



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

What an extraordinary Open Evening last night! I must take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our student helpers and tour guides. They were an absolute credit to the school. We received multiple comments from visiting families who shared how impressed they were by their confidence, pride, and extensive knowledge of the school. Their genuine enthusiasm for our school community is what makes our school so amazing, and I cannot thank you enough for coming out on a dark, autumn evening to collect them. Closing the doors last night after such a successful event was an incredibly proud Principal moment.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated and hard-working staff who put in so much effort to make the evening such a special one. If you attended yourself, you would have witnessed some of our Young Voices Choir perform, and listened to a handful of fabulous Year 5s, who shared their experiences to date. Well done: Arthur, Charlie, Suraya, Isabella, Emily and Max! You have all been awarded a Principal's Award for your efforts.

As many of you are aware, non-uniform days are sometimes a school's only means of fundraising for new initiatives—things that aren't compulsory but would be fantastic additions to the student experience. With school funding tighter than ever I'm delighted to share that yesterday's non-uniform day raised over **£1200**. There is still time to pay your contribution via ParentMail. Thank you for your support.

Next week, we continue with our road safety education for KS2 and are welcoming guest speakers to deliver a Green Cross Code assembly. This is one of many exciting initiatives over the coming academic year linked to sustainability and environmentally friendly practices. KS2 students can look forward to their Bikeability award, the use of VR sets to support with travel safety and visits from Dr Bike, who is going to help maintain your bicycles.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend!



A Message from Mrs Poxson

This October, we are proud to be taking part in the global event 'The Big Draw'. Throughout the month, students and staff will have the opportunity to take part in a range of drawing activities in their lessons and/or at social times. Activities include: - 'Draw with Rob'. - 'Live' drawing. - Drawing to music. - Inktober - Collaborative artwork



What's on this week?

Monday 20th October	Tuesday 21st October	Wednesday 22nd October	Thursday 23rd October	Friday 24th October
 <p>Every KS2 and KS3/4 lunchtime this week</p> <p>'Draw with Rob'</p>  <p>Drawing tutorials will be on the TV screens during lunchtime and paper and pencils will be available to use.</p> <p>REMINDER: Please hand in your completed 'Inktober' drawings after half term - there will be prizes for the best form group entries!</p>				

Pix Brook PTA

We are in the early stages of setting up Pix Brook's first ever **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** with the aim to support the school through fundraising as well as other areas of school life.

At this stage we are just looking for expressions of interest either **as a volunteer** or in one of our **essential statutory roles**: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

This is an **entirely voluntary organisation** where no prior experience is necessary – just your enthusiasm and time.

If this does interest you please email Mr Scott and he will be in touch with further information in due course.

AScott@bestacademies.org.uk

A Message from Bedfordshire Police

Bedfordshire Police have asked us to share the following information to help protect students personal belongings and improve the chances of recovering lost or stolen items:

Register Your Child's Mobile Phone – Immobilise

This free service helps police identify and return lost or stolen phones and other valuables. By registering your child's device, you're helping protect their property and increasing the chances of recovery if it goes missing. The website also offers helpful advice on keeping devices safe and secure. It only takes a few minutes to register, and it's completely free—please take a moment to do this and help keep your child's phone safe.

www.immobilise.com/help/registermobilephone

Lost Property – Report My Loss

This free service allows you to register lost items, which can then be accessed by police and other agencies to help recover them. You'll also receive a reference number that can be used for insurance claims or replacement processes.

www.reportmyloss.com/uk.

A Message from Mrs Linehan

Congratulations to our Principal Award winners this week:

Hannah, Nicole, Brooke, Darcey, Arthur, Charlie, Suraya, Isabella, Emily and Max
Photos to follow next week!

Ivy Runs for Charity

Congratulations to Ivy from Year 5, who ran her first 5k last weekend, as part of the Great Ormond Street Hospital event "Race for the Kids."
Great job, Ivy!



Well Played, Scarlett!

