



Osborne Co-operative Academy

Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear All

As we come to the end of the summer term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the significant Trust achievements this academic year.

Firstly, we are very pleased to announce that Claire Dawson has been appointed as the permanent headteacher of East Tilbury Primary School from 1st July 2025. Claire has worked at East Tilbury since the trust started in 2012 and was one of our first trustees on the original trust board. We look forward to her taking East Tilbury on the next phase of its educational journey. To support the Executive Headteachers – Primary in their work across schools, we are pleased to confirm that Emma Coakley and Lisa Davies are confirmed as the permanent heads of school at Stanford-Le-Hope Primary School and Thameside Primary School respectively. In September, Joanne Matthews will be seconded from Horndon-on-the-Hill Primary School to become the interim Head of School at Arthur Bugler Primary School. Joanne comes with significant leadership experience and has been leading on the NPQ Leading Primary Maths. We wish her all the best in her new role.

During this academic year, we have experienced Ofsted inspections in all our RAAC affected schools. The Trust is in the position of having 12 good schools and we now look forward to developing our Trust Aspirations in 2025/26 to prepare for the new Ofsted framework and build an exemplary trust.

Congratulations to our primary schools on a really good set of Key Stage 2 results. The hard work and dedication of all our teachers in supporting the pupils in their achievements is much appreciated. The improvement in Maths is particularly welcome as this has been a whole trust focus this academic year.

I would like to remind you that the Trust buys into the Education Support Partnership Employee Assistance Programme. It is a free, confidential support service which provides information and advice 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The phone number for this service is 08000 856 148. I would like to encourage you to use this wellbeing support if you need free counselling or financial advice. A leaflet is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Please also find attached at the end of this newsletter a revised calendar for your reference for the academic year 2025/2026, which now ends a day earlier on Monday 20th July 2026. The last day for pupils is unchanged and is on Friday 17th July 2026.

We will be welcoming all our staff back for the new academic year on Monday 1st September 2025 and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 which are both training days. The first day for pupils in the new academic year is Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Finally, I would like to share that on Saturday 11th October 2025 we will be holding a governance conference at Thames Park Secondary School facilitated by Caroline Wright, CEO of BESA. The focus of the conference will be to review the impact of the Trust Aspirations and discuss the outcome of the communication audit that took place during the summer term.

With very best wishes for an enjoyable and peaceful summer

Paul Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer



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RAAC

We continue to make good progress on the St Clere's School new build project. We are coming to the end of the feasibility stage and moving to the procurement stage which is where we work with the DfE to obtain the main contractor. This is a lengthy process and can take anything up to 12 months. This is a really exciting project as in the end we will have a brand-new state of the arts building that meets the needs of all our students.

We are working closely with our Technical Advisors on producing a Project Executive Summary (PES) for the DfE as part of new build project at Thameside Primary School. We are hoping to be able to start works on site in summer 2026. This project will see the removal of the current demountable classrooms, which will be replaced with permanent classrooms within the new block.

We expect the new build projects at East Tilbury Primary School and Arthur Bugler Primary School to come on line in 2026.

Capital Projects

With the capital funding the Trust receives, we continue to invest in our estate. Over the summer we have a number of large projects taking place across some of our schools. The six- week closure is an ideal time to carry out these works as it causes the least disruption. Some of the projects being carried out are replacement toilets, ceiling and lighting replacements, new roof, classroom enclosures, CCTV installation.

Janet Clark
Chief Operations Officer

Staff Wellbeing

The Trust supports the DfE's wellbeing charter and in a commitment to staff wellbeing the Employee Assistance Programme, through The Education Support Partnership (ESP) has been purchased again for the next academic year (2025/2026).

This service is a confidential, support service available to all staff employed at Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust.

Education Support Partnership are the only UK charity dedicated to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of teachers and education staff in schools, colleges and universities.

You may see flyers and posters around your school, but for ease we have inserted a tile within your launch pad on RM Unify so you can see full details of this scheme and the services that are available to you.

We have had some excellent feedback from users of this service and hope that all staff can benefit.

