



St James the Less RC Primary School

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Holidays 2026 to 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
INSET 1 (school closed)	Tuesday 1 st September
OPENS	Wednesday 2 nd September
HALF TERM (school Closed)	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
RE-OPENS	Monday 2 nd November
END OF TERM Closure	Friday 18 th December school closes at 3:15pm
SPRING TERM 2027	
OPENS	Monday 4 th January
HALF TERM (school closed)	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
INSET 2 (school closed)	Monday 22 nd February
RE-OPENS	Tuesday 23 rd February
END OF TERM Closure	Thursday 25 th March school closes at 3:15pm
SUMMER TERM 2027	
OPENS	Monday 12 th April
May Day closure (1 day)	Monday 3 rd May
HALF TERM (School closed)	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
RE-OPENS	Monday 7 th June
END OF TERM Closure	Friday 16 th July 2027 school closes at 3:15pm
INSET 3,4,5 (school closed)	Monday 19 th July – Wednesday 21 st July
	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN: 190
<u>Teaching training days (INSET) – Days when school is CLOSED to pupils</u> 1.9.26 / 22.2.27 / 19.7.27 / 20.7.27 / 21.7.27	
<u>Pupils and family Holidays in Term Time- Attendance Policy Statement</u> 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 well in advance 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 https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/absence-from-school/	

