



Orwell Park School

SUMMER TERM 2026

The School Ethos

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Orwell Park is a long established co-educational prep school for day pupils and boarders. The outstanding beauty of the grounds and historic buildings contribute to an inspiring experience, which combines the legacy and traditions of the past with the dynamism and energy of the present and the future. Boys and girls are given every opportunity to be the best they can be, both in and outside the classroom. High expectations, and learning strategies tailored to the individual child, lead to high levels of attainment.

Academic achievement and pastoral care are given top priority, alongside core values such as kindness, integrity and respect for others. Children are encouraged to take on challenges, to overcome setbacks and to see failure as part of the journey to success, to develop the resilience, initiative, flexibility, creativity and collaborative skills that will prepare them for the next stage of their education and later life.

At Orwell Park, pupils develop a balanced sense of themselves and a quiet confidence in their interactions with others.

Our School Values

Our aim is, as a whole community of pupils, staff, and parents to agree upon and embed a set of values that influence every aspect of life at the school and promote positive behaviour and healthy attitudes. We embrace the following core values:

- INTEGRITY
- RESPECT
- COURAGE
- KINDNESS
- COLLABORATION
- SPIRIT

ORWELL PARK SCHOOL

Governance

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SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Rainbow Chan

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Henry Hill

Judea Kajoba

Tymo Konik

Elizabeth Makondi

Tokunbo Oluwakuyide

Victor Parker

Lexi Vella

HEAD BOARDERS

Rika Araki

David Allen

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Blue Boars

Rainbow Chan

Green Dragons

Lottie Prince

Red Lions

Herbie Palmer-Tomkinson

Yellow Tigers

Theo Tollemache

ASSISTANT HOUSE CAPTAINS

Blue Boars

Pepe Sevilliano Escalante

Green Dragons

Victor Parker

Red Lions

Tymo Konik

Yellow Tigers

Elizabeth Makondi

NOTES

PUPIL DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Drop Off

Reception-Year 2 Drop off at Pre-Prep Reception; pupils should arrive by **8.15am**.

Years 3-8 Drop off at the Main Reception/North Hall; pupils should arrive by **8am**.

Pick Up

We would like to ask parents to adhere to the timings below as closely as possible.

If pupils need to be collected outside of these times, please contact your child's class teacher/tutor.

Pupils may be collected at the following times:

Reception-Year 2

3.30pm from the Pre-Prep Reception or

5pm after Evening Explorers from the Pre-Prep Reception or

6.30pm after Late Stay (tea will be provided) from the Main Reception/North Hall.

Years 3 & 4

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

5pm from the Main Reception/North Hall or

6.30pm after Tea and Activities.

Wednesday

3.30pm from the Main Reception/North Hall or

5pm after ASPIRE 1 or

6.30pm after Tea and Activities.

(To ensure accurate registers, please may we ask that pupils are aware of when they're being collected on Wednesday afternoons, at Wednesday morning registration.)

Friday

3.30pm from the Main Reception/North Hall after Games/home matches (for away matches this will be at around 5pm; please see the website/SOCS for detailed timings) or

5pm after ASPIRE 1 or

6.30pm after Tea and Activities.

Saturday (Year 4 only)

3.30pm from the Main Reception/North Hall.

PUPIL DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Years 5-8

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

5pm from the Main Reception/North Hall (after ASPIRE 1) or

6pm after ASPIRE 2 or

6.30pm after ASPIRE 2 and Tea or

7.45pm after ASPIRE 3.

Wednesday

3.30pm after Games/home matches depending on start/finish times (for away matches timings will vary; please see the website/SOCS for detailed timings) or

5pm or

6pm after ASPIRE or

6.30pm after ASPIRE and Tea.

Saturday

3.30pm after Games/home matches depending on start/finish times

(for away matches timings will vary; please see the website/SOCS for detailed timings).