Louise Guy
Director of HR



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STEAM Update

This academic year has marked a dynamic and pivotal period for STEAM across our Trust. One area of development was around real-world engagement, and we've strengthened ties with local businesses and community partners. One standout opportunity has come through the Lower Thames Crossing Project, which received formal approval in May. As a result, we're now able to collaborate with the project's education team, who have already carried out multiple school visits in designated priority areas chosen based on their proximity to the development and the anticipated impact of the tunnel. Pupils gained an understanding of the machinery involved in the project and were introduced to key areas such as health and safety, construction, engineering, and the vital role of sustainability in today's world.

Another hugely successful moment was a visit to the Bett Show at London's iconic ExCel Centre, which was a first for the Trust. Having pupils from year 6 and sixth form provided an opportunity for them to be inspired by cutting edge technology and get a feel for future digital learning. The freebies were also well received!



Twenty Year 6 pupils attended the Primary Engineer celebration event at Ford Dunton. Here they had to discuss their tower design and construction processes with Ford Engineers, as well as taking part in the tilt and drop test. The process was thorough, and three pupils were runners up for overall best tower, earning a medal and certificate in the process. We are so proud of our engineers.



All our schools have worked with TechSheCan who have run workshops focusing on communication in space and robotics. They primarily aim to engage girls in STEAM related subjects as they are underrepresented in industry. A female engineer from Airbus also hosted a live event where over 600 KS2 pupils across the Trust had an opportunity to recognise her journey into the world of aerospace and were able to have an engaging Q&A session.

These are some of our STEAM activities that have taken place this academic year and have had additional learning opportunities by Primary Science Teaching Trust for British Science week, internal workshops on AI, aspirations week and staff CPD. We have also continued work with the Royal Society, Digit<all> and Amazon.



Next academic year we look forward to Discovery Week at Port of Tilbury where students will go behind the scenes at one of UK's most vital and fast paced sectors over the course of five days. Areas they will explore include operations, engineering, marine and green skills and will get an amazing insight into career paths and practical next steps. We will also have a focus on transition in Computing and Science where the work has already started to ensure our learners secure the best possible opportunities during this phase and beyond.

A huge thank you to all staff, pupils, families, and partners across the Trust who have played a part in making this year such a success, we couldn't do it without you.

Ravi Chagger
Trust Assistant Headteacher



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Thameside Primary School

Earth Day Project

In April, as part of Earth Day 2025, the school council worked with Mrs Allinson to repurpose a planter for our school garden. The school council members worked together to plant flowers and shrubs



Mersea 2025

Year 6 had an unforgettable trip to Mersea Essex Outdoors, where they took on exciting activities like kayaking, the zipwire, high ropes, and more! They also built confidence, teamwork, and resilience which are skills they'll carry with them in the future.



School Council VE 80 Commemoration

On Thursday 8th May, the KS2 School Council members took part in an event to commemorate the VE80 celebrations in our local area. The pupils attended a memorial service to remember and reflect on all those who have given their lives in war and conflict. After the memorial service, they had the opportunity to complete a guided tour walk which focussed on the history of Grays linked to VE80. They also had the opportunity to meet Madam Mayor, Councillor Kairen Raper and asked questions about her role and visited the chamber. They attended a tea party which included artefacts, decorations and music!



School Garden

Everything in the garden is growing like mad and there'll be some things to harvest before the end of term (cucumbers, potatoes, strawberries, lettuce, tomatoes and beans.) There'll be plenty growing in the garden in September too. Year 5 sowed lots of tomato, cucumber and pepper seeds in the spring term and some of these are growing in the polytunnel.

We've have given away more than a hundred plants to families again this year. The School Council and the gardening club have repurposed some of our site managers old pallets and turned them into planters.

Mr and Mrs Allinson have worked really hard alongside the children on the maintenance and upkeep of the garden and we are very grateful to them.



