A World of Opportunities

St Peter's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2
Issue 04
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents / Carers,

2025 has been a fun packed year and your continued support as families is hugely appreciated. Our pupils have continued to make exceptional progress and our school continues on its journey of growth and improvement. On behalf of myself, the Governing Body and all of the staff at St Peter's, we wish you all a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all after the Christmas season in January 2026.

School Value - Service

Year 2 have been absolutely amazing in trying to think of others, especially at a time such as Christmas. As part of their Pupil Passport of opportunities, Year 2 wanted to help/give to others. We decided to collect items for the homeless. They have done an incredible job and demonstrated the values of service to help others. All of the donations will be taken to a Bristol based charity that helps those who are homeless.

Home Learning

Over the Christmas period class teachers are not setting formal Home Learning so families can enjoy time together over the festive period. All we do ask is that you continue to encourage your child to keep reading.

Reception Admissions September 2026:

Apply for a new reception primary school place for September 2025 at St Peter's C of E Primary School. If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you need to apply for a new reception school place through Bristol City Council. You need to apply by **15th January 2026**. The link can be found here: https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions

Please remember that to secure a place at St Peter's, you will need to meet the admissions criteria as well as needing to put St Peter's as first choice / preference.

Term 3 Overviews

They are a really useful tool to find out what is being planned for next term in your child's class. They have been emailed out to you today and also on our website here: T3_Curriculum_Overviews_2026.pdf

Farewell and Good Luck

We say a farewell and wish three members of staff the very best as they sadly leave St Peter's C of E Primary School. Firstly to Mrs Tara Yapp, who has decided to explore a career outside of the classroom. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication in the role of class teacher, you will be sadly missed and we wish you the very best. Mr James Scott will be flying off to New Zealand to pursue a teaching career in the southern hemisphere and we all wish him the very best in what I am sure will be a successful teaching carer in New Zealand. And last but not least to Mrs Lisa Wootten, who after many years serving our community has decided now is the time to concentrate on her own family and explore other opportunities. We wish all three members of staff the very best for the future.

Have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

Matt Stannard
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

We take a really strong approach to attendance in school and we ask that you commit to not taking your child(ren) out of school during term time schools hours for holidays or medical appointments. When your child cannot come into school please contact the school by 8.30am.

You can contact the school via:
Phone: ring and leave a message on 0117 3772186
Text: send a message to 07385 415275
Arbor: send an in-app message
Email: attendance@stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk

We need to know that your child is safe if not in school. If there is no reason given for your child's absence this will be an unauthorised absence.

Please click the link below to view the weekly attendance for week ending 27.11.25 & 04.12.25

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Weekly_attendance_ending_4th_December_2025.pdf

Arriving late to school

Children that arrive late between 9.01am and 9.09am need to sign in at the office, they will be marked as late and receive an L Code. Absences after close of register (9.10am) are unauthorised. Please note that close of morning registration has changed from the start of this school year, please refer to the school Attendance Policy which is available on the school website Attendance_Policy.pdf (stpeterscofeprimary.co.uk)

We would like to remind you that:

- Breakfast club is open between 7.30-8.30am—Homepage - Future Stars Coaching
- All school gates open at 8.40am
- Children should be in class ready to learn at 8.55am
- The school gates are closed at 9.00am
- All children arriving after 9.00am must register at the school office.

At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are **30% more likely** to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90 -95% of the time.

The link is even stronger at secondary school. Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance **are almost twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths** GCSE, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. In other words, missing just 10 extra days a year reduces the likelihood of achieving these grades by

SCHOOL DINNER REMINDERS

Please remember that all school dinners must be booked **by midnight the night before**. **Same-day bookings are not available after 9am through ParentPay**, so if a meal has not been booked in advance, pupils will need to bring a packed lunch.

If your child is absent, please ensure you **cancel their meal on ParentPay** to avoid being charged. You can do this yourself, or you may **call the school office before 9am** and we will cancel it for you.

A further reminder that we are a **nut and sesame–free school**. For the safety of all pupils, **no food containing nuts or sesame** should be brought onto the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe and our lunch service running smoothly!

MEDICAL– Pain Relief

If your child requires pain relief, please administer it at home wherever possible, as the school only has a limited supply of emergency pain relief pain relief available.

Should your child need pain relief regularly during school hours, you will need to provide the medication and complete a medical form at the office.

Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
8.00am—4.00pm

Thursday
8.00am—1.00pm

Friday
8.00am—3.30pm

SEPTEMBER 2026 RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

You can now apply for your child's reception school place at St Peter's for September 2026, this will need to be done through the Bristol City Council web-site. The deadline to apply is **15th January 2026**.

