

ASPIRATION, COMPASSION, COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT & FAITH

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TO LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW
IN GOD'S LOVE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of summer and we are ready for a rest. Thank you to all of the staff for all of their hard work and dedication this half term. The children have worked hard and continued to be the best version of themselves. We are all proud of each and every one of them.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and a good rest.

Take care God Bless

Miss Long

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 21st May Coffee morning has been cancelled. We will confirm a new date soon.

Break-up for half term Friday 24th May normal finish time 3.20

Return to school Monday 3rd June. Gates open 8.40 am

Thursday 4th July – School Closed due to Polling Station



Summer Fair Saturday 6th July 24

This year's Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 6th July 24. If you have any good quality items that you would happily donate, to help make our Summer Fair a

success please bring them to school.



As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.



School success starts
with attendance



Winners last week

Year 3 – 98.1%

School attendance last

Week 95.4%

Gardening Club



We are organising a Gardening Club encouraging children to grow flowers to help brighten up our school. We will also grow vegetables. If you have any spare plants, seeds, vegetable plants and gardening tools that you can donate please bring to school. Thank you.

St Joseph's School Prayer

Heavenly Father -

Let us aim to be the very best we can be, at all times.

May St Joseph's be full of happiness.

Fill our hearts with love, respect and compassion for all who are part of our school, local and global community.

Help us to make good choices, and guide us in understanding when we don't.

Let us remember, in learning together, we grow together and succeed together, in God's love.

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This Week

Muhammed – Y4

Ava – Y1

Ralph – Y1

Thessy – Y1

Kevin – Y3

Margarida – Y2

Mr Bray

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please inform the school office either by telephone or email

support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

If your child seeks GP appointment please email a photo of any medication prescribed. Thank you for your support.



Mental Health Wellbeing Walk

These bottles were awarded to children who took part in both early morning walks for mental health week. They filled the table! We hope that these water bottles encourage everyone to keep hydrated, especially as the weather gets warmer!

Well done everyone!

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=120.4> Click link to read more.

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 **Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME**

1 Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

The eleven disciples went to Galilee. They came to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them after he had risen to new life. When they saw him they bowed down before him, though some hesitated. Then Jesus spoke to them. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," he said. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to keep all the commandments I have given you. And remember: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 26th May 2024 Cf. Matthew 28:16-20 (Trinity Sunday, Year B)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **FRIENDSHIP**.



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Attendance Matters... Every Minute Counts

Minutes late per day or Early out per day	Learning time lost In a year
5 minutes	2.09 days
10 minutes	4.20 days
15 minutes	6.17 days
20 minutes	8.40 days
30 minutes	12.59 days
60 minutes	25.19 days

Pupils late week 13th – 17th
May 2024

YR	14
Y1	10
Y2	9
Y3	10
Y4	11
Y5	10
Y6	10

Total lates 74

Rainbow Awards

24th May 2024

Rec – All Reception

Year 1 – Liam, Leo A

Year 2 – Phoebe, Elsie

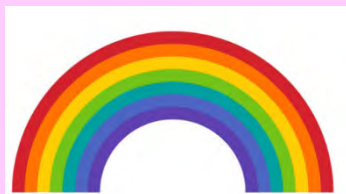
Year 3 – Thomas,

Year 4 – Lillie, Amelia

Year 5 – Abu, Emily

Year 6 – Beau, Nishanya

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Navigating the complexities of childhood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important to remember, however, that each child is different, and will require an individual approach to relationship support.

1 GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Encouraging children and young people to join extracurricular activities can foster healthy friendships by providing shared interests and common ground. Engaging in these pastimes offers a platform for interaction, sometimes alleviating the social pressure of knowing what to say, and helps children develop meaningful connections.

2 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



The children and young people in our lives see how we behave, the connections that we've made and the interactions between us and others. When we model healthy friendships, we set an example and help youngsters to understand what healthy friendships looks like and how to navigate them.

3 HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES



Healthy friendships aren't just about dynamics with other people. They're about our relationship with ourselves. For overall wellbeing, it's important for a child to have the space to build their self-esteem and a positive self-image, as these factors can have a notable influence on the friendships they form throughout life.