Little Thurrock Primary School

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Borough Olympics success for LTPS

On Friday the 13th June, our Borough Olympics team travelled to Thurrock Athletics Stadium at Blackshots to take part in the annual Borough Olympics event. This year, we achieved even higher success, once again winning the field and this time winning the track as well. This meant that Little Thurrock won group 3 and as a result have been promoted to group 2 next year. Special congratulations to all the children who were very well-prepared by Mrs Farrow and the Star Sports Team.



LTPS School Council visit the Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday 25th June, Mrs Smith took some of the school council to the Houses of Parliament. They got to see the House of Commons and the House of Lords as well as the central lobby and Westminster Hall. The children even got to get a close-up view of where King Charles sits when he comes into the House of Lords. They also met Lord David Blunkett and his dog Barley, who stopped to talk to them on the way into the House of Lords! Our visit was arranged by our local MP Jen Craft who joined us on our visit and answered lots of our questions. It was a fabulous day, and the children represented themselves and our school beautifully.

Infant Music Festival

Some of our KS1 children took part in the Annual Infant Music Festival on 1st July with Miss Joynes and Mrs Barrett. They have been learning several songs in preparation for the event in their lunchtime singing club. We were delighted to be accompanied live on the piano by Mrs Barrett to sing our chosen school song – “You’ve got a friend in me”. Well done to all the children for your fantastic singing.



Ford Primary Engineer Event

On Thursday 19th June, 5 children from our DT club joined Mr Pennigton to visit Ford Dunton to celebrate the power of engineering! As part of a STEM Construction Programme, some of our KS2 pupils built and tested their own constructions while getting to interact with engineering professionals. They had prepared for the event in their lunchtime DT club with Mr Pennigton. We were super proud of Megan who was awarded the Ford Young Engineer award for her construction!



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Bonnygate Primary School



On 18th June Year 4 visited Kent Life. We took part in an ancient Egyptian workshop where we discovered what life was really like in ancient Egypt. We then had time to look around the farm and enjoy a tractor ride around the grounds. It was a hot but very enjoyable day!



In Reception, we have studied the lifecycle of butterflies for a few weeks. We released all of the beautiful butterflies. It was so magical when they took flight one at a time.



Some of our Year 2 children took part in the Infant Music Festival at the Civic Hall. We were so proud of how well they performed on the day.

Key Stage 2 participated in Borough Olympics and all children did their absolute best on the day. We came 2nd in track and 4th in field and 3rd overall.



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Stanford-le-Hope Primary School



Exploring Trade Through Time

In celebration of the 500th year of the Horndon Wool Market, our pupils took part in an exciting competition sponsored by DP on behalf of Horndon-on-the-Hill Feast & Fayre, exploring the evolution of trade from past to present and looking ahead to the future. Children researched and produced creative designs to be displayed on containers showing the "Journey of Trade Through Time," competing alongside local schools in Stanford-le-Hope, Corringham and Horndon-on-the-Hill. We are incredibly proud to announce our winners.

Borough Olympics Success

This term, our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils represented our school with determination and teamwork at the Borough Olympics, competing in a range of track and field events. Their efforts saw them bring home numerous medals and achieve an impressive 6th place overall. It was fantastic to see their growth mindset in action, with each child supporting one another and showing true sportsmanship throughout the day.

Year 6 Mersea Residential

Some of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting residential trip to Mersea, where they took part in a variety of adventurous activities including kayaking, vertical challenges, the team swing, off-road biking and many more. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop valuable teamwork and independence skills in a supportive and fun environment, and it was wonderful to see them challenging themselves, encouraging each other and creating lasting memories before their transition to secondary school.



A New Chapter for Our Library

We were thrilled to officially open our newly revamped woodland-themed library, a project that has transformed our reading space into a calm, inspiring environment for all pupils to enjoy. Our opening event was attended by representatives from Tesco, the Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust, and the PFA, alongside councillors, staff, and parents who generously supported the project.

Year 5 readers Isla, Charlie, and Freya, along with Year 1 singers, provided entertainment, and School Council members Evelyn, Sydney, Yamna, and Tomi proudly showcased the new space to our visitors.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Ellul, who has led this project over the last two years, and to all staff, parents and children who helped clear, sort and fundraise for the library. Special thanks also to our community supporters for their donations, knitted woodland creatures and balloon displays that made the event so special.

