¡Viva España! Spanish Day with Colour, Culture and Cuisine!









Yesterday, the children thoroughly enjoyed Spanish Day, taking part in a wide range of activities designed to develop their understanding of Spanish culture, cuisine and language. Each class explored elements of Spain's rich heritage - from creating Gaudí-inspired artwork and learning flamenco dance steps, to tasting traditional Spanish foods including: olives, anchovies and paella prepared by our wonderful kitchen team. The day was filled with mucho entusiasmo and it was fantastic to hear pupils confidently using Spanish greetings and phrases throughout the school.











Y6 Visit Eden Camp

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils had the incredible opportunity to visit Eden Camp, a unique and immersive museum in North Yorkshire that brings the history of the World Wars to life. Housed in the original buildings of a former prisoner of war camp, Eden Camp offers a truly atmospheric glimpse into life during wartime Britain - from the sounds of air raid sirens to the smells of the ration kitchen!

The trip was a fantastic way to kickstart their next two topics in history: World War I and World War II. As pupils explored the huts and exhibits, they were able to experience first-hand the sights, sounds and stories of the periods we'll be studying in depth over the coming weeks. From learning about the lives of soldiers and civilians to seeing real wartime artefacts, the visit gave everyone a real sense of the challenges and resilience of the time.

Highlights of the day included walking through the Blitz experience, visiting the wartime music hall and seeing the vehicles and machinery used during the wars. Pupils were fascinated by how everyday people contributed to the war effort and how life changed for families across Britain. It was a day full of curiosity, discovery and awe - one that has truly ignited our Year 6 pupils' enthusiasm for their upcoming studies.

The visit to Eden Camp provided a memorable and inspiring start to what promises to be two exciting and thought-provoking topics.













Y2 Visit Eureka

This week, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Eureka! The visit linked perfectly with their current Science topic on Minibeasts, and the children took part in a special Minibeast Workshop where they explored the fascinating world of insects and other small creatures.

Here's what a couple of our pupils had to say:

Pippa said, "I learned how engineers fix and make cars and I enjoyed playing with the plastic food in the shop."

Alice added, "I enjoyed going upstairs and using all the different pieces of equipment — there was a machine that could tell us how far we jumped!" It was a fantastic day full of learning, fun, and curiosity.



Pickleball Taster Sessions

One of our governors has kindly arranged some special taster sessions for children in Y5 and Y6 to participate in at Queen's Tennis Club. These will take place from 18th November. Further information will be provided after half-term to parents of children in these classes. If you would like to learn a little bit about pickleball in advance of these sessions, please click on the picture opposite.



Parents' Evening - Book your slot

On Thursday 13th November, we will be holding our Autumn Parents' Evening. Booking opened at 3pm today and you should have all received a text. Further information will be sent out after half-term, but please note parents who had their ILDP Parents' Evening on Wednesday 15th October need not book an appointment for this evening as well.

Exciting Progress: Our New Sensory Room Installation!

This week has seen some wonderful developments in school as the installation of our brand-new sensory room has begun! The space is already taking shape and promises to become a calm, engaging, and stimulating environment for our pupils to enjoy.

So far, we've had an impressive range of equipment fitted, including an infinity tunnel, bubble machine, interactive lighting system, vibro-acoustic chair and projector – all designed to provide immersive sensory experiences that can support relaxation, focus and emotional regulation.



Over the next couple of weeks, the room will be completed with blackout blinds, additional seating options, and a variety of sensory toys and resources. Once finished, this will be a truly special space where children can explore, unwind and thrive.

We also need to name the room! Staff have written a shortlist up which we would like families to vote for their favourite. Look out for me on the playground in the first week back where you can cast your vote. Please see the options below.

- 1.The Den
- 2. The Cocoon
- 3. The Triangle Oasis
- 4. The Zen Den







W/C - 3rd November

MON

INSET Day - School Closed to children

TUES

- First Day of Autumn Term 2
- School attendance audit

WEDS

THU

 Staff Training from Open Minds -Managing Emotions

- Celebration Assembly 9am (all welcome)
- Y5 swimming at Sowerby Bridge Pool

School Term Dates 2025-2026



Autumn Term

1st September	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
2nd September	School opens for Autumn Term
24th October	School closes for Autumn half-term
3rd November	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
4th November	School re-opens after half-term
19th December	School closes for the end of Autumn term

Spring Term

5th January	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
6th January	School re-opens for Spring term
13th February	School closes for Spring half-term
23rd February	School re-opens after Spring half-term
27th March	School closes for the end of Spring term

Summer Term

3th April	School opens for Summer term
4th May	School Closed: May Day Bank Holiday
21st May	School closes for Mid-Summer Break
22nd May	Teacher Training Day: School Closed
1st June	School re-opens after Summer half-term
17th July	School closes for the end of Summer term
20th July	Teacher Training Day : School Closed

School Term Dates 2026-2027



Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Thursday 3rd September	School opens for Autumn term
Friday 23rd October	School closes for Autumn half-term
Monday 2nd November	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 3rd November	School re-opens after Autumn half term
Friday 18th December	School closes for the end of Autumn term

Spring Term

Monday 4th January	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term
Friday 12th February	School closes for Spring half-term
Monday 22nd February	School re-opens after Spring half-term
Thursday 25th March	School closes for the end of Spring term

Summer Term

Monday 12th April	School opens for Summer term
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 27th May	School closes for Summer half-term
Friday 28th May	Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Monday 7th June	School re-opens after Summer half-term
Wednesday 21st July	School closes for the end of Summer term