

ORCHARD SCHOOL YEAR PLANNER 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM A								
	24/8	31/8	7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10
INSET DAYS – Wed 19 th & Thurs 20 th August (Fri 21 st disaggregated)	Mon 24 th August – School Opens	Interventions Start Monday 31 st - Bank Holiday	Clubs Start Mon 7 th School Council President Hustings (Assembly)	Mon 14 th – Full Governors	French Theme Day in KS2 for European Day of Languages Thurs 24 th September	Mon 28 th - SEND Parent Coffee afternoon (HC)	Governors: Monday 5 th (Pay Committee)	All phases: Outcome Events KS1: DT – Trap for a Seagull Challenge LKS2: TBC
	Fri 28 th August 3.15-3.45pm - Meet the Teacher	KS1 Inspiration Day: Oh I do like to be beside the seaside. In-house seaside theme day (No cost) LKS2 Inspiration Day: Earth Rocks! Mantle of the Expert - 'The Orchard Stone Centre' UKS2 Inspiration Day: To Infinity and Beyond! Astronaut Training Day (In-House) Fri 4 th September - Character Ed Day including Rock Kidz visitors	Mon 8 th - classes to vote for School Council Reps Fri 11 th - Voting in classes for Y6 House Captains (x1 boy & x1 girl per House Team)	Monday 14 th Sept - School Council Election of President & Vice President	Friday 25 th - Macmillan House Cake Sale	Tues 29 th September 3.30-4.00pm KS1 Reading Workshop (EW) Thurs 1 st Oct - PTA Movie Night	Thurs 8 th – Phonics: Parent Workshops (TMG)	Parents' Evenings Mon 12 th (3.30-6.30) & Thurs 15 th (4.00-6.00) Book Fair <i>(Timestableathon info out)</i> School closes Friday 16 th October

HALF-TERM 19th-23rd October

AUTUMN TERM B							
26/10	2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12
Mon 26 th Oct - school opens KS1 Inspiration Day: Once Upon A Time – Trip to Tamworth Castle LKS2 Inspiration Day: Road Trip USA - Plan a road trip across the USA (in-house) Prospective Parents Open Day Tuesday 27 th October 9.30am Wednesday 28 th October 9.30am Thurs 29 th Oct 9.30am Friday 30 th October Halloween Dressing Up day EYFS – Owls Visitor (Tues or Wed afternoon)	Tues 3 rd Nov – prospective EYFS Stay & Play 3.30-4.15pm Wed 4 th Nov – KS2 Maths Workshop (CK) Fri 7 th November – Timestableathon UKS2 Visit to the National Space Centre (Mon or Tues)	NTS TEST WEEK & MOCK SATS Wed 11 th Nov Remembrance 'Discovery' afternoon Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day 9 th -13 th Nov (Odd Socks = Mon 9 th) Character Ed afternoon: Compassion (linked to kindness)	Y1 & Y5 Fire Safety Workshops TBC Road Safety Week 16 th - 22 rd November 2026 Friday 20 th Nov Children in Need (TBC)	Wed 25 th Nov - Rock Sam Higgins 2.30pm assembly with parents and chn	Christmas Tree Festival Week Wed 2 nd – Y2 Scootability a.m. & Y6 Gearing You UP p.m. Thurs 3 rd – PTA Festive Film Night	Mon 7 th Dec - Santa Dash Tues 8 th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance Tuesday 8 th - Full Governors Wed 9 th - EYFS Nativity Thurs 10 th - LKS2 Carol Concert Thurs 10 th Dec UKS2 Christmas Enterprise Scheme Outcome Events: KS1: In-house Medieval Day (No cost) LKS2: Orchard Travel Agency UKS2 Outcome Event: Creating a space museum Fri 11 th Dec – Theatre Group 2-3pm & Ice Cream Sale	Mon 14 th Choir: Carols in the Community 5-6.30pm (CK/HC) Tues 15 th - Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas Dinner) Christmas Parties (afternoons bar EYFS): Mon 14 th KS1 Wed 16 th LKS2 Thurs 17 th a.m. EYFS Fri 18 th UKS2 Thurs 17 th Dec - Progress checks out School closes Friday 18 th December

HALF-TERM Mon 21st Dec to Friday 1st January

SPRING TERM A						
4/1	11/1	18/1	25/1	1/2	8/2	HALF-TERM Monday 15 th – 19 th February
Monday 4th January – School opens KS1 Inspiration Day: Under the Sea. Trip to Birmingham Sea-Life Centre plus workshop LKS2 Inspiration Day: The Flintstones! In-house activity carousel: How Did People Survive During the Stone Age? UKS2 Inspiration Day: On Safari! Art Skills Day (in-house) & Twycross Zoo Conservation Outreach session	SEND parents session - outreach (HC)	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – Fri 22 nd		Tues 2nd Feb - Full Governors Children's Mental Health Week 1st-7th February KS1 Outcome Event: Atoll Marine Day LKS2 Outcome Event: Reading published 'Stone Boy' stories to a younger buddy UKS2 Outcome Event: African Drumming Experience – Sam Higgins Y6 Mocks – 2026 SATS paper for Trust Thursday 4th February PTA Movie Night	Chinese NY Discovery Day in EYFS Safer Internet Day Tues 9th Feb Parents' Evening Monday 8th (3.30-6.30) & Thursday 11th (4-6) School closes Fri 12th Feb	

