



# DRUMBEAT SCHOOL

## Newsletter — Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic term we have had. Our visitors from Northern Ireland and Sweden were overwhelmed with our school and the exceptional work our staff do. We also had a review by Challenge Partners which agreed we were leading in all areas. The report is on the website. This is an amazing achievement as it is even harder now to get those grades.

Very sadly we have lost a cherished member of staff, Ann-Marie. We are in contact with the family and send all our condolences to them.

It has been very festive here with Santa's Grotto and Christmas plays. A huge thank you to Roger, Angela and all the staff and children who put on these beautiful shows.

Again thank you for all your support with getting our children to school every day and ready for learning.

I hope you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas.

God bless.

Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher

### *Dates for the Diary....*

#### **Friday, 16 December**

Last day of term  
**School will close at 1pm  
on this day**

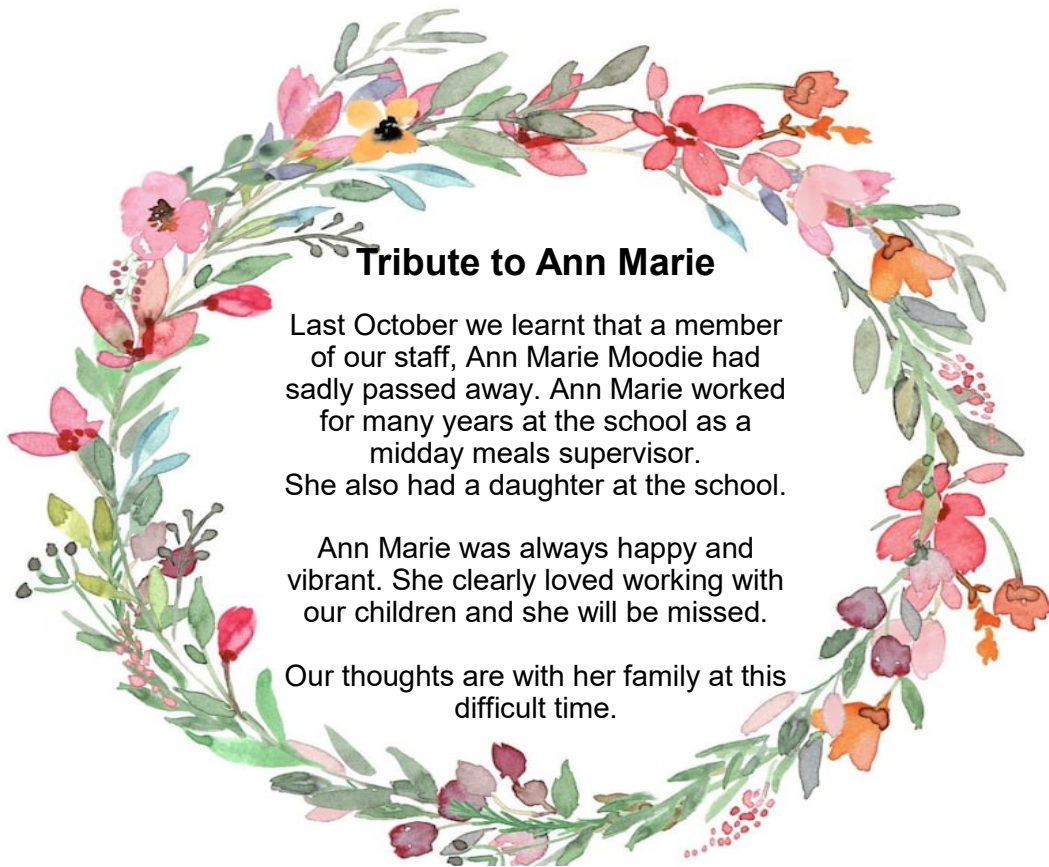
#### **Tuesday, 3 January**

First day of term.

#### **Friday, 10 February**

First day of term.





### **Tribute to Ann Marie**

Last October we learnt that a member of our staff, Ann Marie Moodie had sadly passed away. Ann Marie worked for many years at the school as a midday meals supervisor. She also had a daughter at the school.

