



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

What an incredible week it has been! The energy around the school has been great, and we are bursting with community spirit. It has been a truly wonderful week for Personal Development, and we have so many reasons to be PROUD of our students.

First, a massive congratulations to our choir who performed at the Young Voices concert at the O2! It was an incredibly successful performance; having our young people participate at this prestigious event and represent our school with absolute distinction is a credit to each of them.

On site this week, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Bike. Ensuring our students are PREPARED for their journeys to school is a priority, and the team was busy servicing bikes and installing an amazing 250 complimentary bike lights to keep our riders safe and seen.

We are also thrilled to announce the installation of two new "Active Walls" on our Key Stage 2 playground. This is a shining example of PERSEVERANT and POSITIVE student action. These walls are a direct result of student feedback—our young people asked for more activities during break and lunch, and they worked hard to fundraise and make it happen.

As we move into the final couple of weeks of this half term, our focus shifts to our value of POLITE. We want to celebrate kindness and the importance of saying "thank you." To bring this to life, we are launching our "Gift a Rose" initiative. For just £1, students can purchase a rose for a friend as a sign of gratitude. It is a simple gesture of thanks that we hope will put a smile on faces throughout our school community. Students can purchase a rose for their friends anonymously via Main Reception. Please do check the letter sent via ParentMail for full details on how to get involved.

I kindly request your support in helping our students navigate their digital lives safely and responsibly. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we have been made aware of some social media accounts that do not reflect the kindness and respect we expect from our students. While we know navigating social media as a family is challenging, we would strongly encourage you to take a moment this week to sit with your child and look through their accounts and group chats together. This is a vital opportunity to discuss how their "digital footprint" is permanent and posts/messages can have serious unintended consequences.

Thank you for working with us to guide our pupils in building a positive online presence and for your support in making our school a thriving community.

Rewards at PBA

At Pix Brook Academy, we fundamentally believe that recognising and celebrating our students' efforts and achievements is essential for fostering a positive, motivating learning environment. It encourages every student to embody our core values daily. We are thrilled to share the diverse ways we celebrate success this term:

We actively look for students who are **proud** of their work, maintain a **positive** attitude, arrive **prepared**, are consistently **polite**, and show **perseverance** through challenges. To recognise this character, students earning praise points across all five P's could receive a **Rewards Postcard** from their Form Tutor.

This term, we are also continuing the **PBA League!** This is all about contributing as a team; all forms will start the term with zero points again. Students, how can you make sure you are bringing positive points to your form? Remember, each **behaviour** point is a deduction, with a standard **behaviour** point being -2 to the league (e.g., a C3 would be -6 points). The winning form in each year group will receive a reward at the end of the term. If there are students in the winning form group with an extremely high number of **negative behaviour** points, they will unfortunately not be entitled to attend this specific reward and will instead spend time reflecting on the importance of excellent conduct in all areas of school life.

Each week the winning year group, with the most conduct points will be rewarded with **Field Friday** - exclusive lunchtime access to the field/football pitch, starting Friday, January 16th (weather permitting). The first league table will be published during the week commencing Monday, January 19th.

Finally, the term culminates in special **End-of-Term Assemblies** led by Heads of Year, celebrating staff nominations for Standout and Most Improved students, alongside awards for leadership and school values.

Students who maintain excellent standards (fewer than 3 C2 incidents, no more than 5 C points and attendance greater than 95%) will earn a special **End-of-Term Treat**. This slate of rewards resets each term, ensuring every student always has a fresh opportunity to achieve recognition and join the celebration at Easter! Please note that attendance at the end-of-term treat is always at the Head of Year's discretion, particularly if there are extenuating circumstances regarding attendance and behaviour.

Computing

Learning to code is the same as learning a new language and is one of the fastest growing occupations in the world. The critical thinking and problem-solving skills learnt when coding is important outside of computer science also.

If you would like to encourage your child to develop more Computing skills, with a specific focus on coding they could come to Coding Club (KS2 Tuesday lunch and KS3 Monday lunch). Our current focus is on Artificial Intelligence.



Or they could try the coding games on the following websites:

Compute it

<https://compute-it.toxicode.fr/>

Blockly (by Google)

<https://blockly.games/>

Hour of Code (lots of options)

<https://hourofcode.com/uk>

Code Combat

<https://codecombat.com/>

Puzzlers World

<https://puzzlersworld.com/>

Bebras

<https://www.bebras.uk/>

We Are Recruiting!



