

WE INSPIRE, CHERISH AND BELIEVE
IN EACH PERSON THAT THEY MIGHT FLOURISH
AND FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL

Goodbye & Good Luck to all our leavers



As we reach the end of the school year, we say a warm and heartfelt goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to secondary school. We're incredibly proud of all they've achieved and wish them every success in the exciting journey ahead.

We also say goodbye to other children moving on to new schools. Thank you for being part of our Barnham family—we hope you take fond memories with you and know you'll always be welcome here.

This week, we also said a very special farewell to Mrs Bird, who leaves after 21 years of dedicated service to become a Headteacher. We are so proud of her and send our love and thanks for everything she has given to Barnham.

Finally, we extend our thanks and best wishes to Mrs Balugas and Mrs Evans as they too move on. Thank you for your contributions and good luck for the future.

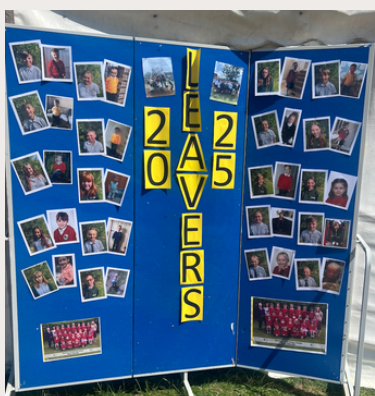
We wish you all the very best for a bright future ahead!

Leavers Celebrations



Year 6 have had a wonderful week celebrating the end of their Primary School career. They've had water fights, special swimming lessons, a BBQ and just a fantastic time making many happy memories!

Thank you Year 6 for sharing your special memories with us at your final assembly.



THANK
YOU

Thank you from all our staff!

As we come to the end of another school year, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our children and families for the incredibly kind cards, thoughtful gifts, beautiful flowers, and generous messages of thanks. We have truly been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity—it means so much to us all.

We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to our Appreciation Station. The heartfelt messages are still coming in thick and fast, and they've brought many smiles to our staff. There is still time to contribute if you would like to share a message—we'll be passing them on to staff throughout the summer holidays as a boost of encouragement and appreciation.

If you'd like to add your message, you can do so here:

Barnham Appreciation Station

Thank you again for your continued support—it is a privilege to work with such a thoughtful and caring school community.

A Message from Mrs Bird

Thank
YOU

After 21 amazing years at Barnham, it's time for me to say goodbye. It's hard to put into words just how much this place means to me. It's been more than a job – it's been a huge part of my life. I've been so lucky to work with incredible people and to be part of so many special moments with children and families over the years. I'll always be grateful for the laughter, the learning and the sense of community that made this school feel like home.

Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for the memories and the support; I'll miss it more than I can say.

With love and warm wishes.

Marie Bird

Our New Chickens have been named...



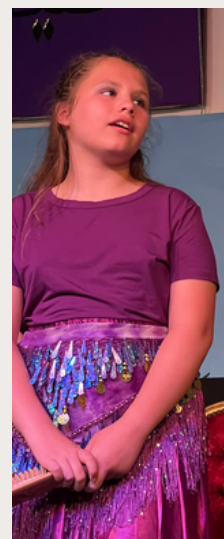
Freedom & Storm

Egg-citing News!

We're clucking with joy to announce the winners of our chicken-naming competition! Huge congratulations to Jude, whose cracking creativity gave us two brilliant names: Storm and Freedom. The hens have taken to their new names like ducks to water (or should we say...chickens to corn?).

Thanks to everyone who entered – you all made it a truly egg-cellent contest!

Year 5 & 6 Performance of Aladdin



It was sheer genie-us!

Squirrel and Otter Classes whisked the audience away on a magic carpet ride with their spectacular production of Aladdin Trouble. From rubbing lamps to dodging Abanazar's wicked schemes, every performer shone brighter than the genie's lamp.

The performance was a joyful showcase of outstanding acting, singing, and dancing. The talent and enthusiasm of the children lit up the stage, creating a pantomime that was both hilarious and heartwarming.