Here is the link to apply for a new reception primary place.
[Apply for a new reception primary place]

If you require help or support with this, please pop into the school office and speak to Miss Metcalf.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS
HELP TO PROVIDE A WOODEN SHELTER FOR OUR FOREST SCHOOL AREA

We're in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers will now vote in store during the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026 to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within store. You will receive one token per transaction.

[Tesco Stronger Starts]

Tesco Stronger Starts supports thousands of children's and young people's projects and good causes across the UK

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SPORTS

Year 3 and 4 football

20 of our children participated in a football event run by the Bristol FA this week. Every child demonstrated all of our school values throughout the event and showed real determination in every match. Noah C, after a brace on his debut for the school last week, continued his form and smashed home a winning goal against West Town Lane. Well done to all!

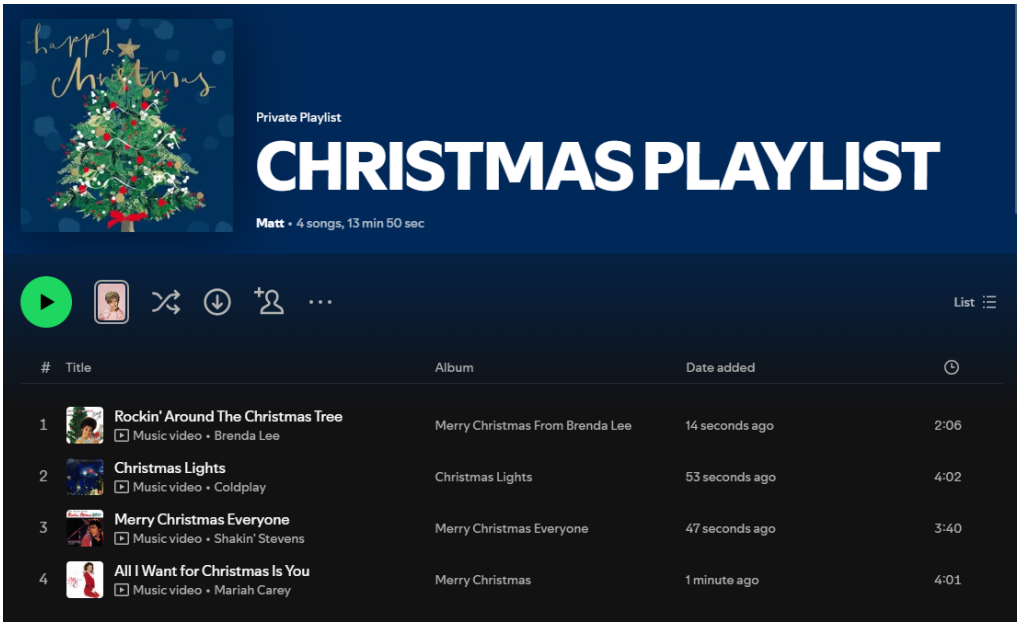
Girls Cup Round 1:

Following a stellar run of form last year, our girls team won the girls cup. Hoping to build on this and go for the double, our team faced Westbury Park School in round 1. The girls used communication, precise passing and excellent teamwork to beat their opponents **5-1**. With Mr. Scott leaving, he was desperate to get in the team photo. On to round 2!

TERM 2—WEEK 7 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

R Kookaburras	R Robins	Y1 Kingfishers	Y1 Doves
Matilda W-F	Rosalinda S	Jenson-Lee P-D	Jotham M
Freddie-George W	*Postponed*	Emily A	Maya K
Y2 Kestrels	**Y2 Owls**	**Y2 Parrots**	**Y3 Pelicans**
Laya I	Ava T	Billy M	Excel K
Tilly S	Jesse M	Rufus C	Imogen W
Y4 Penguins	**Y4 Puffins**	**Y5 Flamingos**	**Y5 Emus**
Madison F	Arlo L	Georgie L	Rae W
Kalia L	Sofia C	Oliver L	Gracie May M
	Y6 Toucans	**Y6 Eagles**	
	Lola H	Phoebe G	
	Kodi J	Thomas S	

TERM 2 WEEK 7'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST



TERM 2 WEEK 6'S FRIDAY PLAYLIST

TERM DATES 2025/26

Term 1	Tuesday 2nd September 2025 to Friday 24th October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026 to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

School will be closed for the following INSET days:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 29th June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

School will be closed for the following public holiday:

Monday 4th May 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Anti Bullying Week Monday 10th-Friday 14th November 2025
Odd Socks Day Monday 10th November 2025
Children in Need Friday 14th November 2025
Children's Mental Health Week Monday 9th—13th February 2026
World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026
Red Nose Day Friday 21st March 2026
KS2 SATs Monday 11th—Friday 15th May 2026
Phonics Screening W/C Monday 8th June 2026
Health Week W/C Monday 6th July 2026

PSFA

What a Busy and Brilliant Few Weeks!
We've had a wonderfully busy couple of weeks packed full of fun and festive cheer!

