



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

A message from Mrs Linehan

It was truly wonderful to see so many families at our Year 9 Options Evening last night. The level of attendance and engagement was exceptional, and it was a pleasure to observe our pupils exploring our expanding curriculum with genuine interest. Most impressive was the maturity with which they are considering their next educational steps; these are big decisions, and our students are approaching them with exactly the right mindset. We are excited to support them as they begin to shape their future pathways.

In our assemblies this week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from Arlesey Town Football Club as part of their ongoing community engagement work. It is fantastic to strengthen our links with local partners, and as part of this visit, our students have been offered complimentary tickets to a home fixture this March. Please do speak with your child about collecting these tickets from their Head of Year or Tutor. It would be a lovely opportunity to see our families out in force supporting one of our local teams and enjoying the community atmosphere.

Our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their mock exams, which begin next week. To support them in this final stretch, they participated in dedicated revision sessions in both English and Maths this week. Their conduct and maturity during these sessions must be commended, and they are clearly taking these milestones seriously. We wish every Year 11 student the very best of luck—keep focused, keep revising, and do your best!

Finally, looking ahead to next week, we will be undertaking focused work with all pupils linked to **Safer Internet Day**. This aligns closely with our mission to develop socially responsible citizens, and we are committed to ensuring every child has the tools to stay safe and navigate the digital world with confidence.

To end the half term, we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday**. This event is to raise funds for specific school projects identified by our Student Parliament. Please make donations via ParentMail and support our student leaders in making a difference.

Safer Internet Day

We are supporting #SaferInternetDay on 10th February! At Pix Brook Academy, we want our students to be safe, smart, responsible and kind online. This week students have taken part in Safer Internet day assemblies and classroom activities as we explore how to shape a better, safer internet together.

To read more about Safer Internet Day, visit:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>



Read For Good - Sponsored Readathon

This week we are launching a **Sponsored Readathon** to raise money for books and storytellers for children who are in hospital long term.

This will start on **Friday 6th February** and run until World Book Day on **Friday 6th March**.

Sponsorship packs will be sent home with the children on Friday 6th February.

Good luck everyone, and get reading!

To read more about the Readathon, please visit <https://readforgood.org/>

School Production

The curtain rises on our next School Production:
 24th and 25th March.

Tickets for the show will be available via ParentMail shortly.

Watch this space!



Millie Makes Charity Donation

Millie M, year 5, visited Herts Homeless this week to drop off care packages and a collection of warm coats, helping support people experiencing homelessness during the colder months.

Local charities such as Herts Homeless rely heavily on the generosity of supporters to continue their work. They are always grateful for donations, volunteers, and anyone willing to help spread awareness and support their mission. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps create warmth, dignity, and hope for people facing incredibly difficult circumstances.

Millie is always looking for the next charity to support, if you have any suggestions or upcoming events please let her know.

Well done, Millie, you're amazing!



EdShed Results

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

Here are the top scoring classes.

Top Spelling Shed Groups ⁹			Top MathShed Groups ⁹		
#	Group	Score	#	Group	Score
1.	Shakespeare	75,969,619	1.	Shakespeare	2,829,921
2.	Morpurgo	75,008,148	2.	Pankhurst	2,766,008
3.	Austen	72,412,910	3.	Austen	1,845,873
4.	Pankhurst	61,429,784	4.	Nightingale	504,395
5.	Blackman	49,242,401	5.	Morpurgo	414,018
6.	Tolkien	35,435,687	6.	Attenborough	337,836
7.	Attenborough	31,544,208	7.	Tolkien	324,783
8.	Zephaniah	27,287,061	8.	Churchill	214,807
9.	Turing	26,778,275	9.	Turing	0
10.	Nightingale	19,263,141	10.	Zephaniah	0



The Battle of the Bands

Another stellar round of battling comes to an end. This was the round where the Year 5 battles took over as the ones to watch: first, Pankhurst getting their first win of the tournament; then, Attenborough pushing unbeaten Shakespeare all the way but JUST missing out; and finally, a titanic back and forth between unbeaten Turing and a resurgent Churchill with Turing taking it by just 18 points in the end.

