



MONTEM ACADEMY

The Park Federation Academy Trust

Montem Newsletter

11th September 2026
Edition 12

Principal's update

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year, and it has been lovely to welcome all our children and families back to Montem. The children have settled in incredibly well, and we are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, growing and achieving together.

As we begin the year, we would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day helps children to build strong routines, develop friendships and feel a real sense of belonging within their class and the wider school community.

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to belong, achieve and thrive, both academically and personally. Missing days can quickly lead to gaps in learning and can make it more difficult for children to keep up with their peers.

Thank you to all our families for working in partnership with us to ensure children arrive at school every day and on time, ready to learn and make the most of all the opportunities ahead.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year together!

Mrs Nel
Principal



Dates for your diary

School Photo Day

19th October 2026

Fireworks Display

9th November 2026

Tickets available soon!

Half Term

26th October - 30th October
2026

Inset Day

2nd November 2026

End of Term

Friday 18th December 2026

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

🏆 1st place:

Add class- 4 Cedar - 99.67%

🥈 2nd place:

Add class- 4 Oak - 99.66%

🥉 3rd place:

Add class- 6B Redwood - 99.26%

**Classes with 100% attendance
will have a non-uniform day**



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Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Years 1 - Y6 Parent Information Meetings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we really appreciate you taking the time to join us.

For families who were unable to attend, here are the links to the presentation slides so that you can still access the key information discussed during the meetings.

We hope the sessions provided a helpful overview of the year ahead, including expectations, routines and how we can work together to support your child's learning and development.

If you have any questions after looking through the slides, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with all our families to make this a happy, successful and memorable academic year for every child at Montem. Your continued support is greatly valued, and together we can help our children belong, achieve and thrive.

Click on the links below to access the information for your child's year group:

[Y1 Parent Information Presentation](#)

[Y2 Parent Information Presentation](#)

[Y3 Parent Information Presentation](#)

[Y4 Parent Information Presentation](#)

[Y5 Parent Information Presentation](#)

[Y6 Parent Information Presentation](#)



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New Communication App

We are moving to the **Juniper Education Parent App** as our main platform for school communication. **ClassDojo will no longer be used.**

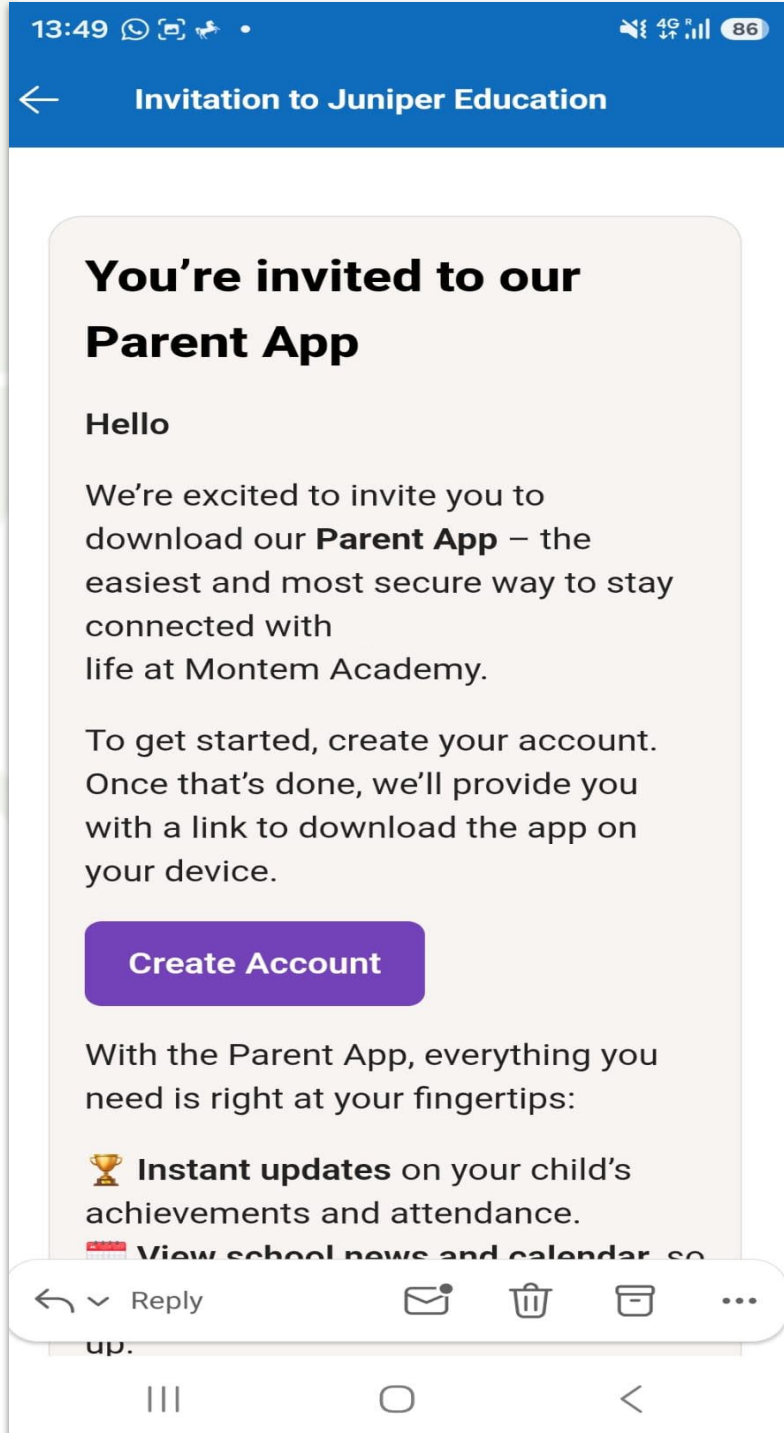
Please sign up as soon as possible so you do not miss important updates and information about your child. You should have already received an email invitation with instructions on how to register.