4 MONITOR SCREEN TIME



Too much screen time can affect some children's wellbeing in general, but it can specifically impact friendships if it results in fewer positive social interactions. In some cases, reducing screen time and encouraging children and young people to find ways to interact face-to-face can have positive results. It's also important to remember that young people can make positive friendships online, but they will require support to do this safely.

5 TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING



Inevitably, friendships can run into problems. However, this is also an opportunity to support children and young people to work through any difficulties that may arise. It can be tempting to intervene and try to fix these issues for those involved, but helping them consider ways of resolving conflict or managing difficult situations for themselves can help them create stronger friendships.

6 EMPOWER THE CHILD



When we give children and young people the confidence to choose their friends, navigate interpersonal boundaries and consider how they want to interact with the different people around them, we empower them to take control of the friendships they have. When young people feel in control of these things, they're more likely to make positive choices and remain aware of the signs of a negative relationship.

7 TEACH EMPATHY



'Healthy friendships' doesn't always mean 'perfect.' Sometimes, disagreements can happen. When we teach children and young people to have empathy, we help them to see both sides of a relationship; to be mindful of the challenges a friend might be facing or whatever else might be going on. This can help children and young people to build stronger friendships.

8 BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS



Talking to young people about their friendships, who they spend time with and who they interact with can open the door to questions if they have concerns. Initially, these queries may be straightforward, but if we are receptive to discussion from the outset, young people are more likely to come to us for help when they are older as well.

9 UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES



One of the keys to a healthy friendship is honouring boundaries. This can include anything from respecting personal space and belongings to acceptable language and behaviour. Understanding the importance of setting these limits and upholding those set by others can help children stay safe. If young people figure out their boundaries and feel comfortable enforcing them, they're more likely to call someone out if they go too far.

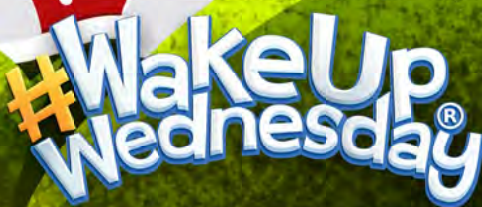
10 SPOT THE SIGNS



We can't always supervise young people: sometimes, we need to step back and give them some space. However, it's important to consider any indicators that they may be struggling in their friendships. Are they becoming increasingly irritable? Does their behaviour alter when they've been with their friends? Are they becoming withdrawn or reluctant to take part in certain activities? These could all be signs that they're finding things difficult, and we should remain alert to such changes.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an experienced educator who has worked in primary and secondary schools for 20 years. She is a facilitator, consultant and coach working with young people and the adults who work with them, with a focus on developing understanding and skills around mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.



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GOD, THE HOLY TRINITY



Jesus taught us that God is not just one Person, but three Persons in one God. The three Persons in God are God the Father, God the Son Who is Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The three Persons in God know each other perfectly and all want the exact same thing. The Blessed Trinity is a mystery that we can't really understand. It is the three Persons of God loving each other so much we could never even measure or understand it! And God, the Blessed Trinity, decided to create us so that we could adore them and join in their love! That's what Heaven is: being with the Blessed Trinity in total happiness forever!

We pray that the Blessed Trinity will be glorified by all creatures when we say this prayer:



