



Newsletter

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Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn Term 1 Newsletter. This is an opportunity for us to share news and give you an insight into what has been happening across the school this half term. Although we are only halfway through the Autumn Term, life in school has been actioned packed as you will see from this bumper newsletter edition!

I would like to start by thanking everyone who came along and supported us for our Macmillan coffee morning on 29th September. Together we raised £252.90 for this wonderful cause and of course a special mention must go to the Year 6 Student Council children for all their help across the morning. Thank you as well for all your generous donations for the Milton Keynes Food bank over the last few weeks as part of our Harvest Project.

We were really pleased to see the number of parents who came for the parent consultation evenings this week and I am sure you are as proud of the children as we are. If you were not able attend this week, please contact the reception team (reception@tma.bucks.sch.uk) and this can be booked in for after the half term break.

During my Values Assemblies across the half term, we have focused on our three core aims of our TMA Curriculum Offer which is for every TMA child to be: **a confident individual, a successful learner, a responsible citizen**. We want every child to be prepared for the next stage of their learning and equipped with the skills they need for their future in an ever-changing world. We also want our children to make a positive contribution to the life of our school and wider society. In addition, we want our children to enjoy learning, make rapid progress and achieve highly. Below is the link to our Curriculum Offer document which outlines our aims.

<https://tinyurl.com/4me3c39p>

Dont' forget our PATH Fireworks Spectacular. This is on **Wednesday 1st November**. We will be opening the event at 5.30pm with the display set to begin at 6.30pm. There will be food, drinks and stalls for you and the children to enjoy. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets through TMA Parent Pay for entry on the evening.

If you aren't already following our TMA Facebook page, we encourage you to do so, and along with our Parent Pay letters (our main communication channel) this is a great way of keeping connected to what is going on in school.

Please remember that we have an Inset day on Monday 30th October and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October. I hope you have a lovely half-term break.

With warm wishes,
Lucy Eldridge
Head of Two Mile Ash School

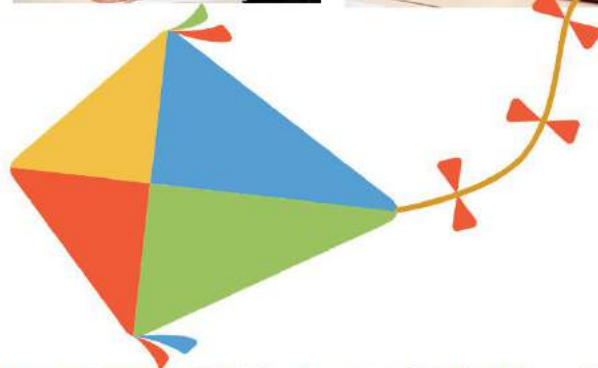


Year 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting start to the year at TMA!

We have been learning all about the local history of Milton Keynes, including an interesting visit from a historian with expertise in Wolverton Works. We have been looking at chronology and how to place events on a timeline, as well as researching areas including Bradwell Abbey and Bancroft Roman Villa. In English, Year 3 have been looking at poetry and how to show compassion to nature, which inspired us to write our own poems. We used our knowledge of rhyming and descriptive language to describe animals. We have also read David Attenborough's biography, and started to write our own autobiography about our lives. In DT, we have learned about how kites work, including the best shapes and the different parts that make it effective for flight and we are looking forward to finishing this half term with a DT day, where we will make and fly our own kites!

We have also enjoyed supporting our Houses and running cross country in our first event. It has been great to learn all about how TMA works, and come together as a year group for these fun events. We are looking forward to the rest of the school year!



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Thank you to everyone that was able to come to our Macmillan coffee morning to enjoy some delicious home-baked cakes from some of our staff!

We raised £232 for Macmillan!





