

## St James the Less RC Primary School

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## Holidays 2025 to 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
OPENS	Wednesday 3rd September
HALF TERM (school Closed)	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
RE-OPENS	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
END OF TERM Closure	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 school closes at 3:15pm
	SPRING TERM 2026
OPENS	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
HALF TERM (school closed)	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
INSET 3 (SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
RE-OPENS	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
END OF TERM Closure (note 1 week and 1 day)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April school closes at 3:15pm
	(Good Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 and ONE week)
	SUMMER TERM 2026
OPENS	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day closure (1 day)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
HALF TERM (School Closed 2 weeks)	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
RE-OPENS	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
END OF TERM Closure	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 school closes at 3:15pm
	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 190
<u>Teaching training days (INSET) – Days</u>	when school is CLOSED to pupils

1.9.25 / 2.9.25 / 23.2.26 / 20.7.26 / 21.7.26

## Pupils and family Holidays in Term Time- Attendance Policy Statement

It is a legal requirement for parents/carers to obtain the permission of the Headteacher before removing their child from school in order to take any leave in term time. Parents do not have an automatic right to take their children out of school for leave during term time and may be issued with a Penalty Notice or prosecution if they do so without prior arrangement with the Headteacher. The legislation only allows the Headteacher to authorise such leave in exceptional circumstances.

To apply for a child to be granted leave from school parents complete a leave of absence form located on the school website and return it to school for consideration <u>well in advance</u> of the proposed leave and before committing to any expense. Upon receipt of request the Headteacher will make a decision as to whether the absence can be authorised, being mindful of government regulations and LA guidance. Please do not arrange holidays without discussion with the school as this has caused significant problems for families who have ignored this ruling. For further guidance, please follow the advice from Lancashire County Council <a href="https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/absence-from-school/">https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/absence-from-school/</a>