Scarlett from Turing Class (year 5) is a future netball star who was awarded the coach's Player of the Match today. She was an amazing defender and kind team member who looked after her injured teammate and called over their coaches for support.
Well done, Scarlett!



EdShed Results

Well done to everyone who completed their EdShed homework this week!

Here are the ten highest-scoring classes!

Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Blackman	115,666,129
2.	Tolkien	107,887,904
3.	Morpurgo	74,544,556
4.	Austen	58,300,522
5.	Angelou	47,692,514
6.	Zephaniah	46,006,129
7.	Attenborough	44,378,163
8.	Shakespeare	42,800,710
9.	Turing	39,859,911
10.	Pankhurst	39,318,898

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Morpurgo	82,159,897
2.	Austen	11,133,034
3.	Tolkien	10,295,267
4.	Blackman	10,118,346
5.	Zephaniah	6,153,733
6.	Angelou	5,468,950
7.	Pankhurst	3,455,726
8.	Turina	2,260,006
9.	Phonics	1,585,617
10.	Shakespeare	156,354

Inktober - The Big Draw!

KS2 have been brilliant at getting involved in some drawing activities this week! On Monday, we drew along to music in the art room, and on Wednesday took out drawing out of the classrooms and into the canteen and playground to draw together at lunchtime.



KS2 Science - It's a Sticky Subject

Attenborough Class (year 5) completed a science investigation this week, testing the impact of friction. The children had to see how many jelly cubes they could pick up with chopsticks before and after adding oil.

Homework - Years 7 & 8

Year 7 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	MCL, CCN, SCS, HHE, LMN, NLE	Monday	Monday	Various - pre reading and research on topics which we are studying. Some SENECA tasks.	1 hour PW
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA, RJN	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY, JSK	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, creative task or google form revision quiz for each topic	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom	30 mins
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: eg. Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes	30-40 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Any lesson on the rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young Mrs White	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant & Miss McGuigan	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes	10 minutes

Year 8 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, CCN, LMN, SCS, HHE	Monday	Monday	Pre- reading & research into topics which we will be studying. Some SENECA tasks. Consolidation of learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY, JSK	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, creative task or google form revision quiz for each topic.	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins to an hour
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks eg: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes.	30-40 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Food rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation.	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young Mrs White	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes	10 minutes

Homework - Years 9 & 10

Year 9 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, SCS, RSN, CCN, HHE	Monday	Monday	Pre-reading & research into topics which we will be studying. Some SENeca tasks. Consolidation of learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1 hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards, Seneca.	30 minutes - 1 hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins to an hour
French	DSD, IPS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes.	45 mins
DT/Food Rotation	Miss Kinnear	Food Rotation	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation.	20 minutes
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Practical art tasks connected to the current project.	30 minutes
Computing	Mrs Brant	All	1 week to complete	Two mandatory homeworks per unit in Computing (6 units per year) Optional homeworks for challenge.	20 minutes
Drama	Mrs Jones	Once per half term	1 week to complete	Key term quizzes.	10 minutes