Our guests were impressed with the welcoming, inspiring environment and we look forward to seeing our pupils continue to develop a lifelong love of reading in this beautiful space.





Brentwood County High School

It has been a very busy, but enjoyable and successful term in “the circle” at BCHS. Through a detailed programme of trips, events, assemblies, and PD activities, we have been working to support the growth of our students’ character and, through our ACE strategy, enable their achievement to flourish.

We hosted our first Culture Week, which was predominantly led by our wonderful Sixth Form students. The week included a variety of activities such as assemblies, PD sessions, inspirational guest speakers, and culminated in our Culture Fair. The fair featured stalls representing a range of countries and showcased food, music, cultural dress, and games. The week was a massive success, and planning has already started for 2026!



Some of our PE and MFL students were fortunate to travel abroad: our girls' football and netball teams attended InspireFest in Malaga, where the netballers finished second and the footballers beat a local academy team. The team spirit and progress made by the girls was amazing—especially given that the opposition included older students! Meanwhile, our French students visited Paris, where they practised their language skills and immersed themselves in French culture. Of course, there was time for sightseeing too, with a cruise down the Seine and a visit to Disneyland.



Our Duke of Edinburgh programme goes from strength to strength, with increasing numbers at both Bronze and Silver level. Successful expeditions have taken place in Essex, Sussex, and other locations across the South-East of England, with students braving hot and sunny conditions to complete the expedition component of the award.



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Arthur Bugler Primary School



We commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE day earlier this term, it was great to see the children dressed in red, white and blue or the uniforms of the community groups that they attend. We had Beavers, Cubs, Rainbow, Brownies and Scouts, all proudly showing their badges of achievement. During the day children learnt about the day by completing a variety of activities. We held a minute's silence in respect to the armed forces who took part WW2, particularly those involved in the liberation of Europe.

Year 4 kicked off their new topic for this term '*Ancient Civilisations*' with a truly unforgettable Wow Starter Day from Portal of the Past! The school hall was transformed into a world of pyramids, pharaohs, and mysterious tombs as the children arrived dressed as ancient Egyptians — we had mighty pharaohs, wise priests, fearless servants, and we even had a few archaeologists roaming and



At the end of April, a group of our Year 6 students visited the inaugural Osborne conference on the environment and sustainability within our schools. The children designed a poster and gave a presentation on what we do at Arthur Bugler including our geography and PSHE curriculum which covers the environment, farming and climate change. Our recycling and litter picking initiatives, walk to school week, Bikeability and various energy-saving features of our school building including lighting and heating. The children listened to the other schools and created a trust charter to further enhance the work we already do. It was a great experience for the pupils, and they represented the school tremendously.

During the week of the 9th May we had 'Maths week' where children took part in a range of activities throughout the week including looking at maths in art and guessing the heights of staff members! The children have paired up with another class across the school to carry out maths activities which the children have loved. Parents and carers also came into school to play maths games, and we ended the week with TT Rock Stars day.





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Doddinghurst C of E Junior School

We are thrilled to share the outcome of our recent SIAMS Inspection, which confirmed that Doddinghurst Junior School is a school where "pupils and adults flourish together, united by a deeply embedded Christian vision." The report praises our school community as "vibrant, inclusive and spiritually nurturing," and highlights the "transformational impact of collective worship" in daily school life. We are incredibly proud that the report recognised how "Christian values are not just taught, they are lived."



In addition to this affirmation of our distinctively Christian ethos, we have enjoyed continued sporting success this term. Our pupils were crowned District Champions in both Cricket and Quad Kids Athletics, and we now look forward to representing the district at the county finals. These achievements are a testament to the teamwork, resilience and determination shown by all involved.



We also recently returned from a fantastic Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight. It was a week filled with unforgettable memories and growth beyond the classroom.