Here is a screenshot of the email to look out for. Please check your **junk or spam folder** if you cannot find it.

If you need support setting up the app, please speak to our **Digital Lead, Mr Clottey**, who will be happy to help.

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

You will be able to contact your child's class teacher using a dedicated **class email address**, which will be shared with families shortly.



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New Academic Year Essentials

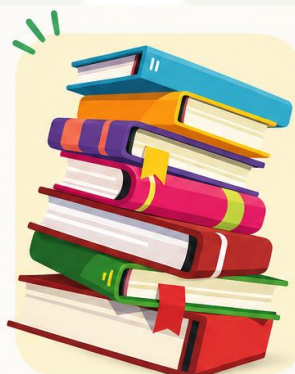
- Make sure **all your child's belongings are labelled**, including their water bottle, lunch bag, clothes, shoes etc. Lost property will be returned to them if it is named.
- Ensure your **contact information is up to date** - we need to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency.
- **Discuss any changes in your child's health, medication or allergies** with Mrs Babar, our Welfare Assistant.



LOST PROPERTY



WATER BOTTLE



BOOKS



MEDICAL RECORD



As the weather gets wetter and colder, please make sure children have the right clothes.

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**THANK
YOU!**



This week we were delighted to welcome members of the Rotary Club of Slough, who donate dictionaries to our Year 4 children every year.

Delivery was a little delayed, so it was our new Year 5 children who attended an assembly where they received their dictionaries.

They look extremely proud!



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Snacks permitted at Montem Academy

Healthy eating plays an important role in children's wellbeing, concentration and readiness to learn. At Montem, we encourage children to develop healthy habits and make positive food choices.

As we begin the new academic year, **a reminder that all snacks brought into school should be healthy and nutritious.** High-sugar and unhealthy snacks can affect children's energy levels and concentration throughout the school day.

Thank you for helping our children stay **healthy, focused and ready to learn.**

HEALTHY SNACKS, HAPPY MINDS!

SMART SNACKS HELP US



STAY
FOCUSED



HAVE
ENERGY



FEEL OUR
BEST

LET'S FUEL OUR BODIES AND MINDS FOR A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING!



GREAT CHOICES

Snack smart and feel great!



FRUIT



VEGGIE STICKS



DRIED FRUIT



POPCORN
(UNSALTED)



YOGHURT



WHOLEGRAIN
BREAD



PLAIN CEREAL



RICE CAKES



CHEESE

FRESH, NATURAL & NUTRITIOUS!



NOT GREAT CHOICES

These can make us tired or unhealthy.



CHOCOLATE
BARS



CRISPS



SWEETS &
LOLLIES



BISCUITS



CAKE BARS



DOUGHNUTS



CHOCOLATE
SPREAD SNACKS



FIZZY DRINKS



SUGARY
DRINKS

REMEMBER!