Ann Marie was always happy and vibrant. She clearly loved working with our children and she will be missed.

Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.



Drumbeat School & ASD Service

## *Season's Greetings*

To all the friends of Drumbeat School.

I would like to wish you a merry Christmas  
and a happy, peaceful New Year.  
I hope you all have a good break and may  
2023 bring you lots of joy.

With best wishes.  
From

Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher



Congratulations to Reece (Camelot Class) who won the Christmas card competition this year!

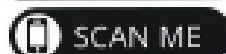


Lewisham

**Bank of Things Lewisham** is a free service aimed at 11 to 25 year olds living or studying in the Borough.

If you are finding it hard to get toiletries and/or school supplies, pop in and see us at **Unit 19, Lewisham Shopping Centre.**

We are open **Monday** and **Wednesday** from 3 to 6pm during term time for any young person in need.



*Follow us on socials for updates and the latest info on our various locations over the school holidays*



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[info@bankofthingslewisham.org](mailto:info@bankofthingslewisham.org)



## EYFS News



We have really enjoyed ourselves this term in EYFS. We have continued to learn about food through sensory stories, cooking sessions, sensory food sessions and during meal-times. We had a great teeth brushing week where we participated in a range of teeth brushing and health food activities. These last few weeks we have been learning about Christmas and have had lots of exciting events such as our Christmas trips, Grotto, Christmas Dinner and our class parties.

*We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year!*



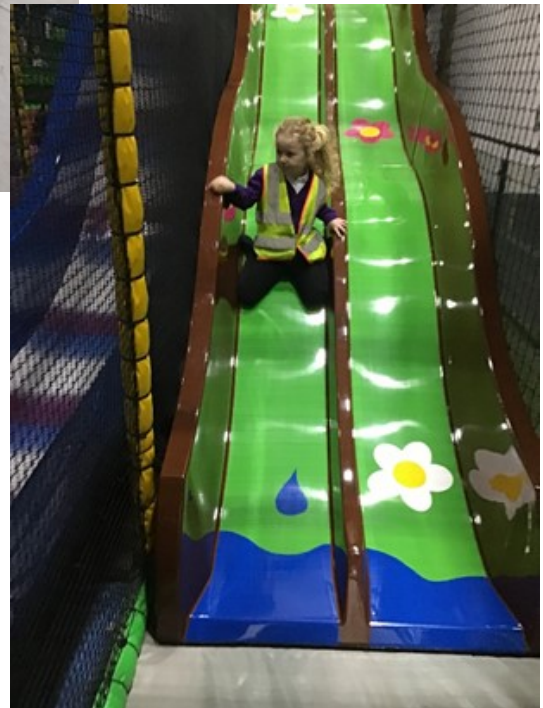
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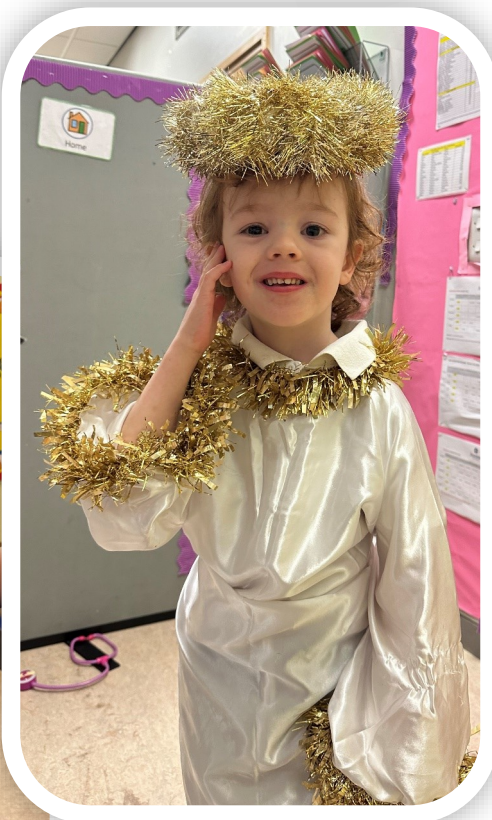