Year 5 & 6 Performance of Aladdin



A huge well done to all the children for their hard work and energy in bringing the show to life, and a special thank you to the staff and adults who helped make this unforgettable performance possible.

News from Squirrel Class

In Science we have been learning all about Space! We have learnt how the Earth rotates on an axis, with the moon orbiting around the Earth and the Earth orbiting the sun. We acted this out and may have got slightly dizzy with all of the spinning!

To help us understand each phase of the lunar cycle, we used oreos to create our own diagrams of the lunar month! And yes, Miss Cross did let us eat them at the end!



We also learnt about day and night, understanding time zones across the world and the rotation of the Earth on its axis. To help us understand this, we linked our science learning to our History topic - the Ancient Maya. The Maya used sun dials to tell the time, so we set up an experiment throughout the day to mark on a paper plate the movement of the sun and the change in the shadows it creates. We measured each shadow's length and marked each shadow as it moved around our plates creating a clock! We then decorated our clocks to turn them into Ancient Maya style sundials.

In our previous History topic, we finished off learning about Ancient Greek pottery and created our own Greek designs.

Preparation for Next Academic Year

We have tried to improve our transition support for children this year and have provided a wealth of resources to support your child. We hope that these will help with the summer holidays and transition.

Please do let us know if you have misplaced the paperwork and we can send you electronic versions of all of these documents.

Summer Holiday Calendar

The purpose of this calendar is to help them easily see which days are part of their holiday and when school will start again.

We know that many children enjoy having a clear sense of routine, and marking off each day can give them a fun and visual way to track the time. It also helps build awareness and independence as they learn to understand dates and look forward to planned activities or special events.

We've colour coded school days green and holiday days yellow.

Feel free to add little images, post it notes etc to jot down any family plans and we encourage you to use the calendar together at home. Whether it's counting down to a trip, noting down a playdate, or simply crossing off the days, we hope this calendar brings a little more structure—and a lot more excitement—to the holiday break.

Summer Holiday Activity Ideas

There are 46 days to enjoy the Summer Holidays and a break from school. You might like to cross them off on the calendar as we go through.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 th July School	15 th July School	16 th July School	17 th July School	18 th July Last day of school	19 th July Holiday	20 th July Holiday
21 st July Holiday	22 nd July Holiday	23 rd July Holiday	24 th July Holiday	25 th July Holiday	26 th July Holiday	27 th July Holiday
28 th July Holiday	29 th July Holiday	30 th July Holiday	31 st July Holiday	1 st August Holiday	2 nd August Holiday	3 rd August Holiday
4 th August Holiday	5 th August Holiday	6 th August Holiday	7 th August Holiday	8 th August Holiday	9 th August Holiday	10 th August Holiday
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1 st September School	2 nd September School	3 rd September School	4 th September School	5 th September School	6 th September Home	7 th September Home

Summer Holiday 2025 - Activity ideas to support transition

DESIGN YOUR DREAM SCHOOL Using cardboard, CD's, or anything 'funky', children build their perfect classroom or playground and explain why they included certain things.	LETTER TO YOUR NEW TEACHER List names of games, items, interesting characters, their interests, and what they're excited to discuss about.	FEELINGS THERMOMETER ART Create a colourful 'thermometer' or weather chart to help them rate their feelings about school and talk about why.	SCHOOL JOURNEY PRACTICE RUN Take a practice run to school, then go back to school next if it's closed.
PACK MY BAG RELAY GAME Sports-related items around the room, kids have to pack the correct items in their bag.	CREATE A SUMMER ADVENTURE JOURNAL Keep a record of events, thoughts, photos, drawings, anything they did, how they felt, and what they're looking forward to.	MINI SCHOOL AT HOME For a few days, do 'school' activities for an hour or two, reading time, book, work, etc. Let the kids be the teacher one day!	GET READY DRESS UP GAME Use the morning routine as a model game, get dressed, pack bag, brush teeth, etc.
SCHOOL LUNCH TASTE TEST Let the child help plan and taste test different lunch ideas to decide what they'd like for school.	DESIGN A SUPER BACKPACK Describe a year of school backpack with symbols of all things 'big, happy, brave, kind, powerful, strong, etc.'	BACK TO SCHOOL ROLE PLAY Use toys or cut-out figures for 'first day of school', 'meeting the teacher', or 'transition' with siblings or parents.	SCHOOL SHARING CIRCLE Get outside time in a room or the garden to discuss a school experience, good, bad, funny or weird.
FEELINGS MASKS CRAFT Create masks that show different emotions they might feel about school (excited, nervous, happy).	REFINE ROUTINE COUNTDOWN Each morning, make a checklist for the last 2 weeks, using a fun chart with what to do (when to do it).	MAKE A MEMORY BOX Find and describe a box that can be used to put on all memories of the next school year including certificates, photos, letters and more!	CREATE A CHAIR DOWNS PLAYLIST Make their own playlist of songs that help them relax or feel brave.