Year 10 Homework Timetable

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, SCS, CCN, EDN	Monday	Monday	Researching topics which we will be learning about. Revision tasks to prepare for mock exams and consolidate learning.	1 hour
Maths	SPL, CSN, OCE, DMN, JMN, NRA	Friday	Friday	Sparx maths	30 mins - 1 hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards Seneca.	30 minutes - 1 hour
History	EBE, CBN, SBS	Weekly	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins - 1hr
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom. Including revision and practice exam questions.	1-2 hours
French	DSD, IPS, VLS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes, revision, exam practice.	1 hour
DT	Mr Fleckney	When required	1 week after setting	Tasks to support the learning in class. Exam question practice. Research and design tasks for practical lessons.	30-60 mins
Art	Mrs Poxson Mrs Young	Every week	1 week to complete	Tasks to support the development of the students' coursework portfolios, for example preparing for lessons e.g. taking photos, artist research etc., working on artworks that have been started in class and presenting work into sketchbooks.	1-2 hours
Business	Miss McGuigan	10B- Thurs 10D- Tues	10B- Thurs 10D- Tues	Business context research task building a bank of mini case studies of businesses of their choice).	20mins
Philosophy	Mr Collins	Monday	Monday	Propello task + similar revision activity.	30 Mins
BTEC IT	Mrs Brant	10A/IT	1 week to complete	Weekly Know It All Ninja learning and quiz.	20 mins
Food	Miss Kinnear	10A Mon/Thurs 10B Weds/Thurs	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation for practical. Theory based exam style questions.	20 minutes 30 minutes
GCSE PE	Mr Dawson	Friday	1 week to complete	A01 content - recap of learning within class, 6-9 mark exam style questions, case studies linked to current issues in sport.	30 minutes - 1 hour
Drama	Mrs Jones	When required	1 week to complete	Learning lines, key term quizzes, set text knowledge tasks, group rehearsals.	10 minutes to 1 hour
Music	Tim Weed	Monday	Monday	Practice Journal, Listening questions.	

Homework - Year 11

Year 11 Homework

Subject	Teachers	Set	Due	Homework Tasks	Duration
English	SRS, MCL, RSN, EDN, CCN	Monday	Monday	Revision and consolidation tasks to prepare for mocks and GCSEs.	2 Hours
Maths	SPL, CSN, DMN, JMN	Friday	Friday	Sparx Maths	1hour
Science	EAS, JHL, FCK, SHS, HCK, CAY	Monday	Monday	Various tasks - Knowledge organiser, h/w sheet, exam questions, revision cards, seneca.	30 minutes - 1hour
History	EBE CBN, SBS	weekly	1 week to complete	Tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom.	30 mins -1hr
Geography	IPE, EIP	Once a fortnight	1 week to complete	Various tasks set on google classroom based on the topic they have been learning in the classroom. Including revision and practice exam questions.	1-2 hours
French	IPS, VLS	Once per week	1 week to complete	Various tasks eg: Quizlet, learning vocabulary, answering questions, worksheets, quizzes, revision, exam practice	1 hour
DT	Mr Fleckney	Every Week	1 week after setting	To continue with the NEA design folder. Completing pages from the lessons and acting on teacher feedback to support the work. GCSE Mock paper practice prior to scheduled mock exams.	1-2 hours
Art	Mrs Poxson	Every week	1 week to complete	Tasks to support the development of the students' coursework/exam portfolios, for example preparing for lessons e.g. taking photos, artist research etc., working on artworks that have been started in class and presenting work into sketchbooks.	1-2 hours
Drama	Mrs Jones	When required	1 week	Learning lines, key term quizzes, set text knowledge tasks, group rehearsals.	10 minutes to 1 hour
Business	Miss McGuigan	11A / 11D Weds	11A / 11D Weds	Business context research task (building a bank of mini case studies of businesses of their choice).	20mins
BTEC IT	Mrs Brant	11B/IT	1 week to complete	Weekly Know it All Ninja learning and quiz. Revision tasks.	20-40 mins
Food	Miss Kinnear	11C Mon/ Thurs 11D Tues/ Weds	1 week to complete	Food- Sensory evaluation for practicals Theory based exam style questions COURSEWORK also will have homework attached to it.	20 minutes 30 minutes Time limit will be set in lesson
GCSE PE	Mr Nicholl	Friday	1 week to complete	AO1 content - recap of learning within class, 6-9 mark exam style questions, case studies linked to current issues in sport.	30 minutes - 1 hour



Year 8 Options

Our Year 8 families are invited to view the slides from the Year 8 Options Evening. Please [click here](#) to view the slides.



Post-16 Options for Year 11

Knights Templar School and Etonbury Academy recently visited the students and gave a presentation about what to expect from their 6th form offer.

Both schools also have open evenings coming up that you can attend - have a look on their websites and register your interest.