We're hiring!
 Cleaning Supervisor
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/147081/EDV-2026-PBA-92657>
 Closing Date: 11:59pm, 23rd Jan 2026



We're hiring!
 Clerk to the Local Governing Body
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/147081/EDV-2026-PBA-19531>
 Closing Date: 11:59pm 1st Feb 2026

Please see our list of current vacancies on our recruitment page:

<https://mynewterm.com/school/Pix-Brook-Academy/147081>



Raising the Roof at the O2

A huge well done to our KS2 Choir, who visited the O2 for Young Voices this week!

After months of preparation, our year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to London to join a host of other schools for this epic music-making event. In total there were 8,861 children singing together in the O2 - what an amazing experience for everyone!

We'd like to say a huge thanks to Rebecca Page, one of our parents, who donated a light up foam stick for each child in our choir so they could be easily spotted in the arena!

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	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
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 11 GCSE Subject Interventions

To support our Year 11 pupils with their ongoing examination preparation, subject interventions will be running as per the timetable below.

We greatly value your support and encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of attending their intervention sessions and positively engaging with the reward card initiatives.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prep (8.00-8.40)	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231 Science (FCK) 251	English (SRS) 216 Maths (SPL) 233	English (SRS) 216 Geography (IPE) 231	Science (EAS) 250 Science (JHL) 201 Science (SHS) 224	Year 11 Assembly
Lunch (1.30-2.00)	Business Studies (NMN) 141 Maths (CSN) 239	French (VLS) 157 French (IPS) 039	History (CBN) 106	BTEC DIT (EBT) 140 Maths FSMQ (SPL) 233 Maths (DMN) 238	
Period 7 (3.05-4.00)	Art, Craft and Design (KPN) 126 PE (RNL) 204	Geography (EIP) 230	Compulsory triple science lesson (SHS) DT (WFY) 052 Food (HKR) 204	Staff Training	Drama (LJS) Drama Studio

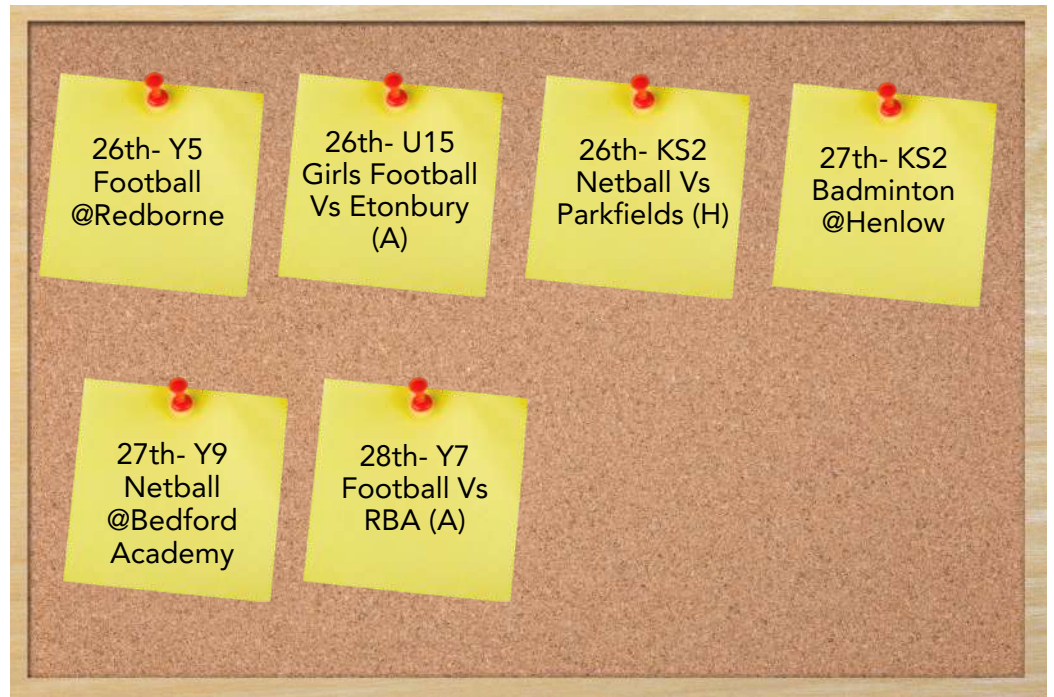
6th Form Applications Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that - if you have not already done your application - deadlines for 6th Form places are fast approaching!