*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever. Amen.*

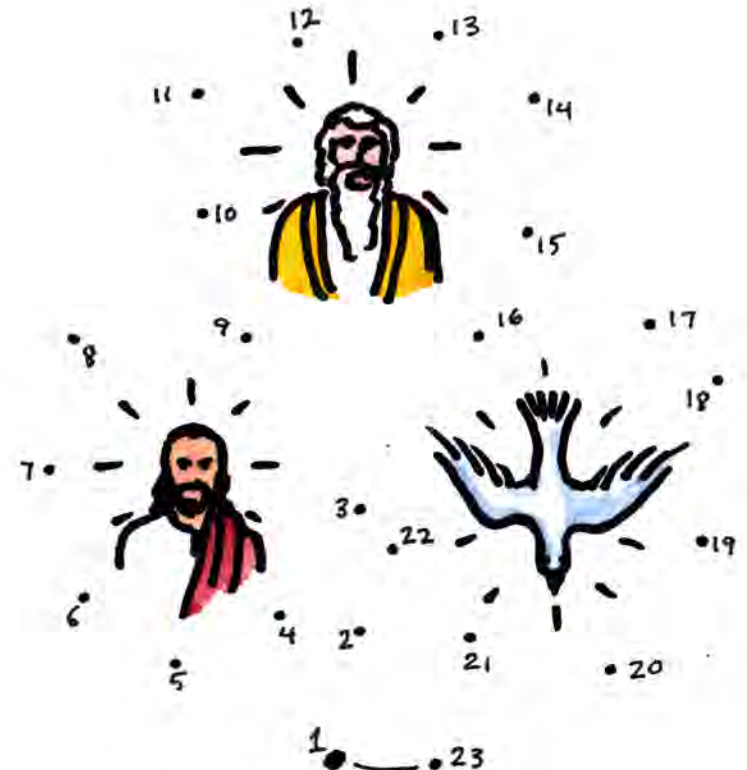


Answers: Dot to dot on front: a shamrock represents the Holy Trinity.
Trinity puzzle: Each Person IS NOT any other Person, but each Person IS GOD.

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The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
Sunday May 26th, 2024*



There are three Persons in God:
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
But there is still only one God!
Saint Patrick taught the Irish people about
the BLESSED TRINITY by showing the
people something else that is three-in-one.
What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Joan of Arc

May 30



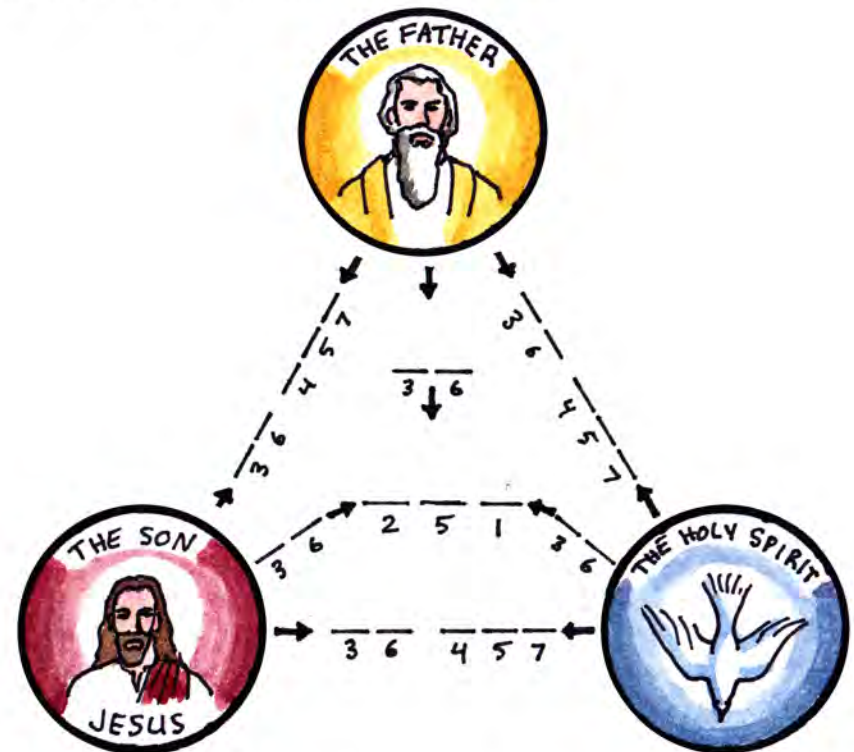
ST. JOAN OF ARC IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF BEING BRAVE AND DOING THE RIGHT THING EVEN WHEN PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE BEING WEIRD. GOD WANTED HER TO HELP SAVE FRANCE, BUT MANY FRENCH PEOPLE DID NOT TRUST HER. ALWAYS DO WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO, NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

What is the Blessed Trinity?

The Blessed Trinity is God! There are three Persons in God, but there is only one God. "Trinity" comes from the Latin word for three.

Only God the Son, Who is Jesus, has a body. But we show God the Father as an old man, and the Holy Spirit as a dove.

Here is a puzzle that might help you understand the Holy Trinity a little better. Use the letter code at the bottom to fill in the blanks.