Knights Templar School open event is on Thursday 23rd October [KTS Open Evening](#)

Etonbury Academy has a 6th form open event on Thursday 6th November [ETA Open Evening](#)



Key Open Evening Dates

- The Knights Templar School - Thursday 23rd October from 6.30pm
- Etonbury - Thursday 6th November from 5.30pm
- Samuel Whitbread - Thursday 13th November from 3.30pm
- North Herts College - 11th and 12th November (please see <https://www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents/> to register interest)
- Bedford College -Tresham College Wellingborough Campus 16th October from 5pm, Shuttleworth College Open Day 18th October from 9.30am and National College for Motorsport 21st October from 5pm
- The Priory School - 24th November (TBC)

Please note: all long hair should be tied back for PE lessons, and piercings should be covered or removed

Fixtures This Week



Sports Clubs Update

KS2 football, KS3 Rugby and Netball Clubs (Monday) will be cancelled due to fixtures.

Sports Update

Year 9 Girls Table Tennis Triumph!

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 girls table tennis team, who were crowned District Champions at Redborne Upper School last week. The girls played superbly throughout, showing great teamwork, focus, and determination. A convincing victory against Redborne in the final ensured qualification for the County Championships at Kempston Academy later this term. We wish them the very best of luck as they represent Pix Brook at the next level!

Year 7 Football Team – Still in the Race!

The Year 7 boys' football team saw their unbeaten run come to an end on Wednesday against a very strong Woodlands side. Despite the result, the boys can be proud of their performances so far this season. All is not lost, as the team still have a great chance to qualify for the District Semi-Final by finishing second in the league — which could set up a much-anticipated rematch with Woodlands!

New Extra-Curricular Club Timetable Coming Soon

A brand new extra-curricular sports timetable will be released next week, aligned with our PE curriculum and upcoming local and county competitions. We encourage all students to get involved and try something new!

Celebrating External Sporting Success

As we approach the end of the half term, we'd love to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students outside of school. If your child has represented a club, county, or achieved something special in sport over the past eight weeks, please do let us know — we'd be delighted to feature their success in our next update.

Please Remember:

- Before school and lunchtime clubs: Students should wear trainers.
- After-school clubs: Students must change into full PE kit before taking part.

Clubs and Societies

Our sports clubs and societies aim to give the pupils a range of activities and interests to enjoy.

Please note: the Sports Clubs are likely to change termly, and are usually linked to the current competition schedule.

Before School 7.45-8.15

Monday

Y5/6 Badminton
Sportshall (AJK)

Tuesday

Y5/6 Netball
Sportshall (PSU)

Wednesday

Y7/8 Badminton
Sportshall (RNL)

Thursday

Y10/11 Badminton
Sportshall (RNL)

Friday

Y9/10/11 Gymnastics /
Dance Dance Studio
(PSU)

Lunchtime 1:12.40-13.10

Monday

Tuesday

Y5/6 Table Tennis
Dance Studio (SLY)

KS2 Coding Club
140 (EBT)

Wednesday

Thursday

Y10/11 Boys & Girls
Badminton Sportshall
(RNL)

Friday

Y9/10/11 Gymnastics
/Dance Dance Studio
(PSU)

Y10/11 Boys & Girls
Basketball Sportshall
(RNL)

Lunchtime 2: 13.30-14.00

Monday

Y9/10 - Handball /
Tchoukball
Sportshall (RNL)

KS3 Code Club
140 (EBT)

Tuesday

Y10 Futsal
Sportshall (RNL)

Y10/11 Table Tennis
Dance Studio (JSK)

Wednesday

Y8/9/10/Y11 -
Strength & Conditioning
Dance Studio (RNL)

Y11 Futsal
Sportshall (RNL)

KS3 eSports
140 (EBT)
Starting
November 2025

Thursday

Y10/11 - GCSE
Table Tennis
Dance Studio (MDN)

Y8/9 - Basketball
Sportshall (RNL)

Friday

Y7/8 - Table Tennis
Dance Studio (MDN)

Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club
127 (MYG)

After School

Monday

Y5/6 Boys & Girls
Trampolining (AJK)

Netball, Football and
Rugby are cancelled
this week due to
fixtures

Y11 - GCSE PE
Intervention (RNL)

Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club
126 KPN

Tuesday

Y10/11 Boys & Girls
S&C (MDN)

Y7 Boys Football
Training (RNL)

Y7/8 Girls Basketball
Training (AJK)

Yr 8 Football Fixtures
(Team selection)

KS3/4 Drama Club
(Pix Brook Players) Main
Hall (LJS)

Year 5 Homework Club
Year 5 classrooms

Wednesday

Y8/9 Boys Football
Training (RNL/MDN)

Y9/10 Trampolining
(AJK)

Y5/6 Boys & Girls Rugby
Training (OCL)

Y7/8 Netball Fixtures
(Team selection)

Y7 Football Fixtures
(Team selection)

Young Voices (KS2 only)
Main Hall. (MWE/TWD)

Year 6 Homework Club
Year 6 classrooms

Year 7 Homework Club
Room 206

Thursday

Y6 Football Fixtures
(Team selection)

Whole school choir
(TWD)

Staff Meetings

Friday

GCSE Rock Climbing -
Off-site (RNL/AJK)

Drum Lessons

Drum Lessons are available every Monday and Tuesday to students of all ages and abilities! Whether you would like to pursue grades or achieve your own personal goals.

Becca Robinson – beccadrums@gmail.com



Singing Lessons



I have more than 15 years experience teaching children of all ages in a wide range of musical styles. My style is fun and friendly with many of my pupils taking public exams and successfully auditioning for singing courses at a range of reputable post-school institutions. For further details, please speak to Mr Weed via school or contact me direct on 07905 225825 or eleanorpugsley@gmail.com

Piano Lessons

Piano Lessons

Boris Peck is a classically-trained conductor, violinist and pianist offering in-school piano lessons.

Spaces are currently available for new students. Weekly lessons (20 or 30 minute sessions) will be taught on one of the keyboards in school.

Please contact Boris via email at boris_peck@hotmail.com, or phone 07884 057278 for more information.



Brass and Wind Lessons

BRASS & WIND LESSONS

Learning to play an instrument opens up a world of musical-expression and creativity. It offers a unique way to develop musical skills while improving focus, discipline, and teamwork.

At Pix Brook, we currently offer lessons on Drums, guitar, piano, violin, and voice. In our efforts to expand this provision, we would like to start offering brass and woodwind lessons. At this point we are looking to see if there is enough interest within the school to facilitate a teacher coming in.

The instruments to choose from would be:

- Brass:
 - horn,
 - trombone,
 - trumpet,
 - tuba.

- Woodwind:
 - bassoon,
 - clarinet,
 - flute,
 - oboe,
 - saxophone.

The cost of the lessons ranges from **£11 per lesson to £24** depending on the length of lesson and whether it is taught individually or as part of a group.

If your child is interested in starting lessons, please let me know by email (tweed@bestacademies.org.uk)

If there is enough interest, we will look to set this up in the near future.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity.

We are excited to be looking at offering lessons in brass and wind instruments in school. If you would be interested in signing your child up for lessons, please contact Mr Weed: tweed@bestacademies.org.uk

SAFGUARDING, WELLBEING AND SEN



Pix Brook Academy Safeguarding Team We are here to keep you safe

Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

You can speak to **any adult** that works in our school about **anything** that is worrying you or making you feel upset at any time.

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and **Deputy Safeguarding Leads** are teachers who have the really special job of keeping you safe.

Their special job is to listen, support and help you at any time of the school day.

If you feel unsafe or you have any worries/concerns that you feel you cannot speak to a member of staff about, you can send an email to pba-safe@bestacademies.org.uk.

