, blue and red. Frogs can jump really far.

Frogs have webbed feet. ✓
They have slimy skin. ✓
Frogs eat bugs and even slippery slugs. They can be brown, yellow or green. Near ponds is where they are seen. ✓

TOP FACTS
Frogs have very long back legs. ✓
They lay lots of tiny eggs. ✓

PIC•COLLAGE






Dosbarth 3 - Ismael

up suddenly She spotted
 a shadow as it was
 on her a slaver She
 sheets stood the back
 of her paws on a log
 she ran and ran stood
 the flames and took
 out her net.

she put her net
 together it started beepin
 she picked up a little
 bag then she spotted
 a door She knocked on
 the door & sure
 hand opened the door
 hello she the bear
 wood you like a cup
 teey! Yes she Red so
 they became best friends
 little and the
 bear made friends
 and played together

Bear was sad
 so Red said waa
 You lick fo come
 home with me yes
 Red the bear so
 Red took the bear
 home he was so
 happy and they lived

Focus: To narrate ★ 3101.25

I have... Used capital letters and full stops	
Used adjectives with 'er' and 'est'	
Neat and clear writing with finger spaces	
Used alliteration	
I have used 'and' to join ideas together.	

A fabulous narrative 5 jobs
 Your writing is getting neater & using
 Can you think of an 'er', 'est' adjective & when

The river by that wheat on
so never.

once there was a boy
called Alex. He was really
happy. But he wanted to go
on an adventure. So he
hired a boat and he went
on an adventure. He had to
go through an emerald
river that was really deep.

Alex was scared. He rowed and he rowed.

but he went through

the river while he was
on his boat. He was at
last a super hot desert.

He also saw a little
lizard. He was called Bob.

He was as green as a leaf.

The sand was boiling. The blazing
hot sun was lighting everything up.

Do you think he had that much food?

After some time Alex realized
he was under the deep

blue sea that was full
of fish. There was also a scrappy
snake that was swimming around.

Alex was really cold.

He ate some straw berries.
He gave some berries to the fish.

Eventually Alex had to go home.
He rowed and he rowed.

On the way he spotted
some grizzly bears fighting.

He had a 2 hour nap. He finally
woke up and found out

he was in the polluted bustling city.

He rowed as fast as he could
on the way he brought some

ice cream. He ate it. He got
back home he went to

bed. He dreamed about what
would he do next?

By Isaac.

Dosbarth 6 - Erina

Twisted Narrative - Little Red Riding Hood

One sunny looming day inside a house, lived a girl called Little Red Riding Hood. She was going to her Grandma's because she was not feeling well. On the way she met a wolf, she was anxious because she had never met a wolf before, "Hi!" growled the wolf "Hi" replied Little Red. "Where are you heading?" grumbled the wolf "To my Grandma's house" she replied. "Well, here are some flowers to give her!" As he gave the beautiful blooming flowers, "How kind!" she happily replied "Have an enchanting day!" the wolf said.

The wolf slyly snuck off to her Grandma's before Little Red could reach it. Before Grandma knew that she was coming so she baked some cookies. The wolf rushed into the cottage and found grandma. He locked Grandma in the wardrobe and taped her mouth and finally stole her clothes and wore them. The wolf put on his girl voice then he heard Little Red come in. "Hi Grandma's!" she said cheerfully. "Hi darling!" muffled the wolf. The wolf's voice was not like grandma's but Little Red didn't suspect a thing since grandma was sick, then the wolf secretly poisoned the cookies that grandma made.

The wolf handed the cookie saying "Have a bite, it's a flavourful cookie!" "What are the green bits in it?" questioned little red. Before the wolf could speak she said "ohh it's mint, that's a new one!" Oh yes!" he nervously said as she slowly took a bite. Straight away, her throat started closing up and she started suffocating in the room. She cried for help "Heelpppp me!" but no-one came! Shortly after, the wolf gobbled her and her grandma up, forgetting that Little Red had poison in her stomach. That will teach the wolf for being so greedy!

Dosbarth 7 - Wren

Twisted Narrative - Snow White

Once upon a time, there was an evil queen who was jealous of a young lady called Snow White (because of her beauty). So, one day she decided to dress as an old lady and poison Snow White! Before long, she poisoned some apples and went along to Snow White's house. Standing angrily outside Snow White's cottage, she knocked forcefully on the crooked door.

Immediately, the delightful Snow White answered the door and smiled, the queen looked back at her in disgust. "Hello my lovely one" screeched the queen, "Oh my lovely one I have the freshest apples for you!"

"Why thank you!" replied Snow White.

Gratefully, she took the apple and dug her perfectly white teeth right into it. As soon as she swallowed it, she exclaimed, "Mmm delicious!" then... she collapsed.

Soon, the handsome, brave prince arrived at the cottage, looked down at Snow White's lifeless body and gasped, "Oh my goodness, Snow White are you ok?"

Meanwhile, the queen was making herself beautiful again so the prince would love her. Unexpectedly, the queen arrived looking magnificent, and instantly the prince fell in love at first sight.

After many long days, the sly queen and the good-looking prince got married in a beautiful castle!

The End!

Created by Wren.

Dosbarth 8 - Ayyub

Hansel & Gretel

The old lady swiftly stirred up some gingerbread batter and placed it carefully into the boiling, red-hot oven. The delicious scent of the gingerbread lingered in the breeze attracting Hansel and Gretel, luring them in. It even got the attention of the curious creatures in the woods, but the old lady repelled all the creatures away from the cottage. The old lady laid some hay into the tiny cage, preparing for the children. The massive trees in tangled vines looked as if they were catching a sniff of the gingerbread too.