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10.30am	Prep School Staff Meeting
2.00pm	Head's Assembly
3.45pm	Games (Years 7 & 8) / ASPIRE (Years 3-6)

TUESDAY

2.00pm	Tutor Period / Music Ensembles (Flute Choir, Big Band, String Ensemble)
2.30pm	Games (Years 3 & 4)
3.45pm	Games (Years 5 & 6) / ASPIRE (Years 7 & 8)
3.45pm	OPS Quest (Reception-Year 2)
3.45pm	EYFS Staff Meeting
5.15pm	OPS Quest (Years 3 & 4) (ends at 6.30pm)

WEDNESDAY

10.30am	Lower Prep Staff Meeting
2.00pm	Lower Prep Assembly
2.15pm	Games and Matches (Years 5-8)
2.30pm	ASPIRE (Years 3 & 4)

THURSDAY

9.30am	Senior Leadership Team Meeting
1.00pm	Early Help Meeting
2.00pm	Whole School Chapel/House Assemblies
2.30pm	Games (Years 3 & 4)
3.45pm	Games (Years 5-8)

FRIDAY

10.30am	Events Meeting
1.15pm	Lunchtime Detention
1.30pm	Reception Swimming (at First Strokes)
2.00pm	Games and Matches (Years 2, 3 & 4)
2.00pm	Tutor Period/Upper Prep Assemblies (Years 5-8)
3.45pm	ASPIRE (Years 5-8)
6.45pm	Evening Detention

SATURDAY

10.30am	Prefects' Meeting with Deputy Head/Head (fortnightly)
2.15pm	Games and Matches (Years 4-8)

WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

10.30am	Ukulele Club
2.00pm	Flute Choir, Big Band, String Ensemble
2.30pm	Year 2 String Scheme

WEDNESDAY

10.30am	Drum Line
12.00pm	Chapel Choir
12.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Choir
1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 Choir

THURSDAY

1.15pm	Percussion Ensemble
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FRIDAY

10.30am	Guitar Ensemble
3.45pm	Orchestra

SATURDAY

12.00pm	Chapel Choir
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To note

In addition to all sporting events, parents are warmly invited to join the school for all of those events listed in bold in the calendar.

Exeat weekends marked with an asterix * indicate that the Boarding House remains open for boarders who wish to stay in school for the weekend.

Monday 20

Staff INSET

Tuesday 21

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Wednesday 22

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3.30pm Pre-Season Training

7.00pm Term begins (for Boarders to return)

Thursday 23

8.00am Term begins (for Day pupils)

Friday 24

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

6.30pm Boarders' Big Night In: *Campfire Games!*

Saturday 25

Alex McCullough (Head Elect) at OPS

8.15am OPPA Committee Meeting

10.00am Senior Schools' Fair

1.30pm Boys' Cricket: 1st & 2nd v St Joseph's College (A)

1.30pm Boys' Cricket: 3rd v St Joseph's College (H)

1.30pm Girls' Cricket: 1st & 2nd v St Joseph's College (H)

Sunday 26

Boarders' Mountain Biking

Monday 27

- 1.15pm Health & Safety Committee Meeting
4.00pm Boys' Tennis: U9A (Orange Ball) v Framlingham Prep (A)

Tuesday 28

- 2.00pm Visiting Theatre Company: *Grandad Anansi* (Reception to Year 5)
4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI3 B v East Bergholt High School (H)

Wednesday 29

- UK Junior Maths Challenge (Years 5 - 8)
2.00pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A & B v Framlingham Prep (A)
2.00pm Girls' Cricket: 1st & 2nd v Framlingham Prep (A)
2.00pm Boys' Cricket: 1st, 2nd & 3rd v Framlingham Prep (H)
2.00pm Girls' Cricket: UIIA & B v Framlingham Prep (H)
2.00pm Boys' Cricket: 4th v St Joseph's College (A)

Thursday 30**2.00pm Whole School Chapel**

2.30pm Athletics: 1500m Finals (Years 3 & 4)