SPRING TERM B				
22/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	HALF-TERM Monday 22 nd March – 2 nd April
NTS TEST WEEK Monday 22nd February - school opens KS1 Inspiration Day: Adventure is Out There. KS1: Trip to East Midlands Aeropark & Educaching – searching school grounds for clues about explorers LKS2 Inspiration Day: Raiders & Traders – Anglo Saxon Treasure hunt UKS2 Inspiration Day: In-house Greek Theme Day Fri 26th February - PTA Spring Disco	World Book Day - Thurs 4th March EYFS visit to the local library Fri 5th March - PTA Mother's Day Tea (Sunday 7th) Wednesday 3rd March – Sam Higgins 2.30pm performance with Rock Band/Parents in	British Science Week 5–14 March & Character Ed afternoon (Wed 10th): Curiosity Y5 White Hall Residential Wed 10th – Fri 12th March 2027	No Full Governors this half term as short March 15-21 Neurodiversity Week (HC leading) Thurs 18th March - Progress Checks out Fri 19th March – Red Nose Day (TBC) School closes Fri 19th March NTS DATA TO TS BY 19/3 <i>(Spellathon Lists Out)</i>	

SUMMER TERM A								
5/4	12/4	19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	HALF-TERM Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Monday 5th April – school opens to pupils <i>Y4 swimming starts</i> Fri 9th April - House Spellathon	Monday 12th April - Full Governors Y6 Mock SATS (2024)	Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th Y3 Residential LKS2 Raiders & Traders Outcome Event: Horrible Histories TV Clip UKS2 Outcome Event The Groovy Greeks – external provider workshop	LKS2 Inspiration Day: Where the Rainforest meets the Sea - Forest Schools Skills Day Trip (External Provider) or Katherine from Bumblegreen Books UKS2 Inspiration Day: All the fun of the fair - circus skills workshop (cost) or planning a theme park (in-house) House RAP Battle		KS2 SATS Mon 10th – Thurs 13th May Fri 14th May – PTA Rainbow Bounce KS1 Outcome Event: Explorers' Fair	NTS WEEK KS1 Inspiration Day: Wild Things. RSPB Outreach day – looking at habitats etc. within the school grounds New EYFS Forest School Stay & Play session Wednesday 19 th May Character Ed afternoon (Wed 19 th May): Teamwork	Thurs 27th May Sports Day KS2 a.m. & KS1 p.m. School closes Friday 28th May TMG to visit pre-schools	

SUMMER TERM B					
7/6	14/6	21/6	28/6	5/7	END OF TERM
Monday 7 th June – school opens Y4 MTC 2-week period from Monday 7 June Tuesday 8th - EYFS Trip (to avoid Download) Fri 11th - UKS2 Enterprise Scheme New Starter Session – children visit with Nursery Staff <i>(Download Festival – Friday June 11th)</i>	From Mon 14th June Y1 Phonics Screening Week Fri 18th June - PTA Father's Day Breakfast (Father's Day is June 20th) New Starter Sessions – Stay & Play sessions with parent meeting 3.30-4.30pm (Wed 16 th , Thurs 17 th June)	Monday 21st - Full Governors Wed 23rd June - New Starter Session– Stay & Play sessions with parent meeting 3.30-4.30pm Y6 Reward Trip Friday 25th June - Reports Out Fri 25th June PTA Summer Fair 3.15 p.m. – 4.30p.m. Rock Band/Drum performance <i>Last week for swimming</i>	Tuesday 29th June - Whole School Transition Morning & New Starter 'getting to know you' sessions: Group A 9.15-10.15am Group B 10.30-11.30am Group C 1.00.-2.00pm LKS2 Outcome Event: Zoo Lab UKS2 Outcome Event: Theme Park Visit KS1 Outcome Event: Wild Things Afternoon. Parents invited to look at work and to make bird feeders, bug hotels etc. Children to be Wild Thing Explorers and take adults on a tour of the school grounds (No cost) TBC: Golden afternoon for House Winners Mon & Wed Wed 30th June – Y6 dress rehearsal to whole school Thursday 1st July - Parents' Evening Friday 2nd July - Phase Awards Assembly PTA Leavers' Disco Fri 2nd July TBC: Y6 transition	Mon 5 th July - UKS2 Performance for parents School closes Tues 6th July – Orchardbury & SATS results	