Sam Whit: Mon 2nd February 2026

Etonbury - end of January

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



Winter Sport

A quick reminder that when lessons are timetabled to be outside, we will head outdoors unless the weather is unsafe or extremely poor. With this in mind, please ensure students are fully prepared with the correct PE kit, even if they are injured but able to change — this helps avoid students getting wet in their uniform before returning to class.

As the weather continues to change, students should have a **Pix Brook PE jumper and bring both football boots and trainers** so we can adapt to indoor or outdoor sessions as needed. Shin pads are essential for anyone taking part in football or hockey.

You can find the full PE kit list here: [Pix Brook Academy PE Kit List \(page 5\)](#).

PE Department Update

It has been another incredibly busy and successful week within the PE department! From muddy fields to competitive courts, our students have shown fantastic dedication and sportsmanship across the board. Here are the highlights from this week's fixtures and events.

Football Success

- **Y5/6 Girls:** A huge well done to the girls' team who travelled to Luton with Miss Jack for the County Event. Despite a slow start, the team showed great resilience to fight their way back, finishing as Runners Up in the Plate Competition. It was a nail-biting final, narrowly losing 3-2. We are all very excited to see what this team can do when their main season kicks off in February!
- **Y5 Boys:** The boys remain unbeaten in the league! They continued their winning streak this week with excellent victories over both Alameda and RBA. We look forward to cheering them on during the final couple of weeks of the season - see the page 12 for our match report!

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- **Cross Country:** Grit & Mud! We took a squad of 29 students to the District Cross Country Competition in Sharnbrook. The course was wet, muddy, and difficult, but every single student showed true grit and perseverance. A massive congratulations to the 13 students who have qualified for the County Championships - a fantastic achievement!
- **KS2 Rugby** The KS2 Rugby team enjoyed their first-ever fixture against Etonbury. It was wonderful to see the group playing a competitive game for the first time; they will certainly have learned a lot from the experience. A special thank you to Mr Cresswell for coaching and taking the team. We look forward to more fixtures taking place after the half-term holiday.
- **KS2 Netball** Our KS2 Netballers also headed out for their first fixture. They performed incredibly well, worked really hard for each other, and showed lots of potential for the future. Well done to everyone involved.

Curriculum Update

Back at school, it has been a busy week of Assessment Lessons. With these now complete, students are preparing to rotate onto new sports and activities next week.

- **Kit Reminder** As the weather continues to be unpredictable (and often cold!), please can we remind families to ensure students come fully prepared for outdoor lessons.
 - **Essential:** PBA PE Jumper & Tracksuit bottoms.
 - **Recommended:** Gloves are permitted and encouraged on colder days!

Thank you for your continued support, The PE Department

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Year 5 Football Match Report

by Mr Prue

PBA v RBA

we continued our impressive start to the football season with a 3-0 victory over **RBA's B team**. We created plenty of chances early on with Walter controlling the game in midfield and it was the goal machine Charlie H who gave us the lead when he cut inside and finished powerfully into the near corner. We doubled our lead moments later when Noah's exquisite through ball found Mylo who finished at the second attempt to give us a 2-0 lead going into half time. Noah turned from provider to finisher in the second half as his powerful effort from outside the box gave the keeper no chance.

PBA v Alameda

We made a bright start to this game too with Walter, Noah and Mylo all having efforts in the opening two minutes but their keeper wasn't troubled. The moment of the first half came when Jacob made an outstanding save diving to his right and tipping the ball over with his opposite hand.

We knew this was going to be a tough game and the boys had to work hard but the opener came midway into the second half after a lovely team move which started from the back and found Mylo on the right who slipped a perfectly weighted through ball into Charlie H who finished excellently with the outside of his right foot into the far corner. Alameda nearly equalised late on but Walter managed to clear it off the line and we saw out a tough 1-0 victory.

Coach's POTM - Mylo. Even though he was struggling with an injury, he was fearless and ended the day with a goal and a crucial assist. Great character shown.