Diary Dates



Mon 30th October
INSET Day (School Closed)

Tues 31st October
Term Starts

Weds 1st November
Path Fireworks Display @ TMA
(Open from 5:30pm - Display starts 6:30pm)

Fri 10th - Fri 17th November
Year 5/6 Bikeability Course

Mon 28th November
Swimming Lessons @TMA

Tues 28th November
Year 3 and 4 Swim Gala

Fri 1st November
Milton Keynes Schools Dodgeball Competition @ TMA
(3:30pm-5pm)

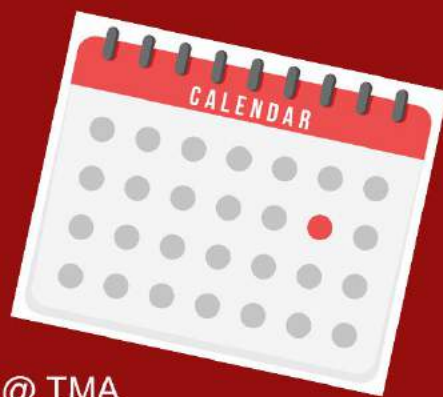
Fri 17th November
Children In Need
Wear Spots or Stripes!
(Donations Via Parentpay)

Weds 6th December
Harmonize Christmas Concert

Mon 18th December
Year 3 Christmas Production
2pm & 4:45pm

Tues 19th December
Year 4 Christmas Production
2pm & 4:45pm

Fri 22nd December
End Of Term





Cross Country

On Friday 6th October, TMA hosted a 'Come & Run' Festival which saw 200 children from 9 different MK Schools challenge themselves in a non-competitive run! All children did themselves and their schools proud including the 36 children from TMA that took part! Thank you to all the children, staff and parents from all participating schools for their great encouragement and support. A big thank you also to ex-pupils that came to support with marshalling and our hares Dhilan & Nicole!



House Fun Runs

Congratulations to all children that completed their House Fun Runs in September! For the second year running it was great to see 4 different Houses win across year groups!



TMA House Cross Country September 2023 Results		
	Winning House	Winning Individual
Year 3 Boys	Hawthorne	Joshua
Year 3 Girls	Townsend & Rutherford	Eleanor
Year 3 Overall	Townsend	
Year 4 Boys	Emburey	Mylo
Year 4 Girls	Townsend	Bobbie
Year 4 Overall	Rutherford	
Year 5 Boys	Rutherford	Luca
Year 5 Girls	Townsend	Ayla
Year 5 Overall	Hawthorne	
Year 6 Boys	Rutherford	Mihai
Year 6 Girls	Brittain	Ella
Year 6 Overall	Brittain	



Netball

Year 5/6 Netball League

Congratulations to our Year 6 Netball team who have performed brilliantly this term, putting their hard work from Monday lunchtime training sessions with Kym (MK Netters) into play at the MKSSP Netball League. 6 Wins out of 6 in their league, scoring 30 goals and only conceding 1 along the way! This has set them up nicely for the Finals Night on Wednesday 18th October 2023 – well done to every player!



Netball Festivals

Well done to the Year 4's and Year 6's in their Netball Festivals on Monday 2nd / 9th October at Shenley Brook End. You all showed great energy and improved lots in your game play. An unbeaten run for the Year 6's in their festival and in a friendly against Chesnuts School shows that hard work in PE lessons and training pays off – well done!



House Netball

This term over 100 children across Years 4, 5 & 6 had the opportunity to compete in House Netball Competitions at lunchtimes. Excellent Netball was on show and lots of goals scored - well done to everybody involved!

House winners were Year 4 - Brittain (Blue); Year 5 - Brittain (Blue); and Year 6 - Emburey (Yellow)



Bowls

Well done to the Year 5's at the Bushfield School Bowls Festival on Thursday 14th September. Against 3 other schools, you played brilliantly, had lots of fun and improved greatly. Thank you, Bushfield for hosting!





Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Hayley Cook

Senior Deputy Head

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Sophie Haycock

Deputy Head

Designated Safeguarding Officers



Mrs Natalie Phillips

Children's Wellbeing
Coach



Mrs Lucy Eldridge

Head Of School



Miss Sally Scriven

Assistant Head

New 2023-24 directory of support for children.

Please check out our new 2023-24 directory of support for children, young people and adults. Within this document you will find various charities, organisations and agencies both locally and nationally. If you would like more information or further support, please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Cook (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or the Safeguarding Team.