Both KS1 and KS2 children had a fantastic time at this year's discos. The dance floor was buzzing with Christmas tunes, K-POP hits, and a few classic favourites. The conga lines were particularly epic, and Party Peeps truly brought the fun!

Last Friday, we enjoyed a spectacular Festive Fireworks Night. Joined by *Christmas Dubs* and even the Grinch himself—who kindly made it snow!—the evening finished with an amazing firework display by ***Skyburst*.** It was lovely to see our school community glowing with light-up swords, while the grown-ups kept warm with a glass of mulled wine.

Thank you all for digging deep to support these events. We are incredibly proud to have raised £836 from the discos and a whopping £2,000 from the fireworks! We've already achieved so much this academic year and are excited to see what we can do together in 2026.

We rely on volunteers to help make our events possible—the more support we have, the more we can do! If you'd like to get involved, please join our WhatsApp group using this link.
https://chat.whatsapp.com/KtFJHoBnGfPEzDe2V1LdCQ?mode=hqrt3

Finally, we wish our amazing school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

All classes will have a wellbeing morning on the first day back to help the children settle back in to school.

Home Start - Offers free, confidential support with friendship and practical help to parents who live in Bristol who are going through challenging times and have at least one child under the age of 5 years. Home Start have a peer support group, Mums in Mind (MIMS) for mums with children under 2 years who are feeling lonely or anxious, or like everything is getting on top of them and who would like to connect to other mums in a similar situation. The next MIMS group starts in January 2026 in Knowle and runs for 10 sessions. Home-start is running a weekly drop-in at Boing! Inns Court and welcomes families living in BS4, BS13 and BS14 to join us on Tuesdays from 9am– 11am for play, connection, and support.

To self-refer for home visiting or for one of our groups please see the website: https://homestartbsg.org.uk/referrals/

NEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

With Christmas just around the corner you may be interested in some of these free events to keep children entertained in the run up to the big day.

Festive digital sensory show: Phoebe's Green Christmas!
Available to view from 3rd November 2025 until 9th January 2026.

The show is designed specifically for neurodiverse children to enjoy at home or wherever they feel most comfortable. Visit www.christmasforkids.org.uk for more information and to book

A very happy Christmas from the Lighthouse team, we hope you have a wonderful time and a very happy new year.

Nursery—Ducklings

Nursery have had a fantastic few weeks. We all really enjoyed our Christmas parties and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. His reindeers landed on our school roof and Santa brought us all presents.

On our creative table we completed Christmas crafts including printing wrapping paper and making stop signs for the cheeky elves lots of children have in their houses. We hope you like the placemats and the Christmas cards we sent home.

For maths we recapped repeating patterns and used beads to make candy sticks and bracelets. We have been singing the song “10 Little Reindeers” and “5 Little Monkeys”

In Phonics we clapped syllables in Christmassy words and practised hearing and saying initial sounds. We played the silly soup game and “I spy”. We segmented and blended words using Fred the frog. (This is called Fred talk) Next term we are lucky to have some new starters in Ducklings. The children are looking forward to making some new friends.

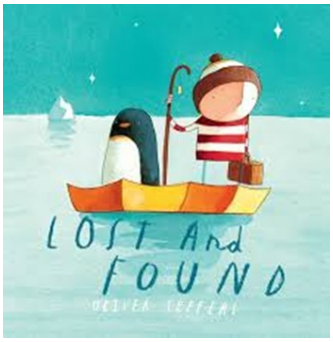
Thank you so much for all the lovely cards and presents we really appreciate it. Hope you all have a great Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you again the New Year

The Nursery Team

Reception—Kookaburras and Robins

We have had a really busy fortnight in Reception! Nativity performances, Christmas lunch, Christmas parties, Christmas craft – it's been wonderfully busy!

This week we have been using the story of "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers in our learning. We have talked about the setting, the characters and the events in the story. We have written the inserts for our Christmas cards and have also learnt about igloos and how they are made! In Maths we have been learning different ways we can make five (e.g. 3 + 2, 4 + 1).