BE KIND TO YOUR BODY.
FUEL IT WELL!



TOP TIPS

- ★ SIMPLE IS BEST
- ★ PACK JUST ONE HEALTHY SNACK
- ★ BRING WATER IN YOUR BOTTLE



NO NUTS PLEASE!



We are a nut-aware school.
Please do not bring nuts or
products containing nuts.

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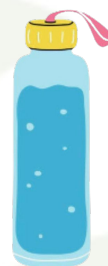
Reception: A Few Reminders

Thank you for such a great start to the very beginning of your children's education.

Please can we remind you that Reception children should come into school wearing their PE kits on PE days.

All children need a named water bottle at school.

Healthy packed lunches are our standard at Montem, and we have noticed lots of sweets. Please keep these treats for home.



We would love all the children to bring in a family photo that we can use with them in our lessons.

Thank you!



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Music Tuition 2026 - 2027

UPDATE!

MUSIC TIMETABLE:

GUITAR: TUESDAYS (3:30 - 4:30)

CHOIR: WEDNESDAYS (3:30 - 4:30)

CELLO: THURSDAYS (DURING SCHOOL)

VIOLIN: FRIDAYS (DURING SCHOOL)

All clubs will start the
week of 21st September!

Instrument Tuition (includes instrument hire)

£120 for a full year OR £45 per term

Choir Tuition

£45 for a full year OR £15 per term



Live on Parent Pay now!

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Violin Timetable Fridays:

Violin Classes: 9:00 – 2:15



Year 4: 9:00 - 11:00

4 Sequoia: 9:00 -9:30

4 Oak: 9:30 -10:00

4 Cedar: 10:00 -10:30

4 Redwood 10:30 – 11:00

Year 5: 11:15 -2:15

5 Redwood: 11:15 - 11:45

5 Cedar: 11:45 - 12:15

5 Oak: 12:15 -12:45

(12:45 – 1:45 Year 5 Lunch)

5 Sequoia: 1:45 - 2:15

(Sequoia Teacher registers in playground after lunch)

Violin Tuition:

2:20 – 3:20

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Parent and Carers Coffee Mornings



Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the new academic year.

We have a relaxed and friendly coffee morning every Wednesday in our school canteen between 9am and 10am.

We are really excited to welcome everyone and continue our strong school community.

There is no pressure to book, just come along.

We will also be welcoming professionals from outside agencies throughout the year, who will join us to share advice, information and guidance on a range of topics.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Kindest regards
Mrs A Bishop

Weekly Coffee Morning

for Parents / Carers

at Montem Academy

Every Wednesday
9:00 – 10:00am

Everyone welcome!

A relaxed and friendly space for parents and carers to connect, get support and find out more.

Outside agencies visit	Information sharing	Learn new skills	Meet new people	Relax
Professionals from a range of outside agencies come in to deliver talks, advice and guidance on a variety of topics.	Keep up to date with useful information, services and resources available to support you and your family.	Gain practical advice and pick up helpful skills to support your child's wellbeing and learning.	Build connections, share experiences and be part of a supportive community.	Enjoy a warm drink, a chat and a bit of time for yourself.

Support • Information • Community

Because you're not alone

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**WE'VE GOT
EXCITING
NEWS!!**

Coffee Morning
and
Launch for Wrap Around Care
at Montem Academy

Come along, meet the founder and find out more!

360Vision
FITNESS NUTRITION WELLNESS

Everyone welcome!

Wednesday
16th September 2026
8:45am – 10:00am

School Canteen

Safe Fun Learn Grow Together

Come along to meet the founder **Jemma Davies**, find out more information, ask questions and discover how our Wrap Around Care will support your child and family.

