

# Yn y Lwp!

(In the loop - Ysgol Cwm Brombil's Weekly Bulletin)

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## Summer Term / Tymor y Haf

Half Term : Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May /  
*Hanner Tymor:* Dydd Llun Mai 26 – Dydd Gwener Mai 30  
End / Diwedd: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 / Dydd Gwener 18 Gorffennaf 2025

### Week Beginning - Monday 19th May 2025 – Week 2

|           |            |  |
|-----------|------------|--|
| Monday    | GCSE EXAMS |  |
| Tuesday   |            | Senedd trip to the national Senedd<br>Y7&8 French trip - parents meeting (17:30) |
| Wednesday |            |  |
| Thursday  |            |  |
| Friday    |            | INSET DAY  |

### Week Beginning – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

|           |            |           |
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| Monday    | GCSE EXAMS | HALF TERM |
| Tuesday   |            |           |
| Wednesday |            |           |
| Thursday  |            |           |
| Friday    |            |           |

School restarts Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – WEEK 1



## Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable

| Date       | Start | Length | Component Code | Exam                                       |
|------------|-------|--------|----------------|--|
| Tue 06 May | 09:00 | 01:00  | 6300QCL-1      | Entry Level Mathematics Numeracy 1         |
| Thu 08 May | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3310U10-1      | Maths-Num UNIT1 Found Noncalculator        |
| Thu 08 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3310U50-1      | Maths-Num UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator       |
| Thu 08 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3310U30-1      | Maths-Num UNIT1 Intermediate Noncalculator |
| Fri 09 May | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3690U30-1      | Drama Unit 3 Interpreting Theatre          |
| Fri 09 May | 13:00 | 02:00  | 3510U10-1      | Business Unit 1 Business World             |
|            |       |        |                |  |
| Mon 12 May | 09:00 | 02:00  | 3720U10-1      | Eng Lit Unit 1 Foundation: Written         |
| Mon 12 May | 09:00 | 02:00  | 3720UA0-1      | Eng Lit Unit 1 Higher: Written             |
| Mon 12 May | 13:00 | 01:45  | 3500U10-1      | Comp Science Unit 1 Understanding          |
| Tue 13 May | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3110U10-1      | Geography Unit 1                           |
| Tue 13 May | 13:00 | 01:45  | 3400U20-1      | Biology Unit 2 Foundation: Written         |
| Tue 13 May | 13:00 | 01:45  | 3400UB0-1      | Biology Unit 2 Higher: Written             |
| Tue 13 May | 13:00 | 01:15  | 3430U40-1      | Science Double Unit 4 Foundation           |
| Tue 13 May | 13:00 | 01:15  | 3430UD0-1      | Science Double Unit 4 Higher               |
| Wed 14 May | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3020U30-1      | Welsh Second Language UNIT3: Written       |
| Thu 15 May | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3300U10-1      | Maths UNIT1 Foundation Noncalculator       |
| Thu 15 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3300U50-1      | Maths UNIT1 Higher Noncalculator           |
| Thu 15 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3300U30-1      | Maths UNIT1 Intermediate Noncalculator     |
| Fri 16 May | 09:00 | 01:00  | 3100UC0-1      | History Unit 1C: Written                   |
| Fri 16 May | 13:00 | 01:30  | 3510U20-1      | Business Unit 2 Business Perceptions       |
|            |       |        |                |  |
| Mon 19 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3410U20-1      | Chemistry Unit 2 Foundation: Written       |
| Mon 19 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3410UB0-1      | Chemistry Unit 2 Higher: Written           |
| Mon 19 May | 09:00 | 01:15  | 3430U50-1      | Science Double Unit 5 Foundation           |
| Mon 19 May | 09:00 | 01:15  | 3430UE0-1      | Science Double Unit 5 Higher               |
| Mon 19 May | 13:00 | 02:00  | 3550U10-1      | PE Unit 1 Intro to PE                      |
| Tue 20 May | 09:00 | 02:00  | 3720U20-1      | Eng Lit Unit 2A Foundation: Written        |
| Tue 20 May | 09:00 | 02:00  | 3720UB0-1      | Eng Lit Unit 2A Higher: Written            |
| Tue 20 May | 13:00 | 02:00  | 3500U20-1      | Comp Science Unit 2 Comp Thinking          |
| Wed 21 May | 09:00 | 00:35  | 3800U20-1      | French Unit 2 Foundation: Listening        |
| Wed 21 May | 09:00 | 01:00  | 3800U30-1      | French Unit 3 Foundation: Reading          |
| Wed 21 May | 09:00 | 00:45  | 3800UB0-1      | French Unit 2 Higher: Listening            |
| Wed 21 May | 09:00 | 01:15  | 3800UC0-1      | French Unit 3 Higher: Reading              |
| Wed 21 May | 13:00 | 02:00  | 3120UB0-1      | Religious Studies Unit 1B: Written         |
| Thu 22 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3420U20-1      | Physics Unit 2 Foundation: Written         |
| Thu 22 May | 09:00 | 01:45  | 3420UB0-1      | Physics Unit 2 Higher: Written             |
| Thu 22 May | 09:00 | 01:15  | 3430U60-1      | Science Double Unit 6 Foundation           |
| Fri 23 May | 09:00 | 02:00  | 3700U20-1      | English Language Unit 2 Description        |
|            |       |        |                |  |
| Mon 02 Jun | 09:00 | 01:30  | 3020U40-1      | Welsh Second Language UNIT4: Written       |