## Dolphin Class

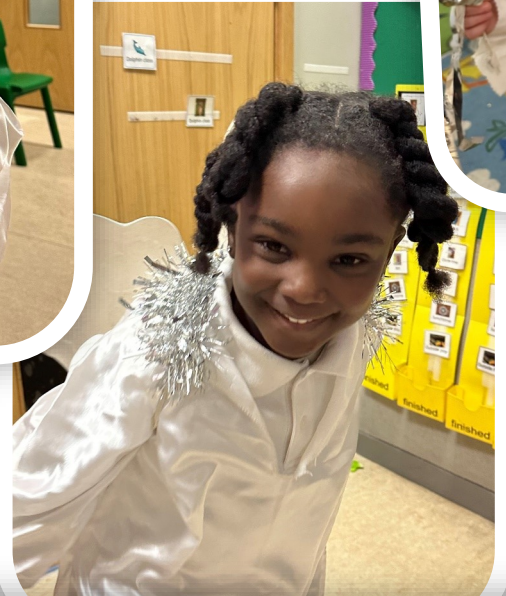


*Dolphin Class getting ready for the nativity play*



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## Tiger Class Christmas News

Tiger class have enjoyed celebrating Christmas in lots of different ways! We enjoyed our trip to Godstone Farm, where we saw lots of animals and Christmas Scarecrows! We also enjoyed playing in the big soft play and playing with our friends. At school, we have been learning about Christmas through interactive play and art sessions. We have made Christmas cards for our parents and carers, as well as calendars and Christmas hats that will be sent home this week. We really enjoyed playing in the snow and making mince pies too! We have had a lovely term together and wish everyone a wonderful Christmas!





## Penguin Class News Letter- December 2022

Penguin Class have been celebrating Christmas over the last couple of weeks. We enjoyed seeing Santa, making decorations for the Christmas tree and putting them on the tree in reception. We made Christmas cards and decorations.







## Lion Class Newsletter



Lion Class have been very busy this past term. We have been swimming, to forest school, took part in a South London football tournament and went on a trip to Lewisham Islamic Centre. All while still working hard on our maths and English targets! I can see a lot of you have used the log ins I sent home for Oxford Owl to access the phonics books.

We planted pumpkins at forest school last term and they grew really well so this term we picked them, brought them back to school, cooked them in food group and everyone tried them. The whole class agreed that the green pumpkin was delicious!



At forest school we have been den building, learning about the animals and creatures that live there, using tools to whittle as well as developing an understanding that it is okay to get muddy.

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Our weekly football club sessions have been working towards taking part in the South London Special League. Lion class showed fantastic team work on the pitch and good resilience when they did not win and, out of the five schools there, one of our team was chosen by the referee to win the medal of the day for their positive attitude and perseverance.



I hope you all have a restful festive break and come back ready for another great term in January.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child either in their contact book, by phoning the school or sending me an email:  
***[l.nash@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:l.nash@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk)***

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### PE:

If you have not already done so, please send in a PE kit - t-shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls that your child can wear for PE. It is important they have a PE kit to change into to help develop their independence.

### Clothes:

Please make sure all clothing; including shoes and coats where possible, is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Class timetable**

Here is the current class timetable.

Sessions are likely to change but the children will be given prior warning of this.

Group sessions and intervention will take place throughout the week in addition to the lessons you see here.

| Monday                 | Tuesday                | Wednesday              | Thursday           | Friday                 |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Read Write Inc phonics | Read Write Inc phonics | Read Write Inc phonics | Functional English | Read Write Inc phonics |
| Playtime               | Playtime               | Playtime               | Playtime           | Playtime               |
| Breakfast              | Breakfast              | Breakfast              | Breakfast          | Breakfast              |
| Circle time            | Circle time            | Circle time            | Circle time        | Circle time            |
| Maths                  | Maths                  | Maths                  | Maths              | Maths                  |
| Lunch                  | Lunch                  | Lunch                  | Lunch              | Lunch                  |
| Cooking                | PE                     | Topic                  | Food group         | Superflex              |