<https://tinyurl.com/4urm57w2>



Our Achievements



Chase Gets A New Belt



Chase has achieved his brown/black stripe belt in kickboxing and has now been accepted as one of the youngest students on the Junior ITA Leadership Programme while training for his black belt.

Ruffett Wins

After only recently taking up bowls, Mr Ruffett has had some success by taking home the Novice Cup a few weeks back! Well Done Mr Ruffett!



Maria Lends a Hand



To make the world a better place, Maria plays her part in whatever way she can in the MK Community. Maria loves to make a difference by donating her toys, books and clothes to charities. Sometimes Maria is volunteering her time and skills for a cause that she cares about; helping the elderly people in Burlington Hall Care Home. She loves to read stories to the residents and also helps in arts and crafts, musical bingo, volley balloon games and many other things.



WEDNESDAY
1st NOVEMBER

PATH COMMUNITY
FIREWORKS
TO BE HELD AT
TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL

£3.50 PER ADULT, £2- PER CHILD,
UNDER 3'S FREE

TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL FAMILIES PLEASE PAY
VIA PARENTPAY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PLEASE PAY VIA OUR SCHOOL RECEPTION.

SLOPE GATES OPEN 5.30PM
FIREWORKS AT 6.30 PM





Kommando Kids

Ninja Warriors UK

On Friday 6th October, a group of Year 6 children attended a session at Ninja Warrior UK. A great time was had all round, and the children worked extremely hard through the challenging (but extremely fun!) courses. Lots of teamwork, encouragement, and resilience was displayed throughout the afternoon and it was lovely to see the children mingling with other schools. Well done to Jack who – quite convincingly – beat Mr Hobley around the obstacle course!



Year 3/4 Boys Gymnastics Festival

Lots of fun had on Friday 29th September at Bushfield School for a Year 3/4 Boys Gymnastics Festival. 6 pupils had the chance to show off their various balances, jumps and rolls, working on their own and as part of a pair/group. Robert (floor) and Isaac (vault) walked away with medals for their efforts for TMA – great work!



Cycle To School Week

Thank you and well done to all involved in Cycle to School Week (25th -29th September)! Year 6 Cycle Ambassadors Dylan, Gurshaan, Lily & Waneeya were kept busy counting bikes and scooters, giving out prizes (for those with padlocks) and handing out certificates to those involved.

A huge 275 cycle journeys to and from school were counted, with 112 'scoots' across the five days - amazing work everyone - keep enjoying your cycling and scooting to school.





Tag Rugby



On Friday 15th September, to celebrate the start of The Rugby World Cup in France, we welcomed six schools from around Milton Keynes to join us for a Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival. 70 children enjoyed playing different tag games and learnt how to play the exciting sport of Rugby! Our 16 Year 6 Leaders were fantastic, and we thank them for their hard work in making sure everyone had fun!



Football

Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 boys for their efforts in Week 1 of the MKPSFA Football League on Thursday 28th September. Being placed in a very difficult league, the boys improved massively and demonstrated a real sense of resilience across their 3 matches.

Well done also to the Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls in their football matches after-school on Friday 22nd September! We welcomed children from Cedars, Bushfield, Wavendon Gate and Brooklands Farm Schools to play in some great games of football, all in lovely spirit. Thank you to the ex-TMA pupils that came back to support!



House Football

In the Year 5 & Year 6 House Football events, a total of 180 (122 Boys and 58 Girls) competed for their House Sport Trophies! Following a total of 52 matches played across these two tournaments, we congratulate Townsend House in Year 5 and Rutherford in Year 6 on their wins!



Rock-it-Ball

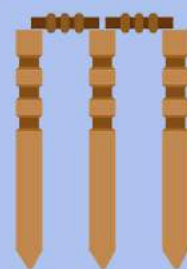
Well done to the group of Year 5 children that visited Bushfield on Monday 25th September to play Rock-it-Ball! A combination of Dodgeball and Lacrosse, children had lots of fun flinging balls at each other, dodging out of the way and trying to catch balls using the cradles. We love trying new sports!