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|------------|-------|-------|-----------|--|
| Mon 02 Jun | 13:00 | 01:30 | 3570UB0-1 | Hsc and Childcare Unit 1 Paper                 |
| Tue 03 Jun | 09:00 | 01:30 | 3540U10-1 | Digital Tech Unit 1 Digital World              |
| Tue 03 Jun | 09:00 | 00:45 | 1RU0 1H   | Russian Listening (H)                          |
| Tue 03 Jun | 09:00 | 01:05 | 1RU0 3H   | Russian Reading (H)                            |
| Wed 04 Jun | 09:00 | 01:30 | 3310U20-1 | Maths-Num UNIT2 Foundation Calculator          |
| Wed 04 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3310U60-1 | Maths-Num UNIT2 Higher Calculator              |
| Wed 04 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3310U40-1 | Maths-Num UNIT2 Intermediate Calculator        |
| Wed 04 Jun | 13:00 | 02:00 | 3120U20-1 | Religious Studies Unit 2B: Written             |
| Thu 05 Jun | 09:00 | 01:00 | 3100UF0-1 | History Unit 2B: Written                       |
| Thu 05 Jun | 13:00 | 01:15 | 3800U40-1 | French Unit 4 Foundation: Writing              |
| Thu 05 Jun | 13:00 | 01:30 | 3800UD0-1 | French Unit 4 Higher: Writing                  |
| Fri 06 Jun | 09:00 | 02:00 | 3700U30-1 | English Language UNIT3 Argumentation           |
| Fri 06 Jun | 13:00 | 01:30 | 3110U20-1 | Geography Unit 2                               |
|            |       |       |           |  |
| Mon 09 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3400U10-1 | Biology Unit 1 Foundation: Written             |
| Mon 09 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3400UA0-1 | Biology Unit 1 Higher: Written                 |
| Mon 09 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430U10-1 | Science Double Unit 1 Foundation               |
| Mon 09 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430UA0-1 | Science Double Unit 1 Higher                   |
| Mon 09 Jun | 13:00 | 01:00 | 98110001  | Constructing Built Environment Unit 1          |
| Tue 10 Jun | 09:00 | 00:35 | 3810U20-1 | Spanish Unit 2 Foundation: Listening           |
| Tue 10 Jun | 09:00 | 01:00 | 3810U30-1 | Spanish Unit 3 Foundation: Reading             |
| Tue 10 Jun | 09:00 | 00:45 | 3810UB0-1 | Spanish Unit 2 Higher: Listening               |
| Tue 10 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3810UC0-1 | Spanish Unit 3 Higher: Reading                 |
| Tue 10 Jun | 09:00 | 01:20 | 5259UB0-1 | Sport & Coaching Unit 1: Paper                 |
| Tue 10 Jun | 13:00 | 01:15 | 3100UJ0-1 | History Unit 3A: Written                       |
| Wed 11 Jun | 09:00 | 01:30 | 3300U20-1 | Maths UNIT2 Foundation Calculator              |
| Wed 11 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3300U60-1 | Maths UNIT2 Higher Calculator                  |
| Wed 11 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3300U40-1 | Maths UNIT2 Intermediate Calculator            |
| Thu 12 Jun | 13:00 | 01:20 | 5409UB0-1 | Hosp & Catering Unit 1: Paper                  |
| Thu 12 Jun | 13:00 | 01:25 | 1RU0 4H   | Russian Writing (H)                            |
| Fri 13 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3410U10-1 | Chemistry Unit 1 Foundation: Written           |
| Fri 13 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3410UA0-1 | Chemistry Unit 1 Higher: Written               |
| Fri 13 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430U20-1 | Science Double Unit 2 Foundation               |
| Fri 13 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430UB0-1 | Science Double Unit 2 Higher                   |
|            |       |       |           |  |
| Mon 16 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3420U10-1 | Physics Unit 1 Foundation: Written             |
| Mon 16 Jun | 09:00 | 01:45 | 3420UA0-1 | Physics Unit 1 Higher: Written                 |
| Mon 16 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430U30-1 | Science Double Unit 3 Foundation               |
| Mon 16 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3430UC0-1 | Science Double Unit 3 Higher                   |
| Mon 16 Jun | 13:00 | 01:00 | 3660U30-1 | Music Unit 3 Appraising                        |
| Tue 17 Jun | 09:00 | 01:15 | 3810U40-1 | Spanish Unit 4 Foundation: Writing             |
| Tue 17 Jun | 09:00 | 01:30 | 3810UD0-1 | Spanish Unit 4 Higher: Writing                 |
| Tue 17 Jun | 09:00 | 02:30 | 95500001  | Additional Maths Written Paper                 |
| Tue 17 Jun | 13:00 | 01:30 | 3560UA0-1 | Food & Nutrition Unit 1 Written                |
| Wed 18 Jun | 09:00 | 02:00 | 3603U10-1 | D & T (Product design) UNIT1 D & T in 21st Cen |