You can speak to:

- If you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it's not important)
- If someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- If you are being threatened or forced to do things
- If someone has done something to you without your permission
- If you feel unsafe in school, at home or when you are out and about
- If you feel uncomfortable in any way
- If you know of another pupil who is worried, upset or being hurt (even if they have told you to keep it secret)
- If you are scared or worried about going home

If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a young person, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 3008585



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Mental Health Information

CBC Families Bulletin



Please [click here](#) to access the latest copy of the Ivel Valley Parents Bulletin.

School Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Team.

Shore Space

<https://shorespace.org.uk/>

This resource offers a space for teenagers to chat confidentially and get crucial advice.



Parents' and carers' mental health support



Please [click here](#) to access the the CBC calendar of events for parent support.

2025

October

Tuesday 21 st	Flu Vaccination for All Years
Tuesday 21 st - Wednesday 22 nd	French Speaking Mocks for Year 11
WC Monday 27 th	Half Term Holiday for All Years

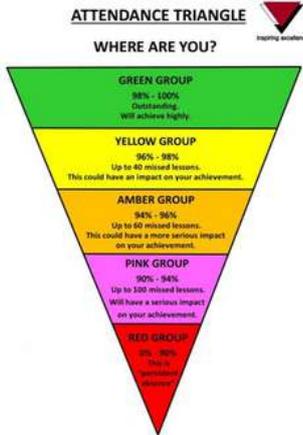
November

Monday 3rd	Term begins for All Years
Monday 3 rd	Vaccinations: DTP/Men ACWY for Year 9
Tuesday 4 th	Great Athletes Event for KS2
Wednesday 5 th	Wicked - Year 10
Wednesday 5 th - Friday 14 th	Mock Examinations for Year 11
WC Monday 10 th	End of Term Assessments begin for Years 7 & 8
WC Monday 10 th	Victorian Museum Trip for Year 6
WC Monday 17 th	Faith Tours for Year 7
WC Monday 17 th	End of Term Assessments begin for Years 9 & 10
Monday 24 th	Cadbury's World Trip for Year 5
Wednesday 26 th	Scholastic Book Fair All Years

December

Wednesday 1 st	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th	Subject Progress Event for Year 6
Thursday 11 th	Subject Progress Event for Year 8
Thursday 11 th	School closes for y7-11 at 1.10pm. Y5 & 6 onsite to 3pm.
Thursday 11 th	Panto Trip for Year 5
Tuesday 16 th	Winter Disco for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 18 th	Careers Fair/ Subject Progress Event for Year 11
Friday 19th	End of Term for All Years
	School closes at 1.10pm. No PBA Extra

Reporting an Absence



Absences need to be reported daily by **8am** either by phone or email. If you have an appointment booked, please send supporting evidence to PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk and confirm the time of collection. On the day of the appointment you will need to provide your child with a signed letter in order for them to leave the class to meet you in reception. **We will no longer be issuing collection passes.** Children need to be collected by a nominated adult from reception.

Contacting School

A reminder that all queries with regard to Pix Brook Academy students should be emailed to pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk or call the office on **01462 416243**.

Please do not use our Social Media platforms to request information about or contribute to conversations with regard to our students.



If you need to get a message to your child/children during the school day, please contact Reception. Teachers are unable to pass on messages during the school day. Our Reception team will take the message and deliver it to the pupil(s) involved. **Please call or email the office on 01462 416243 or pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk**

NHS Guide to childhood illness

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No	but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrca.de/minfoc>.

Medication in School



If your child needs to have medication in school please ensure that you bring it to the main office and fill out the required forms. **Children are not permitted to carry medication around the school.**

Medication may include: Calpol, Paracetamol, Antihistamine

Menus



Our lunchtime menus are available to view on our website:

<https://www.pixbrookacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Food+Provision&pid=40>

Drop Off and Collection Time Parking

We ask parents to avoid **parking next to the carpark entrance or on the road junction near the football club** during morning drop off and afternoon collection time.

This junction is particularly busy during school pick-up, and parked cars create hazards for both children and drivers. We would also remind you **not to use the Staff Car Park** when dropping off or collecting children.