SAFE
FUN
SUPPORTIVE
FLEXIBLE

Wrap Around Care will begin
Monday 2nd November 2026

Come along to:

- ✓ Register your child
- ✓ Join the waiting list
- ✓ Ask any questions

Sibling discount
40%
off the second sibling

Working together for brighter futures

After School
Holiday Care
Fun Activities

Happy Children
Happier Families

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Our Parenting Offer

Support & assistance for:



Baby Bank



Food Bank



Financial Applications



Admissions Applications



FSM applications



Target Early Help Referrals



SEND support



MHST Referrals



SEBDOS Referrals



Talking Therapies /
Hestia Referrals

Support
Advice
Guidance

Please contact the school office



01753 528 050

or email



maoffice@theparkfederation.org

and ask to speak with

Mrs Devine, Mrs Bishop or Miss Jones

You
are not
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Here for our families

Local Offer

What's On

Support • Activities • Advice • Community

A stronger tomorrow together



What's on



Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove



Sep-Dec 2026

Monday

HCRG Development Reviews
Appointment only 8.45am-3pm

Sport in Mind
Mum and Baby (under 12mths)
Movement and Gentle exercise
10-11am More information click here:
Sport in Mind - Mum & Baby East
Berkshire Timetable - July 2026

Cippenham Baptist Church
Bumps to Babies
Elmhurst Lane, SL1 5QS
10.15-11.30am All welcome
Expectant parents to 2 years

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Let's Get Moving
Walkers to Pre-schoolers
Upton Lea Community Centre, SL2 5W
1.30-2.15pm Term-time only
Starts Monday 14 September.
No need to book, just turn up.

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Infant Massage Course
14 Sep, 21 Sep, 28 Sep, 5 Oct, 12 Oct
1-2.30pm Costs apply.
For more information email:
family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Tuesday

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Cost of Living Drop-in
22 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov 9-11.30am

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Feeding and Weaning Support Drop-in
9-11.30am 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Parenting Puzzle
9.15-11.15am 2, 10, 17 and 24 Nov, 1 Dec
To book please email family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Crawlers to Walkers
Booking required see below 9.30-11am

Slough SEND Information, Advice and Support Service - Chat to SENDIAS
8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec 9.30am-3pm
To book an appointment email: sendias@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Volunteer Information Session
Drop-in 10-11.30am 15 Sep, 17 Nov

Frimley Health Antenatal and Postnatal Pelvic Health
Appointment only 11.30am-2.30pm

HCRG 0-19 Health Drop-in at Cippenham Nursery
St Andrew's Way, SL1 5NL 1.30-3.30pm
4th Tuesday of the month. No appointment needed

Slough Library Service
Storytime at Cippenham Library
Elmhurst Lane, SL1 5RB 2-2.30pm
No booking required

Frimley Health Antenatal Classes
Part 1: 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4pm
Contact your midwife for more info

Slough Best Start Family Hubs and HCRG
Postnatal Session
Part 2: Baby and You 2-4pm
4th Tuesday of the month. To book email:
hcrp.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@rhts.net

Wednesday

NHS Getting Help Team
Invitation only 9am-5pm

Trinity Toys
106 Windsor Road, SL1 2JA
Baby and Toddler Group - £2 per family
10.15-11.45am Term-time only

Slough Library Service
Storytime at The Curve
William Street, SL1 1XY 10.30-11am
Followed by Duplo time 11-11.30am
No booking required

Slough CLASS Adult Learning
Various locations and times.
Please see our Facebook page or visit
www.slough.gov.uk/adult-learning

Thursday

HCRG Development Reviews
Appointment only 8.45am-3pm

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Terrific Two's
9.30-11am Invitation only
5 Nov, 12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
2-year-old Funding Information Session
Invite only 9.30-11am 3 Dec

NHS Breastfeeding support
Appointment only 9.30am-1.30pm

Slough Library Service
Storytime at Cippenham Library
11-11.30am Elmhurst Lane, SL1 5RB
No booking required

Homestart
29 Church Street, SL1 1PL
Baby and Me 11am-12.30pm
To book call 01753 372958

Frimley Health
Perinatal Mental Health Support
Invitation only 1-2.30pm

Friday

NHS Getting Help Team
Invitation only 9am-1pm

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Crawlers to Preschoolers
Booking required see below 9.30-11am
No session 6 Nov

HCRG 0 to 19 Health Drop-in
9.30-11.30am 3rd Friday of the month

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
First Aid for Parents
(of non mobile babies) 1-3pm 6 Nov
To book email family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Slough Best Start Family Hubs
Play and Learn Bumps to Crawlers
1.30-2.30pm Booking required see below

HCRG HENRY workshops
3rd Friday of the month
For more information email:
hcrp.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@rhts.net



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Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove (Chalvey)

Tel: 01753 574387
family.hubs@slough.gov.uk

Early Years Provision
8am to 6pm all year.
Contact the hub for
more information.



