



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coronation Parade on Friday afternoon. It was a fun event and it was lovely to come together to mark the occasion and invite members of our community into school too.

This week our Year Six children embark on their SATs; we are so proud of them all and we hope they enjoy the Brainy Breakfast each morning!

We would like to congratulate our Foundation children and staff for their first week of swimming. The children have done so well and we have been so impressed with how much progress they are all making. What a busy time you are having Foundation Stage!

This week our Year Five children go on their residential to BF Adventures. We hope you all have a fantastic time and cannot wait to hear all about it on your return once you have dried out!

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Sports Day

Weather permitting, our Sports Day for all classes will take place on **Thursday 18th May morning**. We aim to start at 9:30 and will be finished by lunchtime. The PTCA will be serving cream teas (there will be a charge for this, so please remember your change) and we ask that you bring your own travel mug with a lid if you can. As always, if anyone has a gazebo that we can borrow, it is useful to provide some shelter for the children if we can. Please let Mrs Andrews know if you have one and if anyone is free to help us install them the day before (Wednesday 17th May)



Parking on the Roundabout

Last week we had two incidents whereby our children were out on a school trip / swimming and the bus was unable to come up the lane and use the turning circle up by school to park, unload the children and move onto their next job. Some of you will remember that a few years ago, this caused a number of issues and it resulted in a member of the public conversing with the parking officers who then came and started to ticket parents who were parking on the roundabout despite there being double yellow lines around it. **This includes the inside of the roundabout.**

The bus companies are unhappy and, as a result, we are warning parents to refrain from parking or stopping at the roundabout as an unannounced visit from the parking officers is likely.

We would also like to remind parents and grandparents that the school car park is also **not to be used** unless you are a blue badge holder.

Please help us to keep our children safe and if you can't find a space leading up to school, try somewhere else instead such as Devoran Lane.



Coronation Parade at Devoran School

Well done to all our children who worked hard to create some magnificent crowns last week. We hope that you all enjoyed the parade; it was lovely to see so many friends and family there and to also welcome members of our community to the event. You will have noticed that our PTCA have kindly bought each child a beautiful leather bookmark to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. We hope that your child enjoys using this and that they will treasure it to mark this special occasion. Thank you very much PTCA!

Term Dates Consultation 2024-2025

Cornwall Council is responsible for setting the term dates for maintained Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Cornwall. Other types of school, including Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Trust and Academy schools, are able to set their own term dates but are encouraged to use the same dates in order to promote consistency across the county.

Draft term dates

The proposed term dates are set in accordance with a three-term year model, with the main breaks taking place at Christmas, Easter and Summer. This is a long-established and accepted model in Cornwall and used in the vast majority of schools across the country.

Maintained schools are required to offer 190 days (380 half-day sessions) of education to pupils. The academic year includes 195 days, with the additional five days being allotted for in-service training (INSET). Academies do not have to follow this requirement but most will follow a very similar pattern.

The proposed dates are produced in consultation with Plymouth and Devon local authorities in order to prevent inconvenience to families and schools living and working close to or across local authority boundaries. The proposed dates for 2024/25 offer good consistency with those set by Plymouth and Devon Councils. Neither Plymouth nor Devon councils have yet set their dates for 2024/25.

Following the close of the consultation period all feedback received will be reviewed and a final decision on the term dates will be made by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families.

Confirmed term dates will be posted on the [Cornwall Council website](https://www.cornwallcouncil.gov.uk/).

2024-25 term date consultation

Cornwall Council is currently consulting on proposed term dates for the 2024/25 academic years.

If you would like to comment or provide feedback on the proposed dates please [complete the short survey](#).

The closing date is **26 May 2023**.

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DRAFT 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26		
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27		
Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	Thurs		7	14	21	28		
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29		
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24			
December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24		
Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25		
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		
March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27		
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June 2025							July 2025							August 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		5	12	19	26		
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

5 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 21-25 October 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

22 April - 25 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