To steal Mr Lindley's previous statement: "Absolute cinema!"

Year 5 Results

Attenborough vs Churchill	
Winner: Churchill!	Attenborough
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Isaac	1. Tega
2. Chester	2. Hannah
3. Xavier	3. Oakley
4. Mylo	4. Max
5. Jacob	5. Archer

Nightingale vs Shakespeare	
Winner: Shakespeare!	Nightingale
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Xavi	1. Luca
2. Jaya	2. Jackson
3. Juan-Carlos	3. Clarice
4. Lucy	4. Ace
5. Orson	5. Shane

Turing vs Pankhurst	
Winner: Turing!	Pankhurst
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Arlo	1. Jackson
2. Jack N	2. Pippa
3. Walter	3. Zurishaddal
4. Roo	4. Huey
5. Jack T	5. Thea

Year 6 Results

Austen vs Tolkien	
Winner: Tolkien!	Austen
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Tommy D	1. Krishna
2. Isaac	2. Charlie
3. Riva	3. Pippa
4. Jacob	4. Zaaim
5. Eloise	5. Oliver D

Angelou vs Blackman	
Winner: Angelou!	Blackman
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Oliver S	1. Isabella
2. Chloe	2. Emerie
3. Luna	3. Mia
4. Teddy	4. Dylan
5. Leo M	5. Freddie

Morpurgo vs Zephaniah	
Winner: Zephaniah!	Morpurgo
Top 5:	Top 5:
1. Tate	1. Dehan
2. Earl	2. Logan
3. Eddie	3. Dylan R
4. George	4. Bobby
5. Aidan	5. Tommy

Results Table after Round 2

Class	Wins	Defeats
Turing	2	
Attenborough	1	1
Pankhurst		2
Nightingale		2
Churchill	1	1
Shakespeare	2	
Angelou	1	1
Austen	1	1
Morpurgo	1	1
Blackman		2
Zephaniah	2	
Tolkien	2	

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

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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 \(page 5\)](#).

Department Update

As we approach the end of this half-term, it has been fantastic to see our students engaging with such enthusiasm in their lessons. The PE staff have noticed a real "buzz" around our specific focus sports this half term, specifically Orienteering and problem-solving in KS2, Tchoukball in Years 9 and 10, and Volleyball with our Year 8 to 11 students. We are committed to developing these areas further given the positive student response.

Interform Competitions

The Year 7 and 8 Basketball Interform competition has been a highlight of lunchtimes recently. All forms participated in a league format, displaying great teamwork and spirit. The league has culminated in a final match-up, which is scheduled to take place immediately after half-term. Well done to everyone who entered; we aim to build on this success and introduce similar interform competitions for other sports moving forward.

Rugby Report

A massive well done to Mr. Cresswell and the Year 5 Rugby team who played their first-ever competitive fixture this past Wednesday against Etonbury. It was a thrilling match that saw our team secure the win with a try in the very last minute! Both schools are keen to raise the profile of Rugby at KS2, so we look forward to making this a regular event.

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Department Update

Football Update

It has been a banner week for our football teams with incredible success across the year groups. The Year 5 Boys went unbeaten in the District Football League to be crowned League Champions. They now move into the Cup competition where they will face Ouse Valley in the Semi-Final. Massive congratulations also go to the Year 6 Boys for reaching the Semi-Final of the County Cup, where they are set to play Brooklands. Finally, the Year 7 Boys beat RBA in the Quarter-Final with a fine display of heart, desire, and ability, advancing them to the County Cup Semi-Final to face Goldington. We have also organized B and C team games for Years 5 through 7, so watch this space for dates and opponents coming soon.

Cross Country Achievements

The County Cross Country Championships took place on Wednesday, February 4th. We were proud to take 14 students who had qualified from the district championships. Just qualifying for this level requires immense perseverance and hard work, so well done to all who attended.