### **Important dates**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Class Christmas trip - please ensure you have returned the permission slip and £4

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - End of term - half day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - First day back



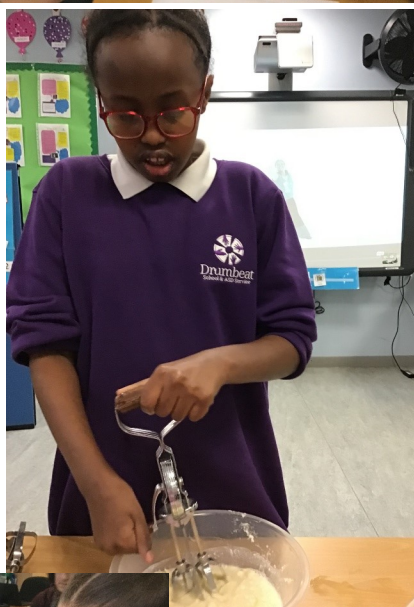
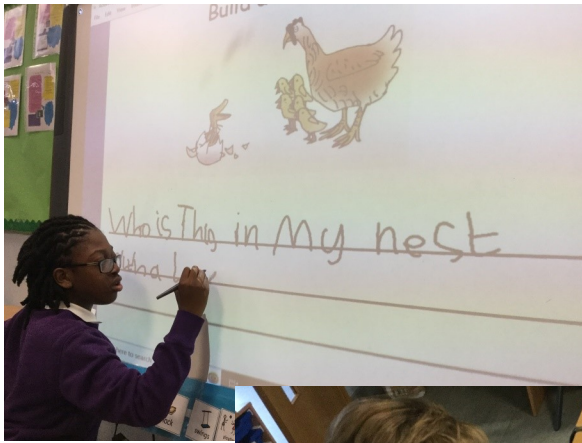
## Lancelot Class

It's been a busy and fun term for Lancelot class. The students have enjoyed their weekly swimming sessions and showed great confidence in water! We have also been having Flo the therapy dog visiting the school every week, and the students have been very excited to interact with the dog. Our topic this term was "Artists and Illustrators" and the students have been engaging in a range of creative activities, producing some amazing art work. We have also marked a range of celebrations by taking part in drama, cooking and music activities related to the events such as Harvest, Remembrance Day, Diwali, etc. The students continue to work hard on their targets and making great progress across different areas of the curriculum. Everyone is excited about the upcoming Christmas celebrations and we are all looking forward to the Santa grotto and the Christmas show. Have a lovely holiday and all the best in the New Year from everyone in Lancelot class!



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## Merlin Class

Our topic this term was 'Artists and Illustrators'. We learnt about famous artists Giuseppe Arcimboldo who made faces out of fruit and vegetables and Wassily Kandinsky who used shapes to make abstract paintings. We made our own versions of their work.

We have also been working on our independence skills in class. The children have been following visual supports to complete tasks such as teeth brushing and making simple recipes.





## Shard Class

This terms newsletter has been written by students from Shard class.

I am cutting and sticking pictures in the art club in the meeting room. I also went to Crofton Park library and looked at art on the television screen. I go to the art club every second Friday, because I enjoy art and learning new things. By AA



Shard class went on a trip to Lewisham police station we visited for the morning. Shard class came to learn about the horses and police dogs and how the horses help the police, the horses were massive! We also saw the police dogs they can sniff out drugs and catch criminals they learn from a young age. By GWK



Every Thursday I work at Crofton Park library. I tidy up the books and make it look neat. I also wipe the books clean. I enjoy working Crofton Park library because it makes me feel happy. By KK



In the work experience I was working at the café in school with Vincenzo and Wayne. In the picture I am making hot drinks for students and staff. I enjoy working there because it's fun to prepare food and drinks. By OS

In Black History month I cooked Banana bread. I cooked it in the kitchen, I mixed the ingredients in a bowl. The banana bread was very good. ST