Thank you for your understanding.



No Nuts, Please!

Please be reminded that we are a **nut free school**: please do not include nut products in your child/children's snack or packed lunch. This includes Nutella. Thank you.

Body Sprays and Perfumes

We would like to remind you that **body sprays and perfumes are not permitted** in school, as the use of the sprays can affect people suffering with asthma. Please send your child/children in with roll on deodorant **only**.



Use of the Cycle Paths

The foot- and cycle-paths near the school get very busy before and after school. Please remind your children that the paths are shared with members of the public, and that the children should be courteous towards others when travelling to and from school.



Road Safety

Please be aware that the new bus stop, Etonbury and Pix Brook, is on a narrow stretch of pavement which is often busy during the school run. Please remind your children **not to sit with their feet in the road**, when waiting at the bus stop, as this is a safety issue.



PBA are proud to be part of Stotfold's community - [check out our community page](#) for details about local clubs, camps, classes, societies and events happening around the area.

FREE Sports Clubs

BOUNCE YA WAY 2 SUCCESS
BASKETBALL
MUGA ARLESEY ROAD STOTFOLD SG5 4NE
FREE AGES 8-15
THURSDAYS 18.25 JAN 1 8.15 FEB
No need to be a pro, just turn up & join in. Hoping you're people to get active.
Contact: dan@dan-gaze.co.uk
dan.gaze@stotfold.gov.uk

SKILLS THROUGH SPORT
PRESENT FREE FOOTBALL FOR AGES 11-14
EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-7PM - FROM 6TH JUNE - 17TH JULY
GET OFF THE STREET AND USE YOUR FEET. GET FIT, MEET NEW PEOPLE, HAVE FUN!
RIVERSIDE MUGA, MALTHOUSE LANE, STOTFOLD SG5 4NE
EXPLOITATION REDUCTION UNIT

GET OFF THE STREET & USE YOUR FEET
free
POP UP FOOTBALL SESSIONS AGES 11-14 WEDNESDAYS 17, 24, 31 JAN, 7, 14 FEB
TURN UP, GET INVOLVED, HAVE FUN!
RIVERSIDE MUGA, MALTHOUSE LANE, STOTFOLD SG5 4NE
6PM - 7PM
Dan Gaze Support Service, GrandActive, Active

BALDOCK CRUSADERS
WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
£10 sign up fee £30 per term
MONDAYS 7-10 YEAR OLDS WEDNESDAYS 11-14 YEAR OLDS 6:30-7PM
RIVER PARK MUGA, WEST AVENUE, BALDOCK, SCT SGV
To book a space email the club at baldockcrusaders@hotmail.com
2025-26 @baldockcrusaders

GIRLS RUGBY
LIONESSES ACADEMY
Meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills, no experience necessary and all abilities welcome.
TRAIN ON THURSDAYS | 6.30-7.30PM FOR GIRLS FROM SCHOOL YEAR 3 TO YEAR 15
INTERESTED?
Contact: karron on 07760 883170 or email as on.lethworth@lionesses@gmail.com
LEITCHWORTH GARDEN CITY RFC
Leitch Lane, Baldock Road, Leitchworth Garden City SG9 2DN

BEST CALENDAR

BEST Academic Calendar 2025/2026

School Holiday ■

Bank Holiday ■

Pupil Day ■

Training Day ■



September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	30	Thu	6	13	20	27	Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	7	14	21	28	

January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	Thu	5	12	19	26	Thu	5	12	19	26	Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	

May 2026					June 2026					July 2026					August 2026							
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu		7	14	21	28	Thu	4	11	18	25	Thu	2	9	16	23	30	Thu	6	13	20	27	
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Term 1 – 75 days. Term 2 – 55 days. Term 3 – 65 days. = 195.

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on 5 of the 195 days. In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used to enable teacher training to take place.

Training days set are as follows: 1st September 2025, 2nd September 2025, 5th January 2026 and 13th April 2026. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.