We are proud of all our pupils, staff and families who make Doddinghurst Junior School such a special place to learn, grow and flourish together



East Tilbury Primary School

Congratulations to East Tilbury Primary School who were crowned champions at the St Clere's swimming gala 🏆🏊

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Our Year 5 children took part in a local walk hosted by our Arts and Culture Young Ambassadors. The children spent time at Coalhouse Fort and the surrounding countryside to explore the theme of 'our commitment to protecting the coastal areas of the UK'. As a school, we have partnered with Kinetika for over 10 years now and it was a privilege to once again be part of the organisations summer festival - we were the launch event! Our Year 5 Young Ambassadors have been working with Kinetika over the whole year to plan for this event day and prepare some wonderful art pieces to encourage families to 'walk – talk – explore' together (you will receive this today). A big well done to all involved – it was a great day of leadership, learning and exploration.



In June, the school were visited by Rocksteady, a company looking to help support and create young children to pick up instruments or sing in bands together. Elliot came to us in the morning, performed on the guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard: including some well-known songs - from Never Gonna Give You Up to Beautiful Things.

He then had a staff band perform We Will Rock you and later, each key stage took part in a workshop to create a student band. The key stage 2 band were called Electric Meerkat Pizza!





Warren Primary School

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Lights, Camera, Action!

We had two exciting immersive theatre adventures with Kit Pathways this term. These experiences develop pupils creativity, confidence and critical thinking while connecting them with their local creative community.



Year 4 Enviro-takeover @ Thameside Theatre!

Year 4 pupils were recruited to join T.R.E.E. (an organization that aims to sow the seeds of positive climate action by inspiring through creativity). Two weeks of creating banners, writing articles and doing performances and speeches led to the finale as Year 4 travelled to Thameside Theatre, snuck in through the side entrances and hosted an underground Climate Action Festival. This experience explored social responsibility and engaged all pupils to see the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Reception Alien 'egg landing'

Reception pupils had a video message from an agent that something had landed near our school. They were told to go and look for something and discovered a large, strange egg in the back of our forest school. The agent was due to collect what we found, but the day she arrived, there were broken egg pieces!

Pupils figured something must have hatched and explored the school grounds and found Nanoo the alien. This sparked curiosity, encouraged exploration and the interaction with the alien allowed pupils to share their knowledge.



Royal Ballet and Opera

Warren Primary is a RBO Legacy School and our Chance to dance pupils were invited once again to perform at the ROH Covent Garden, as part of The Royal Ballet's Next Generation Festival. It was a very physically challenging piece of movement that required an immense amount of strength, creativity and balance. Many hours of rehearsals in London each weekend saw them deliver an outstanding performance receiving a standing ovation in both performances!





Thames Park Secondary School

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Fame Jr The Musical

The annual Thames Park Secondary School summer musical this year was...Fame Jr The Musical. Over 60 students made up both the cast and crew running the performance themselves and students learning how to use the mics and our new follow spot. Students worked tirelessly for 6 months to bring to life the performance and showed outstanding solidarity and caring for others throughout that process, with students from year 7 - 10 making new friends and enjoying first-hand the experience of bringing a play/musical from page to stage.

Over three days, the students performed to Thameside, Woodside and Little Thurrock Primary Schools as well as 2 evening performances to family and friends as well, all were a success and those who watched were so impressed with the sheer talent of our students - from the singing to the acting to the famous split jumps in the air as well. The students were so proud of themselves for all their hard work as were all the audience members, staff, friends and family that come to support the performance as well.



Globe Theatre Trip

This half-term Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to attend trips to the Globe Theatre in London. The students had a brilliant tour of the theatre (with a chance to see rehearsals taking place!) and participated in an engaging and exciting workshop which explored a Shakespeare play through drama. The students loved every minute, and we are looking forward to taking more students to experience this amazing trip next year!



Tower of London

On the 16th of May 2025, 35 Year 10 Historians from Thames Park Secondary School visited the Tower of London to complete a workshop on Early Elizabethan England as part of their GCSE History studies. Students examined physical and documentary evidence and considered how the Tower of London can be used as barometer of national turmoil through the crises, plots, and religious unrest under Elizabeth's reign. Students also had a tour of the Tower of London as a whole. It was an extremely successful day, where students enhanced their knowledge on Elizabethan England even further and gained a deep appreciation of British history, monarchy, and Tudor life, all in a dramatic and authentic setting.