Chance To Shine Cricket

We have been fortunate to have Chance to Shine Cricket and Buckinghamshire CC coach George Morris in school this term. During Wednesday PE sessions, George has been delivering fun Cricket sessions, helping children develop their bowling, batting and fielding skills. A group of Year 6's have also enjoyed Leadership sessions at lunchtimes – skills they will put into place later in the year at school Cricket events.

If you want to play and learn more about Cricket, there are FREE Street Cricket sessions locally at Radcliffe School (Saturdays 1:45pm-3:15pm) and at Leon Leisure Centre, Bletchley (Mondays 5:30pm-6:30pm) for Boys and Girls aged 8-15. Additionally, there is a Girls (aged 8-15) only session each week at Bletchley Leisure Centre from 6pm-7:30pm. No equipment needed – just wear sports clothing!



Swimming at TMA

We are getting very excited for the arrival of a temporary swimming pool being set up at Two Mile Ash School over half-term to provide this opportunity for our pupils to access swimming. Sporty Scholars, in association with Elite Swimming, run a unique Pools to Schools programme, providing an experienced, qualified Swimming Instructor. In addition, a Lifeguard is on duty at all times to ensure the safety of children. The pool is set up in a covered, secured marquee and heated between 26-32 degrees Celsius.



Free swimming sessions have been organised for ALL Year 4 & 5 pupils, as well as for some groups of Year 6's! Lessons in school time start on the week commencing Monday 20th November 2023. In addition to swimming lessons in school, there has been the opportunity for pupils to sign-up to after-school extra-curricular swimming sessions. These start straight after half-term! Swimming sessions and clubs end week commencing Monday 11th December 2023.

A timetable for Year 4 & 5 swimming lessons has been scheduled in line with children's PE days. For a morning lesson, they should come to school 'swim ready' with their swimming costume / swimming shorts on under their PE Kit. For an afternoon lesson, they should bring their swimming costume / swimming shorts into school in a named bag. They will be given time to then change using our school changing rooms before the lesson.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	4VN & 5SP	4KN & 5LN
Tuesday	4PM & 5SF	4AS & 5TR
Wednesday	4AS & 5TR	4MS & 5SP
Thursday	4PM & 5LN	4VN & 5FK
Friday	4KN & 5FK	4MS & 5SF



HARMONIZE

We've got off to a fantastic start this term with yet another brilliant set of songs for Young Voices. We've been learning a really wide range of genres, from pop punk to musical theatre, and even a beautiful traditional Korean song. After half term we're going to be learning our songs for our Christmas Concert, but that doesn't stop those of you going to the O2 from practising the YV songs at home!

#HelloYellow

YOUNG MINDS

fighting for young people's mental health



The children all had a fabulous day embracing World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow. The theme of the day was 'Stand out and Show up'. We revised the work that we have already done on mental health and emotions in Personal Development and learnt about what the charity Young Minds does to support young people. We considered how we could support each other by Standing out and Showing up for each other at school. In Year 3, we thought about what makes a good buddy and in Year 6 we considered how we could be a better buddy to our Year 3 friends.

We have a little bit of home-work for you all over half term! Have a look at the advert from ITV and 'get talking' over the break.



The TMA Wellbeing Team

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to all our children that received a Headteacher's Award. Well done on your achievements!



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We will be holding our Year 6
Headteachers Assembly after
half-term



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Year 4



It's been a superb start to the term down in Year 4. Classrooms have been awash with shared happiness to be back as we've been getting to grips with our new topics, making new friends and showing maturity as the new leaders of lower school.

From maths to English and all in between we have been very busy. We have settled into maths and English groups, getting to grips with place value and developing our letter writing, exploring the rainforests, e-safety and classifying objects have all featured so far.

Everyone is thrilled to have their own handwriting pen and is taking great pride in all their work. We are setting high standards for presentation and the children are working hard to improve their own work. Well done Year 4, keep it up.

The children have been amazing at meeting the extra demands of Year 4. From assemblies to complete playtime freedom, selecting student reps in different groups to early transition to maths and English sets, the children have shown real enjoyment of being back at school and making the most of each day.

Mr Shirley and the Year 4 team.



IFTL Youth Parliament



Recently, two representatives from each school across the IfTL family attended their first Youth Parliament meeting; held at one of our schools in Milton Keynes. Each representative was new to the role, after being voted in by their peers. The Children were introduced to Sarah Bennett, the CEO of the trust and throughout the day they discussed the purpose of the Youth Parliament and what the role of a government / parliament is. One of the key focuses this year is sustainability with a particular focus on recycling within school. They left the day with tasks to take back to school to complete before their next meeting.

Look out for a film coming soon!!



THE NATIONAL GALLERY

On Friday the 6th of October we took 9 children to the Take One Picture exhibition in London to see their work in the gallery. Last October the children recorded weather reports describing the weather in the painting 'A shipwreck on stormy seas' by Charles Vernet. The children were so excited to watch the videos and it was such a treat to watch them pass the headphones to one another so they could hear them speak their lines on the video. We used the green screen so the children could give their weather warnings to the men on the ship! We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr H for helping us video our recordings and Mia P who completed work experience at Two Mile Ash and supported to edit the video clips. It is lovely to see what we can achieve when we work together! Miss Baldwin, Miss Norman and Mr H then accompanied the children on a tour of the gallery where we saw paintings of Whistle Jacket by Stubbs, Surprise by Henri Rousseau, Men of the Docks by Bellows, The Umbrellas by Renoir and An Experiment on a bird in a bell jar by Joseph Wright to name a few. These are all previous or upcoming Take One Picture paintings and the children were quick to point out how many had been painted by male artists! We had a lovely walk through Trafalgar Square, St James' Park and up through Westminster before hopping back on the tube and taking the train home. We have our Take One Picture arts days coming up where every child will have the opportunity to partake in art across the two days and we know from our previous success, this truly is such an exciting opportunity! We have had art displayed in the gallery twice now and we'd love to be successful again! If you would like to see the children's artwork please take a look at the youtube link on our facebook page and also the National Gallery website.

Miss Baldwin – Art and Design Faculty Lead

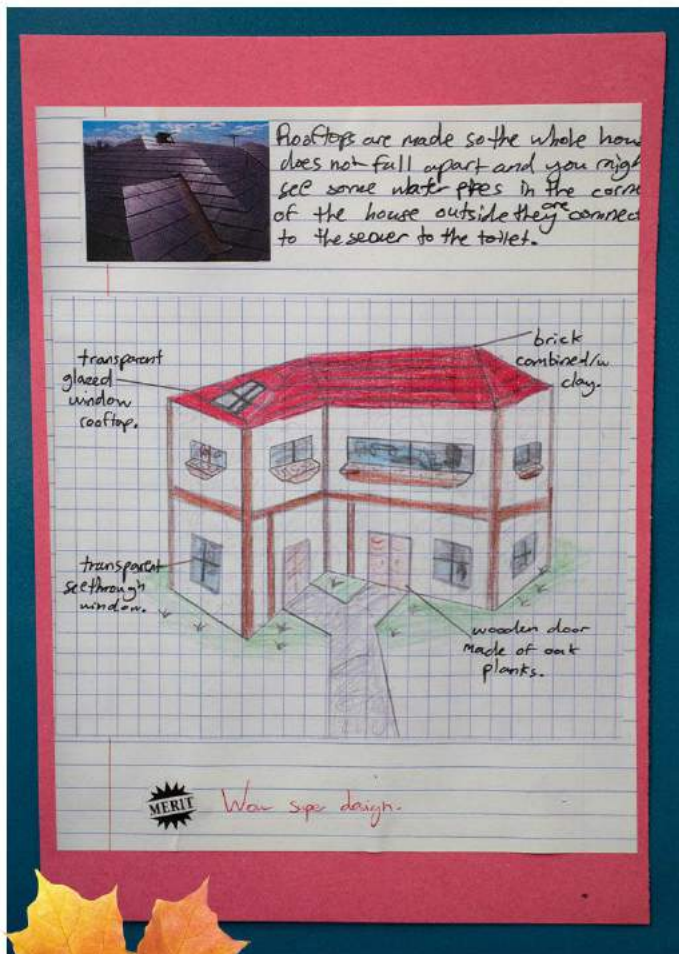
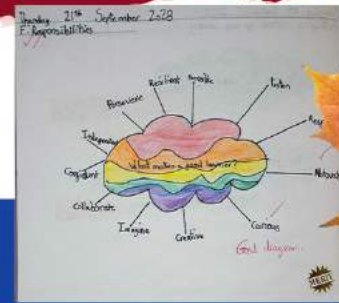
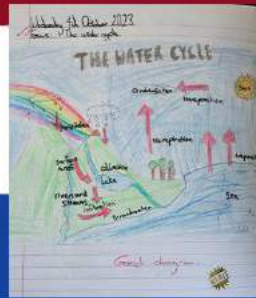