# Brombil Barracks Celebrates Month of the Military Child

Primary and Secondary service children in Brombil Barracks celebrated Month of the Military child at the end of April. We hosted an event in our fantastic Outdoor Learning Garden (thank you Miss Thompson!), inviting Service Children from all schools in NPT. The fun day included art and craft activities, bush craft and rugby coached by members of the RAF rugby team - an outstanding opportunity!

The pupils had an amazing time mixing and developing friendships with other service children living in their local community. All pupils wore purple t-shirts to also recognise 'Purple Up Day'. A wonderful day was had by all and we would like to thank Bae Baglan, Cefn Saeson, Dwr Y Felin and St. Joseph's Primary Neath for allowing pupils to attend.

A big thankyou to SSCE Cymru for supporting and to the RAF rugby development representatives, Flt. Lt. Dave Manning and Cpl Ryan Crowley for coming to support the event and putting our year 7 & 8 boys rugby teams through their paces afterwards as well!

Mrs Stanton would like to thank all the wonderful staff who helped and made the day possible! We are looking forward to future opportunities to meet up again.







## **Brombil Barracks**

Brombil Barracks is a welcoming support group at Ysgol Cwm Brombil for service children. Welsh Government define service children as:



*A 'Service child' has parent(s) or person(s) exercising parental responsibility who is/are Service personnel serving:*

- *In HM Regular or Reserve Armed Forces – Royal Navy and Royal Marines; British Army and Royal Air Force,*
- *Or- Is an Armed Forces Veteran who has been in Service within the past two years,*
- *Or - One of their parents died whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the learner has received a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.*

If your child falls into this category and we are not aware please contact the school to inform us so we can provide appropriate provisions. Please find useful links and tools below to support your service children at home. We would encourage you to share any future deployments with us and if deployed parents require communication from staff regarding pupil progress please contact us and we can accommodate this. Mrs Stanton (B12) and Mrs Sims (B14) are available for pupils drop ins at any time.

### **SSCE Monthly Bulletin:**

[SSCE Cymru :: Monthly school bulletin](#)

### **SSCE Family Guide:**

[SSCE Cymru Service family guide](#)

### **Little Troopers at home:**

[Little Troopers at Home - Little Troopers](#)

### **Further support for service children with ALN:**

Education Advisory Team (EAT)

### **X accounts:**

@SSCECymru

@LittleTroopers

### **Future Military Opportunities:**

[Motivational Preparation College for Training \(MPCT\)](#)

[The Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association \(RFCA\) for Wales](#)

**SSCE**  
**CYMRU**



# Ysgol Cwm Brombil Social Media Accounts

We are glad to announce that we have created our very own Ysgol Cwm Brombil Instagram account. We also have Instagram account of other departments in our school. Why not follow some of our accounts.



[Ysgolcwmbrombil](#)



[YCB Garden](#)



[YCB PE](#)



[YCB Mfl](#)



[YCB Science](#)



[YCB Performingarts](#)



[YCB Primary](#)



[YCB GivingClub](#)



[YCB Geography](#)



[YCB Religiousstudies](#)



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[YCB DofE](#)



[YCB\\_Cymraeg](#)



[YCB\\_Internationclub](#)



[YCB\\_HealthWell](#)



# Healthy Eating *Tips* Vegetables



Consume colourful vegetables. They provide essential vitamins and minerals.