Captain's (Charlie L) POTM - Jacob. A truly remarkable save at 0-0 against Alameda gave us a platform to win the game. Always comfortable with the ball at his feet which gives us an opportunity to build from the back.

U11 Girls finish 2nd in the District tournament

The U11 girls finished 2nd in the plate in what was a very competitive tournament. The girls were placed in a strong group to start with but had won their first 2 games scoring 8 and conceding 0, a great start. They then came up against some slightly stronger teams and qualified for the plate. They won the quarter final comfortably winning it 5-0, in the semi-final was a team from our group who we lost 1-0 to, this was a close game going all the way to penalties and Pix Brook came out on top. In the final was another team from our group who we also lost 2-1 to, the team knew it was going to be a tough game but we were out to win the plate, they started strong and we scored within 30 seconds of the game starting, it was a tight end to end game and with 20 seconds left of the game the other team scored to make the final score 3-2 to them. The girls were gutted but were proud of themselves for getting to the final and even happier that they got to walk away with medals. Well done U11 Girls!!



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.



PBA Extra-Curricular Sports (Jan - Feb) 2026

	Before school 7.45-8:15	Lunch 1 – 12:40 – 13:10 (KS2) No need to get changed	Lunch 2 – 13:30 – 14:00 (KS3) No need to get changed	After School: 15:05 – 16:00 Other fixtures will take place during the term - this may affect the club timetable
Monday				Y5/6/10 - NETBALL TRAINING (PSU) Y5/6 - GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING (AJK) Y5/6 - BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING (SPE/SLY) Y11 - GCSE PE INTERVENTION (RNL) Y9/10 - RUGBY TRAINING (MDN) <u>Y5 - FOOTBALL FIXTURES</u>
Tuesday	KS2 - BASKETBALL SPORTSHALL (RNL)	Y5/6 -TABLE TENNIS MAIN HALL (SLY)	Y7 - INTER-FORM BASKETBALL SPORTSHALL (RNL) Y8 - TABLE TENNIS DANCE STUDIO (JSK)	Y7/8 - RUGBY TRAINING (MDN) Y7/8 - GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING (AJK) Y9/10/11 - HANDBALL (RNL) <u>Y10 NETBALL FIXTURES</u>
Wednesday	KS3/4 - BADMINTON SPORTSHALL (RNL) INVITE ONLY		Y8/9 - BADMINTON Sports hall (JSK) GCSE PE WORKSHOPS INVITE ONLY (ROOM 206) (RNL)	Y5/6 - RUGBY TRAINING (OCL) <u>Y5/6 NETBALL FIXTURES</u>
Thursday			Y10/11 - GCSE PE TABLE TENNIS MAIN HALL (MDN) Y8 - INTER-FORM BASKETBALL SPORTSHALL (RNL)	GCSE PE MODERATION SESSIONS (RNL/MDN/PSU) <u>STAFF MEETINGS</u>
Friday	GCSE PE TABLE TENNIS MAIN HALL (AJK) GCSE ACRO-GYMNASTICS / DANCE DANCE STUDIO (PSU)		Y9 - TABLE TENNIS MAIN HALL MDN) Y8 - FUTSAL SPORTSHALL(WRB) INVITE ONLY	



PBA Extra-Curricular Clubs (Jan - Feb) 2026

	Lunch 1 – 12:40 – 13:10 (KS2)	Lunch 2 – 13:30 – 14:00 (KS3)	After School: 15:05 – 16:00
Monday		KS3 Code Club 140 (EBT)	KS3 and KS4 Prop, Set and Costume Design 126 KPN Dance Club Dance Studio (JS)
Tuesday	KS2 Top Trumps 107 (EMY) KS2 Coding Club 140 (EBT)		KS3/4 Drama Club (Pix Brook Players) Main Hall (JS) Year 5 Homework Club Year 5 classrooms
Wednesday	KS2 Mindfulness 110 (CBS)	KS3 eSports 140 (EBT)	Year 6 Homework Club Year 6 classrooms Year 7 Homework Club Room 206
Thursday	Top Trumps (JRW) KS2 EdShed 016 (OCL) Drawing Club 127 (MYG)		Whole school choir Music Room (TWD)
Friday	Games Club 015 (SPE)	Y10 & 11 GCSE Art Club 127 (MYG)	

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

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 us:

- 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



School Safeguarding Team

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



Mental Health Information



What's on: Bedfordshire Children's Centre

January to March 2020

Family Support Drop In: 10am-12pm, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st. Open to all families with children under 16. Free of charge. Bookings essential.

