

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2026-27

This is the initial diary of events for the year ahead and could be subject to change. All updates will be communicated in the newsletter or highlighted in the dates for diary as they come out with each newsletter.

September

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd – INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th - Year R children start school for the first time. Bell Ringing Service from 2:45 (3pm start)

Tuesday 8th - Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher Drop-In (3:30 - 4:00pm) (Year 3/4 parents welcome). Please come and visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and learn a little more about the expectations and plans for the year.

Wednesday 9th - Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher Drop-In (3:30 - 4:00pm) (Year 5/6 parents welcome). Please come and visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and learn a little more about the expectations and plans for the year.

Thursday 10th - Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher Drop-In (3:30 - 4:00pm) (Year 2 parents welcome). Please come and visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and learn a little more about the expectations and plans for the year.

Monday 21st to Friday 25th - Year 6 residential at Fairthorne Manor.

October

Friday 2nd - Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only). *At this point, we don't have capacity to invite parents into our worships, but I hope to be able to do so in the future. *

Monday 5th - Parent Consultation Evening - more information to come.

Wednesday 7th - Parent Consultation Evening - more information to come.

Thursday 8th- Art Fair

Friday 9th - Harvest Festival at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) (parents welcome). Please join us for a celebration of the Harvest with a selection of poems and songs - be prepared to sing!

Friday 16th- Flu Vaccination

Friday 16th - Sparrow Class Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Sparrow Class are invited to join us at church.

Friday 23rd - Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only).

November

Monday 2nd - INSET DAY

Thursday 5th - Outdoor Classroom Day - more information to follow.

Friday 6th- Autumn Arts

Wednesday 11th - Remembrance Church Service (10:15 am) - A whole school service in church, followed by an act of remembrance with the Year 6 children at the memorial at 10:50am. Parents are welcome to join us but space is limited!

Friday 13th - Robin Class Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Robin Class are invited to join us at church

Monday 16th - Individual School Photos

Tuesday 18th - 20th - Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 20th – Be Bright Be Seen for Children in Need Day

Friday 27th - Winter Swap Shop

Friday 27th - Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only).

December

Thursday 3rd - Advent Service at St. Matthew's Church

Friday 4th - Year R Nativity at St. Matthew's Church (2:00pm). Parents of our reception children are welcome to come and join us for one of the highlights of the school year.

Friday 4th- School Panto

Wednesday 9th - Year 1 Nativity in the school hall (2:00pm)*** If you are parents of our Squirrel children, please join us for some Christmas laughter.

Thursday 10th - Year 2 Nativity in the school hall (2:00pm)*** Parents of our Hedgehog Class children are welcome to join us as we start the build up to the festive season.

Secret Santa to be confirmed. (FOS)

Monday 14th- Christmas School Disco

Wednesday 16th- Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only).

Thursday 17th - Christmas dinner day.

Thursday 17th - Our termly award ceremony at St. Matthew's Church. Nominations are made by all adults in school and parents of the children to receive an award will be contacted about attending.

Thursday 18th - Candlelit Carols at St. Matthew's Church (2:30pm) - During this festive event we will share carols by candlelight and messages of Christmas. Parents are welcome (with a battery powered candle if you wish!)

January

Monday 4th - INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th - Start of Spring Term.

Friday 15th - Wren Class Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Wren Class are invited to join us at church

Wednesday 20th - Young Voices (Choir) - A national choir event for schools. Our choir children will be in London for the day. (More information about parents attending will come out very soon).

Thursday 29th - Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only).

February

Tuesday 2nd - Year 6 SAT's Parent Information Session (3.30pm)

Monday 8th – Careers Week

Friday 12th - Hedgehog Class Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Hedgehog Class are invited to join us at church

Friday 13th - Wear What you Love with after school bake sale.

Monday 15th - Start of Half Term

Friday 20th - End of Half Term

Tuesday 23rd - Parent Consultation Evening - more information to come.

Thursday 25th - Parent Consultation Evening - more information to come.

Friday 26th - Mission of the Month - our monthly presentation of certificates to children who have demonstrated fantastic learning skills (in school, children only).

March

Thursday 4th – World Book Day - A national event to celebrate books and reading. There is usually an element of dressing up for this but often it is the home-made ones that have the most impact!

Wonder Woman Sale (FOS) – Date to be confirmed

Friday 12th- Squirrel Class Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Squirrel Class are invited to join us at church

Friday 19th- Otterbourne's Got Talent for Comic Relief

Wednesday 24th - Our termly award ceremony at St. Matthew's Church. Nominations are made by all adults in school and parents of the children to receive an award will be contacted about attending.

Easter Egg Hunt (FOS) – Date to be confirm

Thursday 25th - Easter Service in St. Matthew's Church at 2:30pm. Parents welcome.

Thursday 25th - End of Term

April

Monday 12th - Summer Term begins

Easter Egg Hunt (FOS) – Date to be confirm

May

Tuesday 4th May – INSET DAY

Monday 4th - Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 6th – Ascension Day Church Service (2:30pm) - upper school service (not for parents).

Saturday 15th - May Fayre. The school's annual big bash arranged by our incredible FOS

Monday 17th - Pentecost Church Service (2:30pm) - school service (not for parents).

Monday 31st - Start of Half Term (Bank Holiday)

June

Friday 4th – End of Half Term

Hero Shop (FOS)- Date to be confirmed.

Monday 7th – School Natural History Museum Opens

Wednesday 9th – Year 4 Stubbington Residential

Tuesday 15th - Drama Performance at Thornden

Wednesday 16th – Drama Performance at Thornden

Friday 25th - Otter Class Collective Worship at St. Matthew's Church (2:45pm) - Parents of children in Otter Class are invited to join us at church.

To be Confirmed - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral - A very special event in the school calendar as our school will join many other Church of England schools for a service from the Bishop.

Wednesday 30th – School Natural History Exhibition

July

Friday 2nd - Sports Day - A very special occasion in the school calendar. We encourage all children to participate, and the highlight (the buddy race) is something that stays long in the memory.

Tuesday 6th - Year 6 Leavers' Performance in the Village Hall (evening) - an annual 'tear-jerker' as the Year 6 children perform to their families.

Thursday 8th- Reserved Sports Day.

Tuesday 20th - Our termly award ceremony at St. Matthew's Church. Nominations are made by all adults in school and parents of the children to receive an award will be contacted about attending.

Wednesday 21st - Year 6 Church Leavers' Service (2pm) - A farewell event in the church, to the school and parents of Year 6 children. Tissues at the ready!

Wednesday 21st - End of the school year. Happy Holidays!