Summer Holiday 2025 - Activity ideas to keep your learning going!

DAILY JOURNAL Write or draw about how they did each day or what they're looking forward to.	SHOPPERS' MATES Use coins or play money to set up a pretend shop and practice adding, giving change, or budgeting.	READING 'NINE' Take books outside and read under a tree or in a shelter and talk about what they enjoy.	STORY STARTERS Give a sentence like 'One morning, the sky turned green...' and let them write or tell what happens next.
MEASURE & BAKE Follow a simple recipe to practice measuring quantities, measuring in grams and millilitres, and timing.	WORDS OF THE DAY Introduce a new interesting word each day, draw it, and if it's a sentence, use it.	NUMBER TREASURE HUNT Hide numbers around the garden or house and ask children to find and name or position using them.	TIME CHALLENGE Use clocks to time a daily routine, e.g. 'Wash your hands for 2 minutes. What time is it now?'
DIY Ooze Night Let children create a night for the family using what they know about science, history or maths.	SPELLING CHALK GAMES Write tricky words in chalk outside, then play games like hop to the right letter or trace them with water.	MAP MAKING Draw a treasure map of the garden, backroom, or an imaginary land using symbols and compass directions.	COUNTDOWN LETTERS GAME Pick a letter and use ten items that start with that letter to make a game for counting and spelling.
SCIENCE IN THE KITCHEN Try simple experiments like making a volcano with baking powder and vinegar or growing a bean in a jar.	DAILY MATHS CHALLENGE Write one age appropriate problem a day on a whiteboard or magnetic board, solve, and comment.	READING TO A TOY Have them practice fluency by reading about the holiday, etc. or even to a pet or teddy bear for fun.	CREATE A POSTER Create posters about favourite animals, objects, or historical figures, combine resources, writing, art etc.

Summer Holiday 2025 - Activity ideas for the great outdoors!

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT Make a list of things to find outside, like a feather, peacock, yellow flower or wood - and let kids check them off as they explore.	BUG KITCHEN Set up a play area with pots, pans, and plates where children can make mud pies, 'snaps', and 'slices' from dirt, water, and plants.	NATURE BASKETS Wrap up a tiny table and chairs on the ground and challenge others to walk through them without stepping on it.	CLOUD DRESSING Use the grass and earth to create paths to figures who dress or animals you can see.
WILD ART Collect leaves, sticks, stones, and flowers to make nature art or collages on the ground.	ROCK PAINTING Collect smooth stones and paint them with patterns, animals, or positive messages.	STICK MAZE MAKING Use sticks to create paths or mazes on the ground and challenge others to walk through them without stepping on it.	SENSORY WALK Walk barefoot on grass, gravel, or sand of different textures and notice how each surface feels.
THE HUGGING CHALLENGE Find a tree and hug it, notice how old it might be, what it feels like, and look up into its branches.	BUG HOTEL BUILDING Use sticks, twigs, and hollow stems to build a simple bug hotel in a quiet garden corner or ground trench.	MAKE A BUG FEEDER Use a plastic bottle, punch holes, and seeds to create a simple feeder and hang it outside.	ANNEAKET SAFARI Lay out a path, hide objects, and have to see how many things you can find - observe and describe.
LEAF RUBBING Use crayons and paper to rub over different leaves to discover their patterns and textures.	NATURAL OBSTACLE COURSE Use outdoor items like logs, stones, and ropes to create a course to climb, crawl, or balance on.	SHADOW DRAWING Place toys or objects on paper in the sun and trace their shadows - check how they change during the day.	BARRY DAY PLAY Draw an outdoor scene and go outside, playing, make barbies, or observe conditions on older weeks.