Leafy **Green** veg are a powerhouse of minerals; vitamins and fibre



**Red** coloured veg contain antioxidants - help fight infections and reduce the risk of heart disease



**Garlic** - good source of Manganese; Vitamin C & B6 - boosts immune system - helps protect against common cold

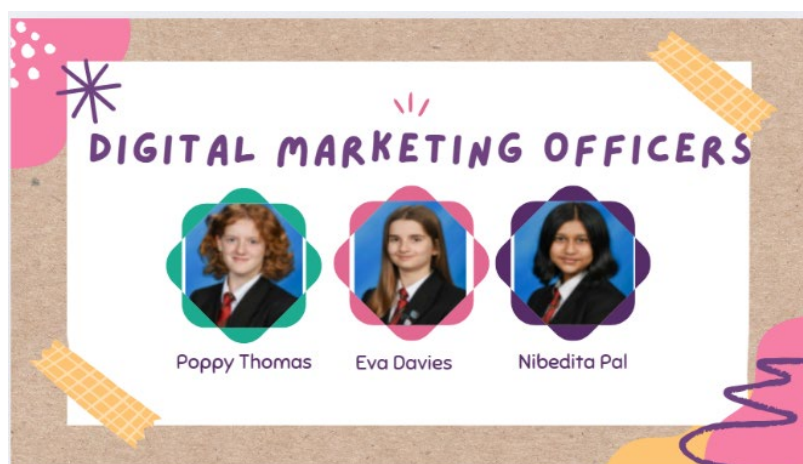
## YCB Senedd



This week in our meeting, we evaluated the reaction given by some of the year 7 forms about the new house system. Before the end of this half term, all year 7's and 8's will know their new house name, colour and ambassadors. We have moved forward with this idea to give everyone a stronger sense of belonging. We are planning for positive points to be converted into house points, so all pupils can contribute to their house's success.

Also, we have started to plan our stall for the fundraiser to raise money to install more water fountains. This is taking place next Thursday, with many other clubs contributing too. We have finalised our decision to sell smoothies, but are still unsure what flavour they will be – you'll have to come along to find out!

Finally, we have come up with an idea of re-usable bottles with house colour lids and the school logo to reduce plastic bottle usage. We will take this idea to Mr. Clarke. Let us know what you think!





## Attendance Information



Our attendance target for all students is 100% and our **minimum expectation is 95%**. The infographic above shows the impact of days missed and minutes late can have on a child's learning.

For example:

- If a child is **late to school just 5 minutes** each day, throughout the year that equates to **3 days lost to learning (15 hours)**.
- Attendances of **97%** allows for one day of absence per half term and results in **30 hours lost to learning**

### **Important Reminders:**

1. Parents **MUST** contact school to report any absences on **01639 760110 before 8.30 am**.
2. Parents should contact the school **each day** that a pupil is not attending.
3. If the school are not notified, then **you will be contacted** by a member of the Attendance team to find out why your child is not in school.
4. If your child is not notified of the reason for the absence it will be recorded as **unauthorised absence**.
5. If there are three unauthorised absences in a row, the Safeguarding Lead and Education Welfare Officer will be made aware to ensure that your child is safe.
6. You will be required to produce medical evidence if you state that your child is ill for 3 or more consecutive days.
7. We will ask the school Healthcare Professional to contact you if there is an absence of more than 2 weeks.
8. Term time leave will only be granted by the headteacher on request.
9. Where possible, **all appointments should be made outside of the school day**.





# Sporting News & Success

## Football – Yr 11 Champions!

Congratulations to Year 11 for their incredible achievement in winning the Afan Nedd Under 16 Cup! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have truly paid off, and this victory is a testament to the commitment each of you has shown throughout the season. You've made your school proud—well done, Champions!



## YCB Gardens

Afterschool club kicked things off this week clearing the tulips (making space for new life!),

Year 10 got stuck into weed ID

Our brilliant Year 9s dove headfirst into their Animal Care unit.

Nurture launched a sunflower competition.



We also had a “lush” Forest School session with Year 4, putting their ‘survival’ topic into real-life skills — fire lighting, shelter building, and teamwork galore!

Huge shoutout to our fab garden committee — £22 raised at the plant sale!

Massive thanks to everyone who mucked in this week — you’re all stars!

## School Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to wear school uniform throughout the school day.  
Below are uniform guidelines for both boys and girls, as well as PE Kit:

| All pupils Year 7 to 11  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Blazer   | Black school blazer                               | Available from Bergoni. Blazers must be brought to school and worn every day.        |
| Shirt  | White shirt with collar.                          | Can be purchased from any retailer.  |
| Trousers   | Plain black tailored uniform style trousers.      | Jean style, corduroys, skinny or casual trousers are not permitted.                  |
| Skirt *  | Plain black school uniform style skirt.           | Skirts should be an appropriate length.  |
| Tights   | Plain black tights                                | Tights are to be worn with skirts and can be purchased from any retailer.            |
| Shoes  | Black shoes with black laces.                     | Available from any retailer. Black leather converse shoes are permitted. NO TRAINERS |
| Tie  | School tie.                                       | Available from Bergoni.  |
| Jumper   | Black with badge.                                 | Available from Bergoni. Jumpers are optional.  |
| Shorts   | Black tailored shorts.                            | Only for the summer term. Not PE shorts.   |
| Outdoor coat/Jacket  | Coats should be waterproof and black in colour.   | Available from any retailer.   |
| Socks (only if not wearing tights)   | Ankle height, plain black or white.               | Available from any retailer.   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please note hoodies are <u>not</u> allowed in school.</b><br/><b>Any pupil who refuses to remove them during the day will have them confiscated.</b></p> |   |  |
| Physical Education   |   |  |
| Unisex T Shirt   | Available exclusively from Bergoni                |  |
| Rugby Jersey   | Available exclusively from Bergoni                |  |
| Shorts   | Available exclusively from Bergoni                |  |
| Socks  | Available exclusively from Bergoni                |  |
| Unisex ¼ zipped top  | Optional item. Available exclusively from Bergoni |  |
| Plain black tracksuit bottoms  | Optional available at any retail store            |  |
| Skort or Legging (recommended to go a size bigger than your normal clothes size as they are smaller sizes.)  | Available exclusively from Bergoni                |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please note, even on PE days, hoodies are not allowed in school.</b><br/><b>Pupils are expected to wear a long sleeve PE top when cold.</b></p>          |   |  |

For further information regarding our uniform expectations please see our [school website](#):



## The Pantry

Our weekly food bank is open every Thursday from 3.15. This is available to anyone within our school community, no referral needed, please just drop in as and when needed.

We all need a little help sometimes. Entrance to the Food Bank – The Pantry is accessed via the pupil entrance in the senior phase school, inside the canteen area.

Refreshments will be provided for everyone waiting, we look forward to seeing you, please remember to bring your bags with you.



## Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that you can provide towards our food bank, we always need the below items. There is a drop off trolley in reception:

- Tinned Goods:
  - Meats – hotdogs, minced beef, pies, meatballs, curries etc.
  - Beans
  - Beans and Sausage
  - Spaghetti
  - Tinned Veg
    - Potatoes,
    - carrots,
    - peas,
    - sweetcorn
  - Tuna
  - Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- UHT Milk
- Pasta – including sauces
- Toiletries
  - Shampoo,
  - Shower gel,
  - Conditioner,
  - Toothpaste
  - Toilet rolls

\*Please NO sanitary products, we have lots in stock



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Term dates for 2024-25

| Autumn Term, half term 1 2024-25  |  |
|---|--|
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024  | Year 7 & 11 attend school                    |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024  | All pupils attend school                     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024  | Last Day of half term 1                      |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024   |  |
| Autumn Term, half term 2 2024-25  |  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024  | Term starts                                  |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024   | Staff INSET (Training) Day                   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024  | Staff INSET (Training) Day                   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024   | Last Day of half term 2                      |
| Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025   |  |
| Spring Term, half term 3 2024-25  |  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025   | Half term 3 Starts for all pupils            |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February  | Staff INSET (Training) Day                   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025   | Last Day of half term 3                      |
| Half Term holiday - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 |  |
| Spring Term, half term 4 2024-25  |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025   | Term 4 Starts                                |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025  | Last Day of half term 4 for pupils           |
| Easter holiday - Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025          |  |
| Summer Term, half term 5 2024-25  |  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025  | Term 5 Starts                                |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025   | May Day Bank Holiday                         |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025  | Last Day of half term 5                      |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025  | Staff INSET (Training) Day                   |
| Half Term - Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025                   |  |
| Summer Term Half term 6 2024-25   |  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025  | Half term 6 Starts                           |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025   | Last Day of half term 6 & End of school Year |