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D G I N O S T



St Joseph's

Summer 2024 Dates

April			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 15 th April 2024	8.40am	Children back to school	All Year Groups
Thursday 18 th April 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 18 th April 2024	9.30am	Whole School Mass	All Welcome
Friday 19 th April 2024	PM	Community Police visit	All Year Groups
Friday 19 th April 2024	PM	Local MP visit	
Monday 22 nd April – Friday 26 th April 2024	All Week	Y6 Mock SATs week	Y6
Monday 22 nd April – Friday 26 th April 2024	All Week	Y1 Mock Phonics Check week	Y1
Monday 22 nd April 2024		Passover Begins	
Tuesday 23 rd April 2024		St George's Day	
Thursday 25 th April 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 25 th April 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y5 & Y2	All Welcome
Monday 29 th April – Friday 3 rd May 2024	All Week	Y2 Mock SATS Week	Y2
Tuesday 30 th April 2024		Passover Ends	
May			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 1 st May 2024		Month of Mary begins	
Wednesday 1 st May – Friday 24 th May 2024	Timetabled during the month	KS1 SATs	Y2
Thursday 2 nd May 2024	All Day	School Closed – Polling Station	All Year Groups
Monday 6 th May 2024	All Day	Bank Holiday – School Closed	All Year Groups
Tuesday 7 th May 2024		Southwark School Rosary	
Thursday 9 th May 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 9 th May 2024	9.30am	Whole School Mass - Ascension of Jesus	All Welcome
Thursday 9 th May 2024	2.15pm	Crowning of Mary	All Welcome
Thursday 9 th May 2024	4pm	Frugal Youth Music Performance	All Welcome
Monday 13 th May – Friday 17 th May 2024	All Day	KS2 SATs Week	Y6
Monday 13 th May 2024	Timetabled over two weeks	Y4 Mock Multiplication Tests	Y4
Monday 13 th May 2024		Christian Aid Week	
Monday 13 th May 2024		Mental Health Awareness Week	
Thursday 16 th May 2024		No School Mass	
Sunday 19 th May 2024		Pentecost	
Monday 20 th May 2024	All Week	Walk to School Week	All Year Groups
Tuesday 21 st May 2024	9am – 10am	SEN Tea & Talk	All Welcome

Thursday 23 rd May 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y5 & Y2	All Welcome
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st June 2024	All Week	Half Term	All Year Groups
June			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 3rd June 2024	8.40am	Children back to school	All Year Groups
Monday 3 rd June – Sunday 30 th June 2024	All Month	Sacred Heart of Jesus – Month of June	All Year Groups
Monday 3 rd June – Friday 21 st June 2024	Timetabled over the three weeks	Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check	Year 4
Wednesday 5 th June 2024	9am	Year 6 Assembly	Y6 Parents
Thursday 6 th June 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 6 th June 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y6, Y1 & YR	All Welcome
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June 2024	Timetabled over the week	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	9am – 10am	SEN Tea & Talk	All Welcome
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	9am	Year 5 Assembly	Y5 Parents
Thursday 13 th June 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 13 th June 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y5 & Y2	All Welcome
Thursday 13 th June 2024	TBC	SEN Trip	
Friday 14 th June 2024	9am	Father's Day Breakfast	See Separate Letter – Pre booked only
Friday 14 th June 2024	2.30pm	Rainbow Assembly	All Welcome
Monday 17 th June – Friday 21 st June 2024	All Week	National Sports Week	
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	9am	Y4 Assembly	Y4 Parents
Thursday 20 th June 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1 Parents
Thursday 20 th June 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y4 & Y3	All Welcome
Thursday 20 th June 2024	9am & 5pm	New Reception Parent meetings	New Reception Parents
Friday 21 st June 2024 - TBC	AM	Sports Day	All Year Groups
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June 2024	All Week	Y6 Activity Week	Y6
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June 2024	All Week	RSE Week	All Year Groups
Tuesday 25 th June 2024		Windrush Day	All Year Groups
Wednesday 20 th June 2024	9am	Y3 Assembly	Y3 Parents
Thursday 27 th June 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 27 th June 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y6, Y1 & YR	All Welcome
Thursday 27 th June 2024	9am – 10.30am	New Reception – Meet the Teacher and Parent Coffee Morning	New Reception Parents and Children
Sunday 30 th June 2024	10am	St Peter and St Paul's day – Choir to sing at mass	Choir & All Welcome