The purpose of this booklet was to provide activity ideas for the summer holidays under the following categories:

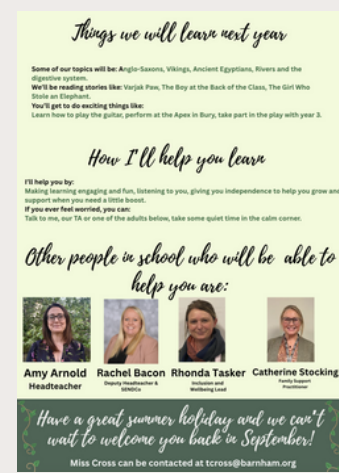
- Supporting Transition
- Keeping learning going
- Getting outdoors

They are all optional and just to give you some ideas but we hope that children will find these fun and engaging. We'd love to see any photos, please feel free to email these to

admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

Preparation for Next Academic Year

Transition Story Booklets



Each teacher prepared a transition story booklet for their class. Our hope is that you will keep reading this with your child over the holidays so that their worries about the new school year will hopefully reduce.

SENDing News



If you haven't read the final issue of SENDing News for this school year, please do have a read. There are tips for transition and some ideas for supporting children with moving on to Secondary School.



Top Tips for Transition



Help your child feel confident and ready for September with these quick summer tips:

Stay Positive – Talk about the new class or school with enthusiasm to ease worries.

Keep Routines Going – Stick to regular sleep, meals, and activities to maintain structure.

Visit or Visualise – Walk past the school or look at photos to build familiarity.

Read Together – Try storybooks about starting school or moving up a year or keep reading the Barnham transition booklets and have them readily accessible to read through the holidays.

Build Independence – Practice dressing, toileting, and packing a lunch or school bag.

Connect with Friends – Arrange playdates or meet-ups if possible.

Countdown to School – A fun calendar can help your child prepare mentally. (We will send one home next week that you can use!)

Listen and Reassure – Let your child share any worries and remind them it's normal.

Label Everything – Avoid lost property by naming clothes and belongings!

Have Fun! – Enjoy summer together—happy memories build confidence.

Messages from FBBS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

**We are on the hunt for
NEW volunteers.**

Our team is getting smaller and we need your help. We will be meeting in September and would love to see some new faces so keep your eyes peeled after the Summer for all the details!