We are delighted to announce that two of our students have qualified for the National Competition in Liverpool. Christopher F (Year 7) finished 3rd, and Lauren B (Year 10) finished 6th. This is an amazing achievement for both athletes. Unfortunately, Austin M missed out on qualifying by just a single place, but we are sure this will spur him on to come back even stronger next year.



Y5 rugby teams



Y6 football team



Y5 football team



Austin M - Y9 county cross country champs - 9th place

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PBA Become League Champions

Match report by Mr Prue

Our Year 5 football team have done us proud this week, winning their league matches against Holywell and Etonbury to become **League Champions!**

In the match against Holywell, the team gave a dominant opening performance as the boys scored seven goals, ensuring that they only needed a draw in the final game to finish top of the group.

Mylo opened the scoring from distance after Charlie H played the ball out wide to him and Walter made it 2-0 before half time with a stunning long range effort.

The goals flowed in the second half starting with Noah who finished off a lovely team move following Mylo's unselfish cut back. Roles were reversed moments later as Noah worked his way down the left and cut it back for Mylo who finished into an open net. 4-0.

Charlie H then continued his goal scoring form with a lovely outside of the foot finish following Walter's through ball. Charlie doubled his total moments later after latching onto Noah's forward pass and finishing well. There was time for another moment of magic from Walter before the end as he fizzed a free kick in from outside the box. Final score: 7-0!

As fate would have it, it was Pix Brook vs Etonbury to determine who would finish top of the group. We made a quick start as Mylo scored his third of the day and he almost had another moments later but steered the ball wide from close range. 1-0 at half time.

Etonbury turned the game on its head starting with a rasping volley from 20 yards out which dipped into the far corner. They went in front with three minutes to go with a left-footed finish from the edge of the box. With a minute to go, Charlie H was tackled and the ball rolled to Walter who struck expertly from outside the box and made it a final score of 2-2 - confirming Pix Brook as group winners!

Coach's Player of the Day - Walter. Showed fantastic energy and tenacity throughout both games. Excellent strength on the ball whilst dribbling. Three goals including a free kick and a goal equalising long range effort to cap it off.

Captain's Player of the Day - Jacob. Played his first outfield games after being in goal for the previous three weeks and defended excellently. Great composure to play out from the back as well.

Well done to the whole team (and their coach!), we're so proud of you all!



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Year 6 County Cup: PBA v Alameda

Match report by Mr Prue

On what was a serious mudbath, Alameda had a strong first half and deservedly took the lead after 10 minutes when their initial shot cannoned off the post into the path of their midfielder who finished from inside the box. The boys responded excellently in the second half with every player running their socks off. Charlie H made a huge impact and got on the end of an Asher through-ball but their keeper made a great save.

Shortly afterwards, Asher played another lovely through ball into Charlie H who finished it off this time to make it 1-1.

The boys had their tails up now and were searching for a winner with Oliver and Asher both having chances from outside the box. Meanwhile, Eddie was putting in a 10/10 holding midfield performance winning every header/tackle and playing out into our attack.

The game went into extra time and, with one minute to go, Asher broke free from midfield and slipped in Mylo who took a touch and fired past the onrushing keeper to send PBA into the **next round of the county cup!**

Coach's Player of the Match - Leo M. An absolute rock in goal. Made an outstanding save just a few minutes in tipping the ball onto the bar and was always really assured with his handling.

Captain's Player of the Match - Asher. Must have made at least 20 ball recoveries and covered every centimetre of the mudbath! Two lovely assists as well.

And a big shout out to our two goalscorers, who were Year 5s playing in a Year 6 county cup match against a fantastic team.

Great job, boys, well done!

Mr Prue says

"Honestly one of the best displays of character I've seen, as the team came back from 1-0 down against the district champions to win 2-1 with a last minute winner in extra time... unbelievable feeling! All the lads gave absolutely everything today and I couldn't have been prouder."

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?
Any Adult

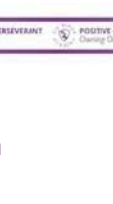
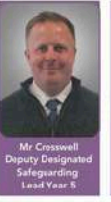
Our Dedicated Safeguarding Lead or Any Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Their special job is to listen, support and help you at any time of the school day.