Monday: 10am-12pm, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Tuesday: 10am-12pm, 14th, 21st, 28th. Wednesday: 10am-12pm, 11th, 18th, 25th. Thursday: 10am-12pm, 10th, 17th, 24th. Friday: 10am-12pm, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. Saturday: 10am-12pm, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Sunday: 10am-12pm, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION To find out more: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/resources-for-parents-carers

Ivel Valley Family Bulletin

Click [here](#) to access the bulletin online



2026

January

Tuesday 20th Young Voices for Years 5 & 6
 Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd Dr Bike - Cycle Maintenance Checks for All Years

February

Thursday 5th Options and Progress Evening for Year 9
 Friday 13th Non Uniform Day for All Years
 Wednesday 25th Vaccinations for Year 8

March

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th Mock SATs for Year 6
 Friday 6th Celebrating World Book Day - Whole School
 Monday 16th Planetarium Visit for Year 5
 Thursday 19th Year 7 Progress Event (early finish years 7-11)
 Friday 20th DoFE Silver Award
 Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th Progress Evening Year 6

May

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th Year 6 SATs

COMMUNITY

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

STOTFOLD JUNIORS U10 LILACS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW GIRLS TO JOIN THE SQUAD THIS SEASON. IDEALLY SOMEONE THAT IS EXCITED TO PLAY IN GOAL, BUT EVERYONE WILL BE CONSIDERED. WE PLAY IN THE BEDFORDSHIRE FA GIRLS LEAGUE, WITH MATCHES ON SATURDAYS AND TRAINING ON WEDNESDAYS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW TEAM OR CHALLENGE GET IN TOUCH!

MATCHES SATURDAY MORNINGS

TRAINING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

MORE INFO:
nick_jones07@yahoo.co.uk
www.stotfoldjuniorsfc.co.uk

20% OFF! (when you book before 31st January)

PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

more fun, more friendships, more smiles during the february Half-term!
MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Book today | Premier Education | Excellent Experience

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB

HOLWELL ACADEMY, HOLWELL, 2016 60%	LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY, LITTLEHAMPTON, 2016 60%	LAWNSBORO ACADEMY, BUCKINGHAM, 2016 60%
TIME: Fri: 9:30am - 11:30am Sat: 9:30am - 11:30am AGE: Reception - Year 7	TIME: Fri: 9:30am - 11:30am Sat: 9:30am - 11:30am AGE: Reception - Year 7	TIME: Fri: 9:30am - 11:30am Sat: 9:30am - 11:30am AGE: Reception - Year 7

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

From £35.40 (21k tog before 30th January)

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this February as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 30% OFF... AND GET 30% OFF TOO!

Excellent Experience

AGED 6-12

GIRLS RUGBY HALF TERM CAMP

Run by Saracens Foundation

LETCWORTH RUGBY CLUB

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

SARACENS FOUNDATION INSPIRE HER

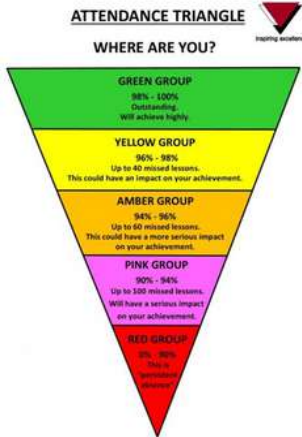
LETCWORTH RUGBY TRAINING TASTER

Run by Saracens Foundation

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY

SARACENS FOUNDATION INSPIRE HER

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://qrco.de/minfec>.

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.



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					
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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.

BEST Academic Calendar 2026/2027

School Holiday ■

Bank Holiday ■

Pupil Day ■

Training Day ■



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

Pupil Contact Days: Term 1 – 70 days. Term 2 – 53 days. Term 3 – 67 days. = 190.
 In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used in addition to the 190 pupil contact days to enable teacher training to take place.
 Training days set are as follows: 3 September 2026, 4 September 2026, 4 January 2027 and 9 April 2027. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.

Please note: all our term dates are available on our website: <https://www.pixbrookacademy.co.uk/term-dates>