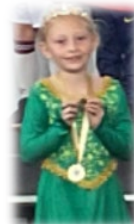




Horndon-on-the-Hill C of E Primary School

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We held our first ever 'Horndon's Got Talent' during the summer term with David van Day (from the group Dollar) as one of the guest judges. The show was opened by our own 'Lakeside Singers' who were followed by a variety of acts. All the children who took part were winners; however, after much deliberation from the judges, the overall winner was Mia G, who sang a song from the hit musical Shrek.



The children who represented the school at the Borough Olympics this year were placed in the same group as seven large schools but they did not let this deter them. They managed 3rd place, which earned them so remarkable praise from the compere. As we left the competition, one of the children said 'We are small but mighty, Miss.' We agreed!

Year 6 attended their first residential at Stubbers this term. They had an amazing time and came back with some incredible memories.



Wishing you all a very peaceful and restful Summer from all the staff and pupils at Horndon on the Hill CofE Primary.



St Clere's School

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Trust Football Tournament

The collaboration between the three secondary schools is going from strength to strength. The three PE departments are developing links, and the first football tournament was held at St Clere's. It was a great atmosphere and wonderful to see the schools coming together. Our year 8 and year 9 teams won their categories with year 7 runners up. The best part though is this picture...



Student Leadership

Following consultation with students, we have refined our leadership opportunities that go from year 13 to year 7. We have created more opportunities for students and developed links between the year groups with year 13s taking on significant leadership roles. Several roles have been appointed with the Head Captains to be decided. Students have been through a rigorous process for each role.



Year 9 Charity Match

The school community came together to raise money for two charities with an important meaning to two year 9 students. Team Cancer Research took on Team Young Minds in the year 9 charity football match organised by Carter and his friends. Staff, students and families attended the match. Over £1,500 was raised for the two charities.

Training School Success

The ITT graduation for all our secondary and primary trainees – now qualified teachers – was a lovely event to mark all their hard work. The ITT partnership has added another 24 teachers to the profession this year. Congratulations to all the trainees, mentors and support team involved in the partnership.





A global community of values-driven individuals who, together, flourish.

Our Trust Aspirations

Embrace Values

We are guided by our co-operative values in everything we do.

- Our trust listens to pupils, parents, and staff and use their feedback to further improve our impact.
- Our trust values the diversity of the communities that we serve by enriching knowledge, fostering understanding and broadening experiences so that everyone belongs and thrives.

Create Opportunities

We create chances for all.

- Our pupils exceed national expectations through clearly articulated, ambitious, shared and adapted curriculum which is underpinned by our co-operative values.
- Our trust retains and attracts high-quality staff through training opportunities, a shared understanding and commitment to quality teaching, along with clear career pathways.
- Our trust's commitment to mental wellbeing supports and engages every member of our community as partners in education.

Own Impact

We are responsible for what we do and we are evaluated on our impact.

- Our Governance and Leadership drive improvements and hold all parts of our organisation accountable to the highest standards, ensuring secured outcomes, environmental sustainability and financial viability.
- Our growth strategy is clear and well-articulated, demonstrating our aspirations for growth and a detailed plan to achieve them.

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Honesty – Openness – Social Responsibility – Caring for Others

Osborne Term Dates for 2025-26

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= School Days



= School Holidays



= Bank Holidays



= Weekends



= additional autumn
half term



= Non-Pupil Days

Autumn Term:	Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025	75 days
	Half Term 27 th October – 31 st October	
	(Additional Half Term 20 th October – 24 th October)	
Spring Term:	Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026	55 days
	Half Term 16 th February – 20 th February	
Summer Term:	Monday 13th April 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026	65 days
	Half Term 25 th May – 29 th May	
		195 days

Practical and emotional support just when you need it

Your Employee Assistance Programme



Support for
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and at work



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coaching
for managers



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and general
help

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