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



School Safeguarding Team

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

Mental Health Information

BEST Parents Mindfulness Course

Ivel Valley Family Bulletin

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



2026

February

Friday 13th

Monday 16th

Monday 23rd

Monday 23rd

Wednesday 25th

Non Uniform Day for All Years

Half Term Break

Return to School

Options Responses Deadline for Year 9

Vaccinations for Year 8

March

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Monday 16th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

Mock SATs for Year 6

Celebrating World Book Day - Whole School

Planetarium Visit for Year 5

Year 7 Progress Event (early finish years 7-11)

DoFE Silver Award

Progress Evening Year 6

End of Term

NB: No PBA Extra

May

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th

Year 6 SATs

COMMUNITY

PITCH UP AND PLAY RUGBY

GET INTO RUGBY

Join us! Meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills, no experience necessary and all abilities welcome.

LEITCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEAR 6

WHEN: TUESDAYS 6-7PM & SUNDAYS 9.30AM

WHERE: LETCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB, LEGENDS LANE, BALDOCK ROAD SG6 2EN

INTERESTED?

New or experienced players welcome, just turn up or for any questions or further information contact Sam on 07766 202770

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

STOTFOLD JUNIORS AND LADS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW GIGS TO JOIN THE SQUAD THIS SEASON. IDEALLY SOMEONE THAT IS EXCITED TO PLAY IN CHAL, BUT ANYONE WILL BE CONSIDERED. WE PLAY IN THE BROMHOODING FA GIRLS LEAGUE. WITH MATCHES ON SATURDAYS AND TRAINING ON WEDNESDAYS. IF YOU ARE ENJOYING FOOTBALL THEN AN OVERLOOKED CLUB FOR YOU.

JUNIORS

MATCHES SATURDAY MORNINGS

TRAINING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

20% OFF

PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

more fun, more friendships, more smiles during the February Half-term!

MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Back to Back Premier Excellent in Review

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB

HELVING ACADEMY, HELVING, SG6 5NN	LEATHER BARROW, SG6 2JL	LEATHER ACADEMY, BALDOCK, SG6 2JL
AGES: 5-11 yrs	AGES: 5-11 yrs	AGES: 5-11 yrs
TIME: 9:00 - 3:00pm	TIME: 9:00 - 3:00pm	TIME: 9:00 - 3:00pm
PRICE: Monday - Tue 7	PRICE: Monday - Tue 7	PRICE: Monday - Tue 7

WE ACCEPT CHALLENGE VOUCHERS

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 in great value. There's something for every child to enjoy the half term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 50% OFF... AND GET 50% OFF YOUR!

From £55.00 to £25.00 before 30th January

Excellent in Review

AGED 6-12

GIRLS RUGBY HALF TERM CAMP

Ran by Saracens Foundation

LEITCHWORTH RUGBY CLUB

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

SARACENS FOUNDATION INSPIRE THEM

LET'S DANCE & TRAINING TOGETHER

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY

SARACENS FOUNDATION INSPIRE THEM

16-20th February

MBF Sports Ltd Football Camps

Age 4-15 Years

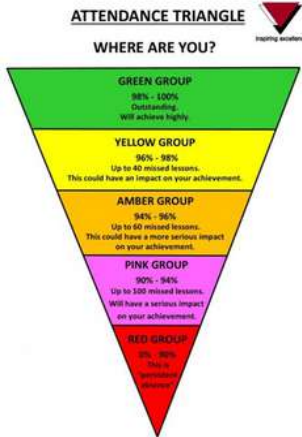
School Holidays

- Monday - Friday 9am - 10:30pm
- Price: £1000
- Early Drop & Late Pick Up £10 per day

- Comes with 200+ £30 gear bag
- Fun Games & Matches
- Shows, Treats and Awards
- Children's Lunches Provided

Discounts Available

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



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

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/minfec>.

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 aware 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			
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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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January 2027							February 2027							March 2027							April 2027						
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				
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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.