Term 3 Theme – Terrific Tales – Holiday activity

Our topic next term is called 'Terrific Tales'. We will focus on three main traditional tales and enjoy sharing lots of other great stories too.

Please could your child either bring in their favourite story book or a photo of them with their favourite story book. These can always be put on ILD. We would like these in school during the first week back (week beginning Tuesday 6th January).

Thank you so much for the kind words, cards and gifts this week – you are all so kind. We hope you all have a lovely festive break and see you in 2026!

Happy Christmas

From
The Reception Team

Y1— Doves and Kingfishers

On Monday, we recapped what each part of a Christingle represents and then made them. We then had a very special guest on Monday afternoon that bought each class a wonderful new book to read during story time!

We have been looking at shape in Maths this week and have been exploring both 2D and 3D shapes. We really enjoyed exploring the room to find common 3D shapes.

Again, we are so proud of how hard you are all working at reading your key words and using your phonics in your writing! All reading books have been changed to your child's new phonics level ready for the Christmas holidays.

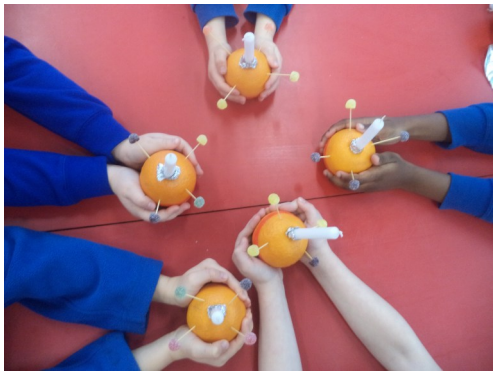
There has been a change to PE days for Term 3. PE will now be on a **Tuesday and Friday.** Please remember to wear your PE kit with a school jumper. Joggers will be needed in the cold weather.

For a Christmas treat, as the children have worked so hard this term, on Friday afternoon the children enjoyed Johnny G the magician who has been in for a visit as our Christmas present to the children. to finish of Term 2.

We would also like to say once again, thank you to Mrs Yapp who is now moving on to exciting new adventures. We really wish her all the best.

Thank you,

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



Y2— Owls and Kestrels

What a wonderful week we have had in year two. It has been full of Christmas magic. A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas performance in the church. All the children made us very proud and sang beautifully. It was lovely to see how brave the solo singers were and that they really did a great job. We hope your Christingles made it home in one piece, even if some sweets might have got lost along the way.

We have been learning about money in maths this week, if you have any coins around at home, please ask your children to pay for things with these. We don't use money like we used to, so it is very important to show children what coins look like, even if they might only use contactless card payment in the future.

It feels like a lifetime ago but thank you to everyone who brought tickets to the firework show, it was quite the display.

Johnny G the magician has been in for a visit as our Christmas present to the children. Santa made an appearance in school this week and brought a pop-up Christmas book for the class. We hope you have received the wonderful Christmas cards that the children have made.

Congratulations to the stars of the term, it is always such a hard choice, as everyone has been super stars!

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy new year. We will see you again on Tuesday 6th January.

Merry Christmas,
The Year 2 Team

Y3— Pelicans and Parrots

Well done to all of year 3 for a fantastic term 2. We have finished on a huge high after our carol concert and all of the staff have been incredibly impressed with their energy and enthusiasm for all of our learning.

In maths, Parrots and Pelicans learnt how to multiply a two-digit number by a one-digit number using formal methods. The children were experts at linking this to division facts. Times tables are at a high in our year group but please continue to practice these on times table rock stars over the break.

In English, the children learnt about narrative poems and rhyming stanzas. They planned and wrote their own Christmas poem to end the term with some fabulous rhyming words. In geography, we learnt about the four main cardinal directions and then progressed onto learning about the eight cardinal directions.

In science, we ended our magnets unit by working scientifically around our classroom to identify magnetic materials. We were lucky enough to have Tim and James visit our classes and deliver Christmas in a box. The children opened advent boxes and listened and reflected on stories from Mary, Joseph, God and Jesus. They had some brilliant activities planned and took their boxes home.

To complete the week, our lucky children spent the afternoon prepping, chopping and cooking soup. In previous weeks, they had tasted seasonal vegetables and decided which ones they would like to include in their soup. I think it's fair to say the reviews for taste were mixed!

For a Christmas treat, as the children have worked so hard this term, on Friday afternoon the children enjoyed the 'Nutty Noah' performance to finish of Term 2.

Have a lovely Christmas break and we will see you in term 3!

