



Monday, 22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Primary 2026-2027 timing and calendars

As we begin looking ahead to the 2026–2027 academic year, we wanted to share two important updates with families regarding school timings and the key dates for assessments, reports and parent teacher meetings.

School Timings

Firstly, thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our recent survey regarding school timings. We greatly appreciated the positive engagement and thoughtful feedback shared by families across the school community.

As outlined in the survey, the proposal considered moving towards a more consistent end to the school day across the week, including Tuesdays, whilst also reviewing the timings for our youngest pupils in EYFS.

We are pleased to share that the response was overwhelmingly positive. The clear majority of parents supported moving to a regular finish time across the entire school week, with Tuesdays included within this arrangement. In addition, parents of our youngest pupils expressed a strong preference to return to the timings previously used during the 2024–2025 academic year.

Following this consultation, the timings for the school day from the next academic year will therefore be as follows:

- **FS1:** 7.45am – 12.30pm each day
- **FS2:** 7.45am – 1.30pm each day
- **Years 1 to 6:** 7.45am – 1.50 pm each day
- **Years 7-13:** 7:45 – 2:15pm each day (for reference only)

The primary school gates will be open from 07.05, with doors to school being open from 07:15 each morning for primary pupils to use. Please note, pupils cannot be left unattended outside the school building. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure they are supervised until the school doors open at 07:15.

We are also pleased to confirm that we will continue to offer after-school sibling care for families who require this support due to differing finish times across the phases.

Having a consistent finish time across the school week will also provide greater opportunities for pupils beyond the school day. This structure will enable us to further develop our programme of



after-school interventions and targeted academic support, alongside offering a wider range of teacher-led ECAs and enrichment activities across the primary phase. We are excited about the additional opportunities this will create for pupils both academically and personally throughout the year.

2026 – 2027 Key Dates

Alongside these timings, we also wanted to share the key dates relating to assessments, parent teacher meetings and reports for the 2026–2027 academic year. We hope that sharing these dates in advance will help families plan ahead and provide clarity around how and when we will communicate your child’s progress throughout the year.

Our reporting cycle has been designed to ensure that parents receive regular updates, alongside opportunities to meet with teachers and discuss both progress and next steps.

Autumn Term

Parent Teacher Meetings - 13th October and 20th October 2026

These meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s class teacher early in the academic year, hear how pupils have settled into their new class and discuss any questions or concerns.

Assessment Week - 15th November to 19th November 2026

During this time, teachers will gather a range of information about each pupil’s learning and progress, including evidence from unit assessments, classwork, ongoing classroom activities and teacher observations. This information will be used to identify strengths, areas for development and whether pupils are on track for their year group, helping teachers to plan next steps in learning and provide appropriate support and challenge.

Autumn Term Reports Published - 9th December 2026

Reports issued at the end of the autumn term will include a mixture of teacher assessment and outcomes from the autumn assessments. Parents will also be informed whether their child is currently on track within the expected curriculum standards for their year group.

Spring Term

Moving forward, there will be no formal assessment week during the spring term. This decision has been made to maximise teaching and learning time across the term whilst still ensuring parents receive clear feedback regarding progress.

Spring Reports Published - 15th March 2027



Spring reports will provide an updated attainment grade and identify key areas for pupils to focus on ahead of the end of year assessments.

Parent Teacher Meetings - 16th March and 23rd March 2027

These meetings will allow parents and teachers to discuss progress in greater detail and work together to support pupils in the final term of the academic year.

Summer Term

A planned assessment period will take place during the summer term of 2027. Evidence from these assessments, alongside classwork, unit assessments and teacher judgements gathered throughout the year, will be used to build a comprehensive picture of each pupil's attainment and progress. Once all evidence has been collated and reviewed, an in-depth end-of-year report will be shared with parents. Further details, including report release dates and specific arrangements, will be confirmed next term.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

Kind regards,

Mr William Winton
Head of Primary