TOTAL AMOUNT THIS YEAR

£7397

THANK YOU SO MUCH

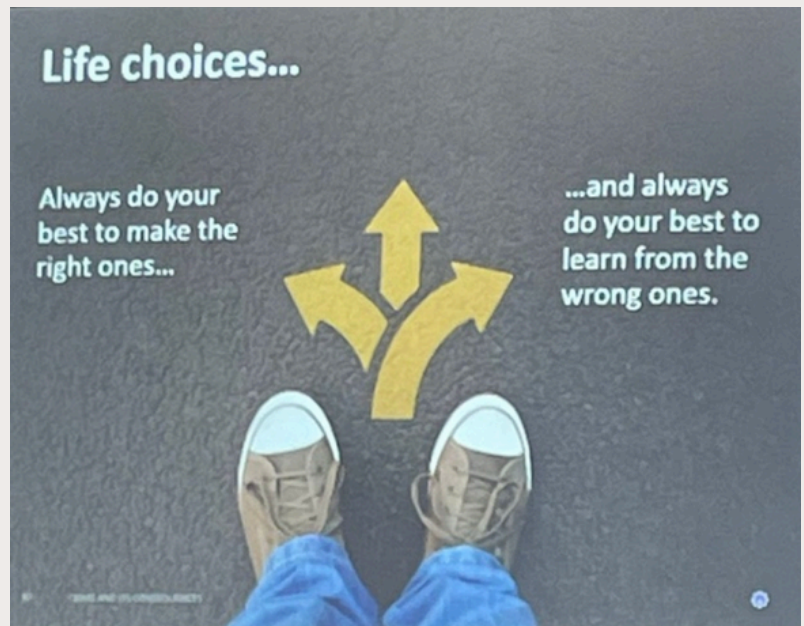
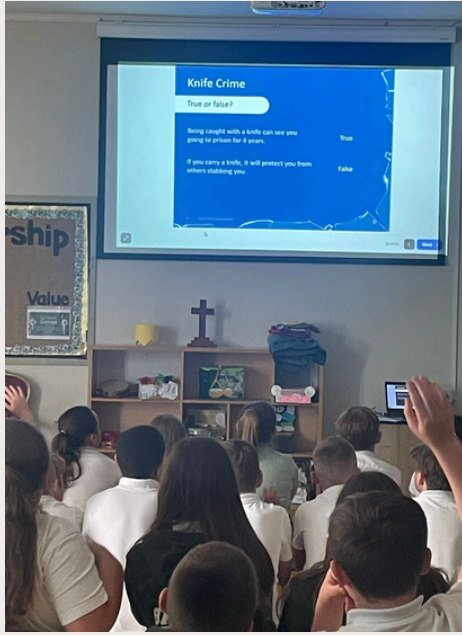
SEE WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED >>

WHAT HAVE WE FUNDED...

- Beehive Installation
- Amazon Wishlist items
such as Headphones, Litter Pickers,
Watering Cans, Books and much more!
- Garlic Theatre Production
- Circus Skills Workshop
- Theatre/School Trips
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- Chicken Food

We appreciate all FBBS do to support our school. Thank you for supporting them too. Please consider joining this small team in the new academic year!

PCSO Visit to Year 5 & 6



On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome PCSO Rachel Darvill into school to speak with our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Her visit was both informative and inspiring, giving the children a valuable insight into the importance of making positive choices in life. During her session, PCSO Darvill spoke thoughtfully about a range of important topics, including anti-social behaviour, theft, criminal damage, knife crime, and the safe use of social media. She encouraged pupils to think carefully about the consequences of their actions and the impact they can have on themselves and others.

We would like to extend a big thank you to PCSO Darvill for taking the time to visit and share her experience and wisdom with us. Her message left a strong impression, especially the quote she shared to end the session:

"Life choices. Always do your best to make the right ones... and always do your best to learn from the wrong ones."

A powerful reminder that we all have the ability to shape our future by the decisions we make – and that mistakes can become opportunities for growth if we are willing to learn from them.

Summer Reading Challenge

We would love you to sign up to Thetford Library Summer Reading Challenge! We can't wait to hear all the books that you are reading.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Our Value is Courage

Our Big Question this week has been:

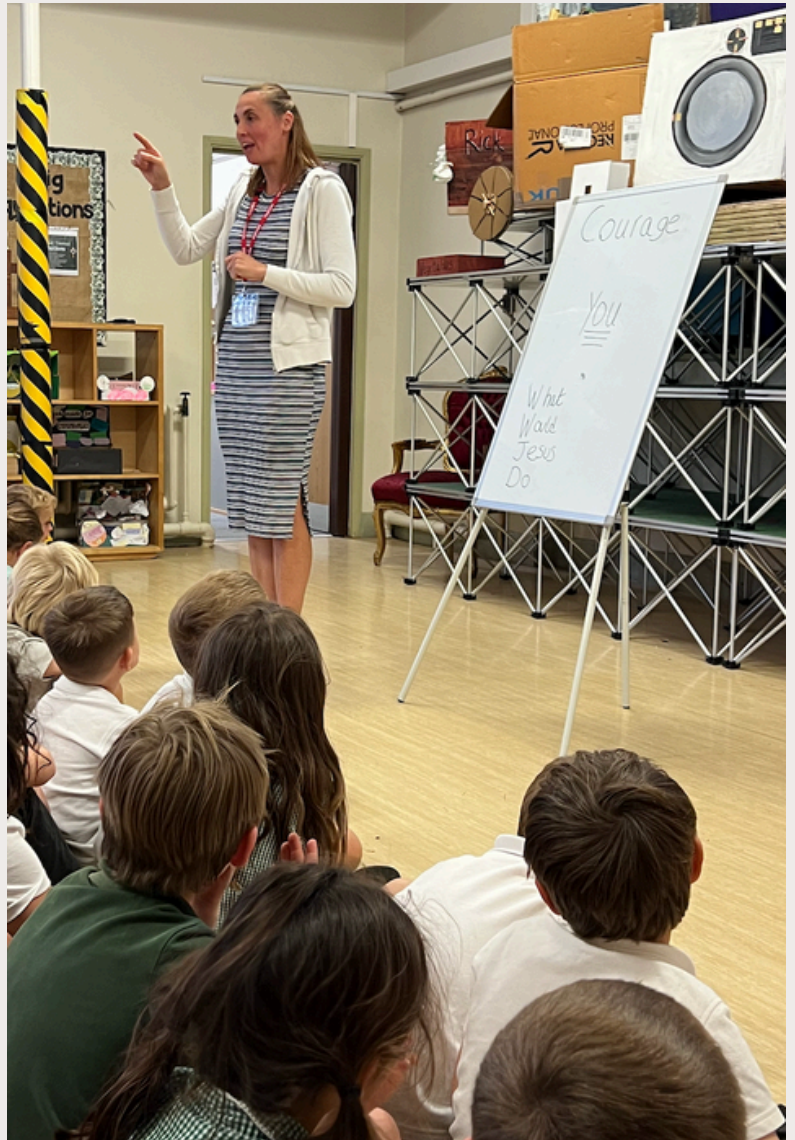
What role does faith play in giving us courage?

This week in Collective Worship, Steph shared 3 bible stories with us that all highlights how Jesus was courageous. She encouraged us to think about 'What Would Jesus Do?'

when we need to be reminded to be strong and courageous.

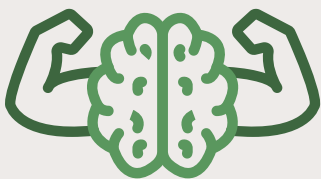
Thanks for visiting us Steph! We always love your visits.

Extra Big Question to ponder- How can we practice being courageous in our daily lives?



Next Academic Year

Next academic year, we are going to have one big value and drive for the whole year and this is going to be:



Resilience



Feel free to start conversations on this topic over the summer holidays.

Our COURAGE Bible Verse - Joshua 1 v 9- Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Lunch Menu for after the holidays

Wednesday 3 rd September	Thursday 4 th September	Friday 5 th September
Chicken goujons and herby potatoes OR Quorn Fillet Pancakes & ice cream	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet Ice lolly	Fish fillet, chips, beans and veg OR Vegi fingers Lemon drizzle cake

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term

1st September 2025 - 19th December 2025 (PD days 1st and 2nd - children start back on 3rd September)

Half-term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October (PD day Friday 24th October)

Spring Term

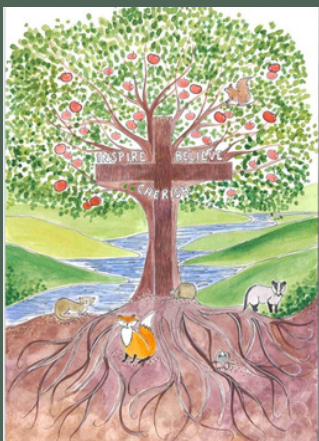
5th January 2026 - 27th March 2026 (PD day 5th January - children return on 6th January)

Half-term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Summer Term

13th April -2026 - 20th July 2026 (PD day 20th July- children finish on 19th July)

Half-term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May



OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you
are the branches.

Those who abide in my and I in
them, will bear much fruit.'

John 15:5