Year 3 team

Y4— Penguins and Puffins

We've had an exciting and festive last week of Term 2 in Year 4! We have continued with our maths unit: multiplication and division and have been learning all about multiplication methods with 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. We have been writing diary journals about our trip to Caerleon last week. It has been lots of fun looking back on our trip!

Thank you to all the parents who were able to support with this trip, we could not have done it without you! We have also been extra busy rehearsing our Christmas carols ready for our Christmas carol service, which we performed yesterday – we are so proud of all of the children's efforts, they sounded incredible! Thank you to families and friends who were able to join us.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with their weekly homework! Just a reminder; homework will be set every Friday, due in on Wednesday, with the weekly spelling test taking place on Thursday.

It is always helpful if you could encourage and support your child with reading at home. Remember, your child can also write in their reading records—it doesn't always have to be you!
Next term, Miss Elliott and Mr Mac will be out on class on Wednesdays.

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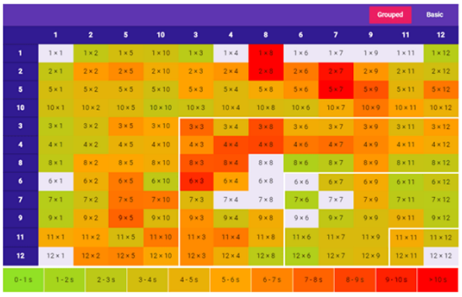

Reminders and key information: TERM 3

- Please ensure your child is following our school uniform policy and does not bring in fashion or costume jewellery and/or smart watches which take pictures and/or have games on.
- We will be going swimming in Term 3: Penguins (12th, 19th and 26th January) Puffins (2nd, 9th and 23rd February) When not swimming, our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please send your children in in their PE kits on these days. If there are any issues with PE kits, please speak to Mr Mac or Miss Elliott.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a wonderful, relaxing Christmas filled with joy and happiness. We can't wait to see everyone back, ready to kick off Term 3 in 2026 with a bang!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Y5— Flamingos and Emus

Year 5 have had a phenomenal last week before our Christmas break!

These past two weeks the children have written a non-chronological report based on our class text 'Swamp Monsters' which was written by Mr Walker. This text truly inspired the children and find a passion for written in remembrance of Mr Walker.

The shows have carried on! Emus and Flamingos have both created their own Christmas plays during break and lunchtimes and put on a fantastic performance for the adults. We are all now feeling very Christmasy!

In Math's we have finished our fractions unit, the children can now multiply fractions by an integer and find fractions of an amount with confidence. Year 5 have also made their own art sculptures using pipe cleaners and tin foil to represent sculptures.

For a Christmas treat, as the children have worked so hard this term, on Friday afternoon the children enjoyed the 'Nutty Noah' performance to finish of Term 2. We also made Christingles to represent the meaning of Christmas.

We were blown away by the fantastic space projects Y5 have created and they loved the opportunity to present their work. The children who presented spoke beautifully and informed year 5 about planets, black holes, astronauts and much more. We were all very impressed!

What a performance from Year 5&6 on Wednesday! Everybody in the church was blown away with the children's lovely signing and suburb speaking. We are extremely impressed and very proud!

Have a lovely Christmas break, see you in the New year!
Miss Dineen and Mr Hearn

Y6— Toucans and Eagles

Well, Year 6 we've made it! Thank you for another fantastic term of hard work, fun and festive frolics! This week we have been finishing off our units of learning. In maths, we have completed our learning on Fractions and have done our end of unit assessment.

In English, we have been truly blown away by some incredible independent pieces of writing based on our class story, Letters from the Lighthouse. In amongst all of this hard work, we have found time to put on a wonderful carol concert. Thank you for your support in attending; I'm sure you'll agree that the pupils put on a fantastic show!

Before we sign off for a much-needed break, we have a couple of goodbyes and thank you's:

- Firstly, a huge thank you to **Mr Scott**, who has provided additional booster support in Y6 this term, as well as covering Toucans on a Wednesday. We will all miss you very much and wish you the very best in your new adventure in New Zealand.
- **Mrs Wootten**: how can we say goodbye?! The support you have provided to Year 6 and beyond has been truly amazing. We're not quite sure what we'll do without you next term but we know you'll be coming back to visit.

For a Christmas treat, as the children have worked so hard this term, on Friday afternoon the children enjoyed the 'Nutty Noah' performance to finish of Term 2.

Thank you for everything. With lots of festive wishes for a peaceful holiday period and a happy and healthy 2026.

Team Year 6

2026/27 TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 3 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027 Friday 23 July 2027

School will be closed for the following INSET days:

- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Friday 4th September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 28th June 2027

School will be closed for the following public holiday:

Monday 31st May 2027