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In my work experience on Thursdays I was working in the school office with Kane and Alex. In the picture I am looking at paper to shred. I enjoy working in the office because it's a nice environment. By KK



In my work experience I wipe tables to make them clean. I clean the dining tables in the hall and I clean up every day after lunch. I use a cloth and water. By RA

I have been doing work experience at the nearby Co-op every Monday afternoon. I start by going into the storage room, using a four-digit code I memorised to open the door, tacking out a trolley full of items, then stocking the shelves until there's no more space on the shelf. KH

On 18th October I was dancing with Magpie dance club for Children In Need, this was then shown on Strictly Come Dancing. I watched the dancers and then I danced with them. It was at Eden Park High school. JH

As you can see Shard students have been very busy this term and we are looking forward to our pizza reward!

Francoise



## Wimbledon News

A group from Wimbledon and Meridian Class had a wonderful trip to The Cutty Sark and Greenwich Park. The students had a tour of the ship and participated in a sensory-based workshop. Afterwards we all walked up through Greenwich park in the autumnal weather. The students had a fantastic day.





## Camelot Class



To end the term on a festive note, Camelot class have had fun communicating and working together to put up our Christmas tree, visit the Drumbeat Santa's grotto and sing Christmas songs. Wishing you festive greetings and a very happy new year from us all in Camelot class!





## The Allotment

A group from Sixth form and Wimbledon class have been working very hard at the allotment in Kenthouse Road, Sydenham . The students have cleared all the beds and brambles now and also they have got rid of all the old woodchip. It all looks so much better. Our next job is to plan what we would like to plant in the Spring.





## Carol service at St. Augustine's Church, Honor Oak

Students and staff from Drumbeat Brockley enjoyed a morning at St. Augustine's church singing Christmas songs and meeting Colin and the rest of the congregation. The Church supplied lovely homemade cakes and drinks which students really enjoyed. A big thank you to Colin and the rest of the church and also to Tim for supplying the music on guitars. Students walked to and from the church and their behaviour throughout was impeccable! We look forward to future concerts at the church and it was lovely to be able to visit again after 2 years of not being able to.





## CHRISTMAS WITH CLIPPER CLASS

As ever, our students enjoyed a range of fun and exciting activities in the run-up to Christmas. The highlights include:

Decorating the tree and making ornaments for the classroom:



Selling our creations at the Christmas Market:



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A trip to visit the seasonal market in Central London, 'Christmas by the River':



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and the carol-singing service at St Augustine's church in Honor Oak:



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone in Clipper Class!



## Meridian Class

Meridian class have had a really nice term. We have been doing lots of art this autumn. One art piece included doing hand prints to make designs like butterflies.



As part of our Drumbeat qualification, we also did crafts to display in the classroom. One project we did was to make pencil holders to use in class.



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We have also been celebrating the build up to Christmas. We have taken part in the school Christmas sing-a-long and have made lots of Christmas related arts and crafts. We also made Christmas cards and sent them back home.



**We hope everyone has a lovely break!**

## Presentation Event on November 18th

On November 18th, we invited back the students who left in July to attend our presentation event at Drumbeat Brockley. This was an opportunity for them to receive their certificates and celebrate their achievements at Drumbeat. We had a special guest to help us present the certificates. This was Morgan Seward from the young mayor's office, who also has autism. Everyone was so happy to see these young people again and find out how they had been getting on. They shared their experiences of college life and what they were doing now. Some reported that they missed Drumbeat but felt ready for college. One of the main differences they noted was the size of the building and getting from place to another! We were very proud to present them with their certificates and celebrate their achievements. We hope that they will keep in touch with us!



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MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST  
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## Millwall Premier League Kicks

Free Weekly PAN Disability Football Sessions

**When:** Every Friday


**Time:** 5pm - 6pm: Ages 8 - 11  
6pm - 7pm: Ages 12 - 17

  
Lions Centre (Sports Hall)  
Bolton Road, South Bermondsey SE16 3LD

For more information please contact Richard Sontan  
rsontan@millwallcommunity.org.uk / 07932877303







**Just a reminder...**

### School Uniform

Please name all your children's clothing as it is difficult to locate lost clothing without some form of identification.

Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, plain white polo shirt and purple sweatshirt. If you would like to order uniform please visit [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) and put the school name in the box, this will then take you to our page. The address is also on the school website under 'for parents'.

For swimming your child will need to bring a towel and swimsuit or costume. They will also need shorts and a T-shirt for P.E. lessons. These may be left at school, in a clearly marked bag.

# NO PARKING

## DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY

**Please be mindful when parking outside the school and ensure that local residents' drives are not blocked and bus entrances are kept clear.**



## YOUTH PAN DISABILITY

FREE WEEKLY MONDAY EVENING MULTI-SPORTS  
DURING TERM TIME FROM 4-5PM

**Starting Monday 3rd October 2022**



FOR AGES 9 TO 15

(PLAYERS MUST PRE-REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING)

SIGN UP LINK: [tinyurl.com/ballersdisabilityyouth](https://tinyurl.com/ballersdisabilityyouth)

VENUE: PETER HILLS SCHOOL (3G PITCH)

SALTER ROAD ENTRANCE, ROTHERHTHE, SE16 5ED

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

RICHARD WHITE AT BALLERS ACADEMY

07359 397 813 / [richard@ballersacademy.co.uk](mailto:richard@ballersacademy.co.uk)



## Free school meals and extra support for your child

### Are you entitled?

If you get certain welfare benefits, you can apply for free school meals for your child. You could save up to £400 a year if your child gets free school meals and it will mean they get a healthy school lunch every day. All children in reception, year one and year two are also entitled to free school meals.

### Who can get free school meals

Your child can get free school meals if your combined annual household income is below £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC) and you get one of the following benefits:

- income-based: income support or jobseeker's allowance (not eligible if on contribution based jobseeker's allowance)
- income-related: employment support allowance (not eligible if on contribution based employment support allowance)
- universal credit
- income support
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- child tax credit only.

### If you get working tax credits

If you get working tax credit regardless of your annual household income your family will not be eligible for free school meals.

### What other support your child will get

Free school meals are part of something called 'pupil premium'. As well as providing free school meals, pupil premium provides extra funding of up to £1,350 to your child's school. The school can then use this funding to support your child's education through extra tuition, teaching staff or after-school activities.

Please visit the [Lewisham website](https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child) for more information and to apply:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Even if your child does not eat lunch at school, it is important that you apply. The school receives extra funding to help your child if they are entitled to free school meals, we can also apply for other funding depending on how many of our students receive Free School Meals. So you wouldn't just be helping your family, you would be helping all of the children who go to Drumbeat.



# **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES — 2022/23**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

**Autumn Term 1**                      **Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September – INSET days**  
**Monday 5 September – Students first day of term**  
**Friday 7 October – INSET day**  
**Friday 21 October - Last day of term**

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October**

**Autumn Term 2**                      **Monday 31 October – First day of term**  
**Friday 2 December – INSET day**  
**Friday 16 December—Last day of term\***

**Christmas Holiday**                      **Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January**

## **SPRING TERM 2023**

**Spring Term 1**                      **Tuesday 3 January — First day of term**  
**Friday 10 February – Last day of term**

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February**

**Spring Term 2**                      **Monday 20 February – First day of term**  
**Friday 31 March – Last day of term\***

**Easter Holiday**                      **Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April**  
**(Easter weekend 7-10 April)**

## **SUMMER TERM 2023**

**Summer Term 1**                      **Monday 17 April – First day of term**  
**Friday 26 May — Last day of term**  
**(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 1 May)**

**Half Term Holiday**                      **Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June**  
**(Spring Bank Holiday will be taken on 29 May)**

**Summer Term 2**                      **Monday 5 June—INSET day**  
**Tuesday 6 June—Students first day of term**  
**Friday 21 July – Last day of term\***

*INSET days = Staff Training days. Pupils do not attend school on these days.*

*\*School will close at 1pm on the last day of the full term.*