Year 5

Hello and welcome to Year 5.

The children have been really enjoying learning about our geography topic of aquatic biomes, in which they have been studying freshwater and salt-water biomes. The children have studied the water cycle and created their own diagrams. In PSHE, the children have been looking at a programme called Jigsaw, in which they came up with and drafted their own learning charters! In our science topic of 'Materials', Year 5 had the opportunity to use their knowledge to come up with a design for a new house.

Year 5 also had a great time on our walk to Lodge Lake with the Parks Trust, where they learnt all about the local freshwater biome and conducted some field observations.

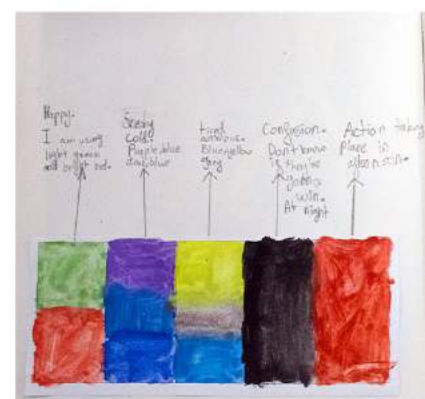
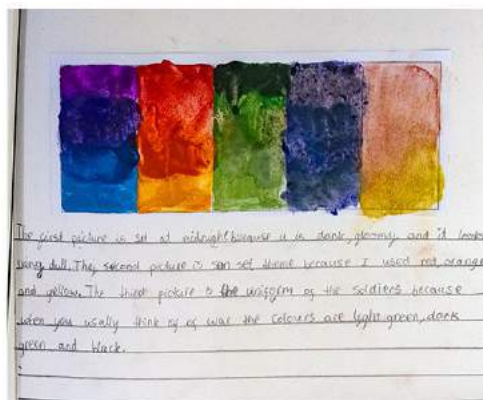


Year 6

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Year 6 and we couldn't be more proud of our pupils and the work they have produced already! We have begun our history topic 'World at War' and there have been some fantastic pieces of work summarising the knowledge the children have acquired and vocabulary they are now confident using. We have studied the countries and alliances in WWI and WWII and even linked our learning to black history month studying the life of Walter Tull – a famous footballer. This has also supported the children's understanding in English and their application of their understanding of life in the trenches to a diary entry. We have been so impressed with the figurative language and devices the children have persevered to use and it has been lovely to share this writing together. We are now reading *Private Peaceful* as our class read and *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas* in English, inferring deeper meaning about the themes, characters and settings of the book. We have also applied our understanding of the war in Art drawing soldiers in proportion and in poses that soldiers would have used. We have used watercolour washes to reflect the different moods of war and replicated the techniques of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth too. We had a great trip to Wolverton Museum in the final week of the half term and know this hands on experience of different activities will support our children's understanding of life in the war years.

Well done for settling into Year 6 so well.

Miss Baldwin and the Year 6 team





TERM DATES

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Inset Day- Children not in <u>school</u>
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Inset Day-Children not in school
Thursday 5 th September 2024	Term Starts
Friday 25 th October 2024	Term Ends
Monday 4 th November 2024	Inset Day-Children not in school
Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Term Starts
Friday 20 th December 2024	Term Ends
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Inset Day-Children not in school
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Term Starts
Friday 14 th February 2025	Term Ends
Monday 24 th February 2025	Term Starts
Friday 4 th April 2025	Term Ends
Monday 21 st April 2025	Bank Holiday
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Term Ends
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Inset Day-Children not in school
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Term Starts
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Term Ends