Hansel and Gretel were out of breath half-way to the cottage, they fell to the soft green grass: they stayed there for just about half an hour. Then after the power nap he was even hungrier, he swiftly sprinted through the chirping trees: going bigger with every step. Hansel was tracing the mind-blowing sweet sugary scent of gingerbread swiftly as he could. He followed it for hours, he could smell the scent getting stronger. He gave up a couple times but every time he did, the scent got stronger. He was determined to find the scent, he knew he was getting closer.

The old lady was going as fast as she could. She knew that the children were getting ever-closer to the cottage. She could smell the scent of the children. Now the cruel old lady was just finishing her disgusting traps, the old lady cried with joy: she carried a sly, atrocious smirk on her atrocious wrinkly face. The old lady had finally finished her disgusting traps, including the baking, the smell lingered in the air, triggering the old lady's stomach, but she knew she could not eat it. The old lady is now just sitting there on her old rocking chair and waited for the meat.

Hansel was sprinting as fast as he could with all his stamina and energy, for what felt like an eternity, crawling through the windy wiggly fingers of the trees. Hansel had one more pace in him and he took it he ran like the speed of light. Hansel was so tired knocked out for the second time on a large soft tree stump. After he woke up from the little power nap he walked through the woods with his sister Gretel. After a bit of walking they found where the sweet, sugary, scent came from. Hansel had found a small clearing in the huge woods: he saw a tiny cottage made of gingerbread, he took a step closer and took a tiny bite from the sugar-coated gummies.

The old lady jumped out of her chair as soon as she saw hungry Hansel take a bite of her cottage. She then gently opened her huge doors: then she cried, "Who is eating my lovely home?" Hansel exclaimed, "I am sorry!" The old lady carefully gazed down at poor Hansel and Gretel and whispered "Step in my delicate children you must be empty-stomached!" They walked blindly into the cottage, to find an entire feast waiting for them. That night they ate like royalty. They had all the delights you would ever want. After they had dinner the old lady insisted they stayed over the night. So, with no other place to go they stayed. They slept in the finest, whitest covers: they slept as if they were drugged. The old lady laughed out loud as they slept in the covers....

Dosbarth 9 - Theo

Hansel was stuck in a cage. The old lady had trapped him! He wishes to be free. ✓

Their father sulks through the gloomy forest. The trees whisper to him, "Why have you done this?" Guilt swallows him whole. Ravenous ravens screech for food, like ^{ever-darkening} hungry vultures. Branches knotted like ropes try to trip him up. ~~He~~ He hears rustling in the bushes. "Who's there!?" The woods ^{have} ~~has~~ never been this ~~such~~ treacherous. His blood turns into venom. His heart is drowned in sorrow. Who would do this to their own children? ✓

"Where has father gone?" Hansel exclaims. "He's left us!" Shouted Gretel. The fear of the infants ~~surround~~ ^{surrounds} the forest in grief and pain. ~~He~~ ^{no} hope can be found. They search through the frightful forest of doom. Nothing but darkness surrounds them. ~~Nothing~~ ^{and} but fear lights the forest... What did they do next?

with * This is their fate. All hope is lost.

He cries and cries and cries: why did he do this? His heart ^(s) disappears into a blackness. He cries a puddle of tears.

His ~~baric~~ barbaric actions had been ~~to~~ repayed with shame and guilt. "Should I go back?" He pondered. He had gone through an alleyway of indignity... His home is now empty with his beloved children. His soul is ~~carved~~ ^{carved} into a ~~case~~ ^{case} of regret...

Hansel followed the small white pebbles. As white as a ghost. Gretel accompanied him. They stroll through the forest. ^(s) Even though the feeling of betrayal had stabbed them in the back, they knew it was right to go back to their once-loved father.

⊙ Description opportunity Claw-like branches grasp onto Hansel's skin like he's a scratching post. Bruised wind slaps ^{their} skin as they lurk in the shadows of the frightful forest.

He waits and waits and waits until his children return from their horrific experience he had caused. Infected with guilt, he wishes for his children to be with him. Hours pass as he sits there in remorse. Regretful and broken, heartless and guilty, he spots two young infants in the corner of his eye...

"My children!" He screams, "My beloved children! I apologize for my selfish behavior." He boasts with relief. However their ~~devious~~ ^{devious} mother was the real reason this had happened. "This will not end..." the mother mouths... ✓

Dates for your Diary – Remainder of the Year

APRIL

- Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April – Parent Meetings
- Thursday 3rd April – 10am and 2pm Blwyddyn 4 and 5 Spring Performance
- Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th April – Y4 Residential
- **Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- **Monday 28th April – Children return to school**

MAY

- Monday 5th May – School closed for May Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 7th May – Tempest Photography in for Group Photographs
- Monday 12th May to Friday 23rd May – Y2-Y6 personalised assessments
- **Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – HALF TERM**

JUNE

- **Monday 2nd June - Children return to school**
- **Friday 27th June – INSET Day 4**

JULY

- Tuesday 15th July – 1:45pm Year 6 Leavers Performance
- **Friday 18th July – INSET Day 5**
- **Monday 21st July – INSET Day 6**

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn

Term Start	Half Term Start	Half Term End	Term End
Monday 01/09/2025	Monday 27/10/2025	Friday 31/10/2025	Friday 19/12/2025

Spring

Term Start	Half Term Start	Half Term End	Term End
Monday 5/01/2026	Monday 16/02/2026	Friday 20/02/2026	Friday 27/03/2026

Summer

Term Start	Half Term Start	Half Term End	Term End
Monday 13/04/2026	Monday 25/05/2026	Friday 29/05/2026	Monday 20/07/2026

Monday 1st September 2025 will be an INSET day for all LEA Maintained Schools.

All schools will be closed on **Monday 4th May 2026** for the May Day Bank Holiday.