For further information about Family Hub services click here





HENRY Autumn Timetable Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young



Venue	Date	Workshop	Description
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	18/09/2024 12.00-14.00	Introducing Solids (4-8 months)	Make mealtimes a joy! Introducing solid food alongside milk from 6 months.
Best Start Family Hub Penn Road, SL2 1PG	01/10/2026 11.00-13.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Romey Close, SL3 8PE	24/10/2026 11.00-13.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	16/10/2026 12.00-14.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Romey Close, SL3 8PE	11/11/2026 11.00-13.00	Eating Well for Less (0-12 years)	Healthy Eating doesn't have to be expensive! Tips for simple and healthy low-cost meals.
Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE	20/11/2026 12.00-14.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Penn Road, SL2 1PG	01/12/2026 11.00-13.00	Let's Get Active (0-5 years)	Discover the benefits of activity for your child! Fun ways to get the whole family up and moving.
Best Start Family Hub Romey Close, SL3 8PE	09/12/2026 11.00-13.00	Introducing Solids (4-8 months)	Make mealtimes a joy! Introducing solid food alongside milk from 6 months.



Slough Child and Family Wellbeing Home - Slough Child and Family Wellbeing Services
Refer a family here: HENRY workshop registration - Fill in form
Slough Best Start Family Hubs Slough Information and Services Guide | Slough Best Start Family Hubs
HENRY About us | HENRY

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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs

Infant feeding and weaning drop-in sessions



Drop-in to see the Family Hub Team for support and advice about breastfeeding, weaning, and providing a healthy diet for your family.

No need to book!

- **Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove**
Montem Academy Primary School Grounds, Chalvey Grove, Slough SL1 2TE
9.30–11.30am, Tues 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec.
- **Best Start Family Hub Penn Road**
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
9.30–11.30am, Wed 23 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec.
- **Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close**
Marish Primary School, Romsey Close, Langley, Slough SL3 8PE
9.30–11.30am, Mon 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec.



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or email

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and ask to speak with
Mrs Devine, Mrs Bishop or Miss Jones

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Slough's Best Start Family Hubs Cost of living support drop-in sessions



Drop-in to see the Family Hub Outreach Team for free, independent advice and guidance, to ensure your family are accessing all the financial support you are entitled to, and how to make the best use of other services available.

No need to book!

- **Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove**
Montem Academy Primary School Grounds, Chalvey Grove, Slough SL1 2TE
9–11.30am, Tues 22 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov.
- **Best Start Family Hub Penn Road**
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
2–4pm, Thurs 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 26 Nov.
- **Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close**
Marish Primary School, Romsey Close, Langley, Slough SL3 8PE
1–3pm, Fri 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 13 Nov.



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2026/2027 Term Dates

Term 1: Autumn 1 (39 days)

***INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2026**

Term starts on: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Term ends on: Friday 23 October 2026

October holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term 2: Autumn 2 (35 days)

***INSET Day: Monday 2 November 2026**

Term starts on: Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Term ends on: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Term 3: Spring 1 (30 days)

***INSET Day: Monday 4 January 2027**

Term starts on: Tuesday 5 January 2027

Term ends on: Friday 12 February 2027

February holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term 4: Spring 2 (24 days)

Term starts on: Monday 22 February 2027

Term ends on: Thursday 25 March 2027

**Spring holiday: Friday 26 March 2027 to Friday 9 April 2027
(Good Friday – 26 March 2027. Easter Monday – 29 March 2027)**

Term 5: Summer 1 (34 days)

***INSET Day: Friday 28 May 2027**

Term starts on: Monday 12 April 2027

Term ends on: Thursday 27 May 2027

Early May bank holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

May holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term 6: Summer 2 (33 days)

Term starts on: Monday 7 June 2027

Term ends on: Wednesday 21 July 2027

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Keep Your Child Safe Online



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TALK

Talk to your child about their internet use and safety

Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet

Praise your child for safe online behaviours

Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

EDUCATE

Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity

Teach your child about specific issues and concerns

Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

CO-VIEW

Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week

Interact with your child online

Model appropriate online behaviour

Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all



HOUSE RULES

Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")

Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices

Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas

Use filters and parental controls

Spend regular screen-free time with your child



AGE 11+

for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE 14+

for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use

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