

31st March 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

The school has had a very successful half term. There has been a plethora of activities taking place. Thank you for all the continuing support you provide for your children in their learning and helping us to ensure they enjoy and achieve.

Last Day of Spring Term

Friday 4th April is the last day of the Spring Term. The school will operate its customary compact day and will close at 1pm.

Start of Summer Term

The school will reopen to students on Wednesday 23rd April at the normal time.

ParentPay

Further to my letter on the 24th March, please can I remind all parents that they should be activating their ParentPay account. Details have been emailed or posted out to parents. Thank you for those that have registered, on Friday this stood at just over 700 students. However, this still leaves nearly 200 to register. Far less have funds added to their account.

From Wednesday 2nd April only children that are FSM or have an active ParentPay account with appropriate funds to purchase items from the canteen will be served in the canteen. If you are struggling to access your account you must contact us urgently. Those parents that have not acted on all my letters and texts from the Wednesday 2nd April will be required to provide a packed lunch for students. There has been ample time to register.

URGENT SQUID REFUNDS

Parents must contact sQuid, via their account to ask for a refund.

I am aware that the situation with sQuid is confusing. To add to this BBC news reported on Saturday 29th March that they had amended their policy and are now reducing the charge to £2.50. Schools received a further communication today which states they are willing to refund and work with schools on this. I have replied to say that we would be willing to do this, and I will update you when I know more. Clearly the sustained pressure from parents and schools has worked. It is of course unfortunate they did not uphold their earlier promise in the first place.

Emergency Closure

A reminder of our emergency closure procedure.

- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason, it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

Staffing changes

We have several staff leaving at the end of this term.

- After joining in September 2024 Mrs Metcalfe, SENDCO is departing to become an Assistant Headteacher in a special school.
- Mrs Marchewka, Learning Support Centre Coordinator, is also leaving after nearly two years.
- Mrs Bahra, Leader of Year 8, will also be leaving us at Easter after two years and two terms.
- I would like to thank all three staff for their hard work and the support they have provided to our students during the short time they have been with us.
- After nearly 12 years in the school Ms Edwards has also been promoted to Assistant Headteacher in a school closer to home. Ms Edwards has held several roles in the school and is currently Leader of Key Stage 5 and Designated Teacher for Children Looked After. As such Ms Edwards has had a huge impact on large numbers of students and I thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the years.
- Finally, after nearly 19 years at Wexham, Mrs Haggerty, Higher Level Teaching Assistant, is taking well-earned retirement. During her many years as a Teaching Assistant, she has supported many children in the classroom with Special Educational Needs, also more recently teaching small groups for SEND intervention. I would also like to thank her for all her hard work over the many years.

For the remainder of the year matters relating to SEN will be overseen by Ms Bains, Deputy Headteacher and our Deputy SENDCO. I will also be involved at a more technical level due to my experience as a SENDCO. Year 8 will be led by Mr George, Leader of Key Stage Three. Ms Edward's role as Designated Teacher for Children Looked After will pass to Mrs Wellspring, Assistant Headteacher.

We also have a new member of staff starting after Easter called Ms Dirie who will be Leading Careers and teaching Geography. This is a new position in line with our school expansion. I am also very pleased to say Mr Frost, who has been a cover supervisor in the school for some time, will now join the teaching staff as a Teacher of Drama and PE.

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 5 th September – Tuesday 10 th September 2024	Students first day of the term
	Friday 27 th September 2024	Delayed start to the School Day due to Open Evening the night before. School will open at 9.30, registration will be at 9.40am
	Monday 7 th October 2024	Academic Progress Day – ALL STUDENTS
	Thursday 24 th October 2024	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Tuesday 15 th October	Year 11 Information Evening
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 4 th November 2024	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 7 th November 2024	@Wexham Awards Evening – Invited guests only
	Thursday 12 th December 2024	Year 11 Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6.45pm
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday	
Spring Term	Monday 6 th January 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 9 th January 2025	Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Wexham's Got Talent
	Tuesday 4 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 24 th February 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Change of Date Year 10 Parents' Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Holiday	
Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Thursday 8 th May 2025	Year 9 Pathways Evening – 3.45 – 6.45pm
	Monday 5 th May 2025	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Culture Day Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 17 th July 2025	@Wexham PE and Sport Awards Evening – Invited guests only
	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm

Term and Important Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 4 th September 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Friday 5 th September 2025	First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 8.35 for 8.40am start First Day of Term for Students in Year 11 9.00am start
	Monday 8 th September 2025	Year 7 and 11 - 8.35 for 8.40am start Years 8, 9, 10 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Tuesday 9 th September 2025	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start*
	Friday 24 th October 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st November 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 3 rd November 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm	
	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 13 th February 2026	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 23 rd February 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 13 th 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 4 th May 2026	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st June 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm