

SUMMER 1 - 2025/26

NEWSLETTER



MATHS

During the Summer 1 term, pupils will be developing their understanding of perimeter, area, statistics, and shape through the White Rose scheme. Lessons will be practical and physically engaging, incorporating activities such as football and boxing to help pupils apply mathematical concepts like measuring distance, space, and angles in real-life contexts.

Pupils will also take part in a visit to IKEA, where they will explore measurements through real-world examples such as furniture and home accessories. This will support their understanding of area and perimeter in a meaningful and applied way, while also building confidence and independence through hands-on learning.

ENGLISH

In English, pupils will be studying the topic Taking a Stand, where they will explore how writers express their opinions and present arguments effectively. They will analyse powerful speeches and texts and apply persuasive techniques such as Aristotle's triad in their own writing.

To enrich this learning, pupils will visit the People's History Museum, where they will explore real-life examples of individuals and groups who have taken a stand for change. This experience will support their understanding of voice, perspective, and activism, and will inspire their own writing, as well as discussions, debates, and presentations.

SCIENCE

In Science, pupils will be learning about digestion and health, exploring the human digestive system, nutrients, and the importance of a balanced diet. Lessons will include practical investigations and hands-on activities to support understanding.

Pupils will visit Holland & Barrett to explore different nutrients and health products, followed by a visit to MyProtein in Manchester, where they will learn more about health, fitness, and lifestyle choices. These real-world experiences will help pupils make meaningful links between their learning and everyday life, encouraging them to make informed decisions about their own health and wellbeing.



PSHE

In PSHE, pupils will focus on Citizenship, exploring the UK political system, different political parties, and key societal issues. They will develop their understanding of respectful debate and how to engage with differing viewpoints.

As part of this topic, pupils will visit Albert Hall in Manchester, an important location associated with modern rallies and protests. This will provide a real-world context for their learning, helping them to understand how people come together to express their views and create change, while encouraging pupils to become thoughtful, informed, and active citizens.

CITIZENSHIP

This term, as part of their ASDAN Citizenship programme, pupils are exploring Community and Volunteering by getting involved in activities that support their local area.

This includes taking part in community clean-ups, helping to support local events, and learning about the importance of giving back. Pupils will also explore job opportunities within the community and develop an understanding of equal rights and fairness in society.

This unit helps build a sense of responsibility, teamwork and confidence, while encouraging pupils to become active, respectful and positive members of their community.

ADVENTURE

This term, as part of their ASDAN Adventure programme, pupils are taking part in a range of exciting outdoor and community activities, including bike rides, museum visits and hikes.

Throughout these experiences, pupils will develop independence and confidence by leading parts of the sessions and using their navigation skills to find their way.

As part of Module 3, Section B, Challenge 2, pupils will also create a digital poster based on a recent activity, reflecting on what they did, what they learned and the skills they used.

This unit supports teamwork, problem-solving and communication, while encouraging pupils to engage with the world around them in a practical and enjoyable way.

ART

In Art, pupils will explore printmaking techniques through a creative and experimental approach, using a range of materials and methods such as monoprinting, press printing, and reduction printing.

They will also take part in mindfulness-based art activities to support focus and creativity. To enrich their learning, pupils will visit an art gallery in Manchester, where they will explore different styles and techniques, gaining inspiration for their own work.

This experience will support pupils in developing their creativity, confidence, and ability to reflect on and refine their artistic ideas.





DIGITAL SKILLS

This term, pupils are developing their digital skills by using programmes such as Canva to design creative flyers and posters. They are also learning how to confidently use an Apple MacBook, including how to navigate systems safely and responsibly online. The key focus is understanding online safety, protecting personal information and using technology appropriately. These skills help build confidence in using digital tools, support creativity, and prepare pupils for future education, employment and everyday life in a digital world.

SPORTS

This term, pupils are exploring sport within the community by planning a sporting event designed to bring people together and promote inclusion.

As part of this, they are developing an understanding of different types of conflict that can occur in sport, such as disagreements between players, teams or supporters, and how these can impact participation and enjoyment. Pupils will also research organisations that work to prevent conflict and promote fairness, respect and equality in sport.

This unit helps pupils build teamwork, planning and communication skills, while also encouraging positive values such as respect, cooperation and community engagement.

MUSIC

This term, pupils are taking part in a reflective challenge where they create a personal piece of work, in a format of their choice, to showcase their learning journey. This may include creating their own music in a style of their choice, designing artwork, or producing written or visual reflections.

As part of this, pupils will explore how to officially release a song to the public, including understanding basic steps such as distribution and presentation. The focus is on helping pupils reflect on what they have learned, how their skills have developed, and what they have enjoyed or found challenging along the way.

This activity supports creativity, self-expression and confidence, while encouraging pupils to take pride in their progress and achievements.

CAREERS (KS4 STUDENTS)

This term, pupils are developing their understanding of careers by exploring the opportunities available to them after college, particularly in relation to their chosen profession. They will learn about different pathways, including becoming self-employed, and what it takes to set up and run a business. This includes exploring ideas such as choosing a company name, understanding trademarks, and learning the basics of paying tax.

This unit helps pupils build confidence in planning for their future, while developing important knowledge and skills needed for employment, self-employment and independent living.





FOODWISE

This term in Foodwise, pupils will be focusing on an essential life skill: cooking on a budget. As part of this topic, pupils will explore how to plan meals, manage spending, and make smart choices when shopping for ingredients.

Through a range of practical and theory-based lessons, pupils will learn how to:

- Plan balanced, affordable meals
- Compare prices and identify good value for money
- Reduce food waste by using ingredients efficiently
- Understand the importance of budgeting in everyday life

ENRICHMENT

We've got an exciting term ahead packed with themed activities and hands-on learning! Highlights include:

- National Pet Month – Featuring a visit from Wild Science with some amazing animals!
- Stress Awareness Month – Activities to help us relax and look after our wellbeing.
- World Autism Awareness Day – Celebrating neurodiversity and inclusion.
- Easter & Spring Fun – Creative and seasonal activities.
- Earth Day & Outdoor Classroom Day – Exploring and enjoying the great outdoors!
- Mental Health Awareness Month – Focusing on kindness, resilience, and self-care.

...and plenty more surprises along the way! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates.

IMPORTANT DATES

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Holiday - Monday 25th May
2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Students return to school on Monday 1st
June 2026