July			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July 2024		Art Week	
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	9am – 10am	SEN – Tea and Talk	All Welcome
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	9am	Y2 Assembly	Y2 Parents
Thursday 4th July 2024	All day	Polling Day – School closed	
Thursday 4 th July 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS/KS1 Parents
Thursday 4 th July 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y5 & Y2	All Welcome
Friday 5 th July 2024	11am	New Reception – Teddy Bear's Picnic	New Reception Parents and Children
Saturday 6 th July 2024	11am-2pm	Summer Fair	All Welcome
Monday 8 th July – Friday 12 th July 2024	All Week	Career's Week	
Monday 8 th July – Friday 12 th July 2024	All Week	Maths Week	All Year Groups
Wednesday 10 th July	9am	Y1 Assembly	Y1 Parents
Thursday 11 th July 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 11 th July 2024	9.30am	Mass – Y4 & Y3	All Welcome
Thursday 11 th July 2024	All day	New Reception 1:1 Meetings	New Reception Parents and Children – Appointments pre booked
Thursday 11 th July 2024 - TBC	2pm	Communion Blessing	Parents of children who have had their communion
Friday 12 th July 2024	9am	Music Concert	All Welcome
Friday 12 th July 2024	2.30pm	Rainbow Assembly	All Welcome
Monday 15 th July 2024	9.30am	Y6 Dress Rehearsal	KS2
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	3.30pm – 5pm	Optional Parents Evening	All Year Groups
Wednesday 17 th July	9am	Reception Assembly & Graduation	Reception Parents
Thursday 18 th July 2024	9.30am	Y6 Leavers Mass – Whole School	All Welcome
Thursday 18 th July 2024	6pm	Y6 Production	Y6 Parents
Friday 19 th July 2024	4pm – 5.30pm	Y6 Disco	Y6 Children only
Monday 22 nd July 2024	9am	Y6 Leavers Assembly	Y6 Parents
Tuesday 23 rd July		Y6 Shirt Signing	Y6 Children only
Tuesday 23 rd July	AM	Class Parties – Own Clothes	All Year Groups
Tuesday 23rd July	2pm	Children's Last day of Term	All Year Groups
Wednesday 24th July	All Day	School Closed – Inset Day	All Year Groups



PROVISIONAL

Term Dates Academic Year 2024/25 Including Inset Days and Bank Holidays

Autumn Term

- **Monday 2 September 2024 – Staff Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 3 September 2024 – Staff Inset Day**
- Wednesday 4 September 2024 – all pupils return
- Thursday 24 October 2024 – Last day of half term
- **Friday 25 October 2024 – Staff Inset Day**
- **Half Term – Monday 28 October 2024 – Friday 1 November 2024**
- Monday 4 November 2024 – all pupils return
- **Friday 20 December 2024 – End of term – 2pm**

Spring Term

- **Monday 6 January 2025 – Staff Inset Day**
- Tuesday 7 January 2025 – all pupils return
- Friday 14 February 2025 – Last day of half term
- **Half Term – Monday 17 February 2025 – Friday 21 February 2025**
- Monday 24 February 2025 – all pupils return
- **Friday 4 April 2025 – End of term – 2pm**

Summer Term

- Tuesday 22 April 2025 – all pupils return
- Friday 23 May 2025 – Last day of half term
- **Half Term – Monday 26 May 2025 – Friday 30 May 2025**
- Monday 2 June 2025 – all pupils return
- **Tuesday 22 July 2025 – End of term – 2pm**
- **Wednesday 23 July 2025 – Staff Inset Day**

Inset Days – Pupils do not attend school on these days

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Tuesday 3 September 2024
- Friday 25 October 2024
- Monday 6 January 2025
- Wednesday 23 July 2025

Bank Holidays - The school is closed to staff and pupils on these days

- Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December 2024
- Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December 2024
- New Year's Day – Wednesday 1 January 2025
- Good Friday – Friday 18 April 2025
- Easter Monday – Monday 21 April 2025
- Early May bank holiday – Monday 5 May 2025
- Spring bank holiday – Monday 26 May 2025
- Summer bank holiday – Monday 25 August 2025