3.45pm Athletics: 1500m Finals (Years 5-8)

3.45pm Boys' Tennis: UIIA v Framlingham Prep (H)

6.00pm Creative Scholars' Show (Orangery & Alston Room)**Friday 1**

8.15am Class Reps' Meeting (Head's Study)

2.00pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B v Framlingham Prep (H)

2.00pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B v Framlingham Prep (H)

5.00pm Exeat Weekend begins (School closed)

Saturday 2**Sunday 3**

Monday 4**BANK HOLIDAY**

7.00pm Exeat Weekend ends (Boarders to return)

Tuesday 5

8.00am Day pupils return

1.15pm Heads of Department Meeting (all subjects)

4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI0A (Green Ball) v Framlingham Prep (A)

4.00pm LAMDA Recital: Years 3 & 4**5.00pm LAMDA Recital: Years 5 & 6****6.00pm LAMDA Recital: Years 7 & 8****Wednesday 6**

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A & B v Culford (A)

2.30pm Girls' Cricket: UI1A & B v Culford (A)

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th v Culford (H)

2.30pm Girls' Cricket: 1st, 2nd & 3rd v Culford (H)

Thursday 7

- IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships
(West London Shooting School)
- 1.15pm Pastoral Committee Meeting
- 3.45pm Athletics: 3000m Finals (Years 6 – 8)
- 4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI3A v Bury St Edmunds County Upper School (A)
- 4.00pm Girls' Tennis: UI3A v Bury St Edmunds County Upper School (A)
- 6.00pm Orangery Recital: Years 5 & 6**

Friday 8

- 8.15am Parent Coffee Morning (North Hall)**
- 8.45am Year 1 & 2 Verse Speaking**
- 10.30am Send Up & Values Awards (HM Study)
- 12.30pm Old Orwellian Club Lunch (1977-2002 Leavers)
- 2.15pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B v South Lee (A)
- 2.15pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B v South Lee (A)
- 4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI3B v Bury St Edmunds County Upper (H)

Saturday 9

- Alex McCullough (Head Elect) at OPS
EAL Exams, Cambridge
- 9.15am Boys' Cricket: Colts A OPS Sixes (H)
- 9.15am Girls' Cricket: UI1A OPS Sixes (H)
- 10.00am Open Morning

Sunday 10

Boarders' trip to Clip and Climb

Monday 11

5.30pm Year 5 Parents' Meeting (Orangery)

Tuesday 12

10.30am Pupil Voice Meetings

2.30pm Year 2 Assembly for Parents

4.00pm Tennis: Mixed U8A (Red Ball) v Framlingham Prep (A)

6.00pm Orangery Recital: Year 8

Wednesday 13

8.00am OrWellbeing Day

1.45pm Boys' Cricket: 1st, 2nd & 3rd v RHS (A)

1.45pm Girls' Cricket: 1st & 2nd v RHS (H)

2.15pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A v South Lee (H)

2.15pm Girls' Cricket: UIIB v South Lee (H)

2.15pm Boys' Cricket: Colts B v St Joseph's College (H)

2.15pm Girls' Cricket: UIIA v St Joseph's College (H)

2.30pm Year 1 & 2 Orangery Recital

3.30pm Year 1 & 2 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 14

LAMDA Exams

8.30am Commemoration Service (St Martin's Church)**12.00pm Desert Rats Memorial Service**

2.00pm Year 7 OPS Challenge Walk & Overnight Camp (at OPS)

3.45pm Boys' Tennis: UI3B v Ipswich High School (A)

3.45pm Girls' Tennis: UI3A v Ipswich High School (A)

4.30pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A v OBH (H)

4.30pm Girls' Cricket: UI1A v OBH (H)

6.00pm Digital Strategy & Upper Prep Talk (to parents of Years 4 & 6)**Friday 15**

LAMDA Exams

8.45am Reception Verse Speaking (Pre-Prep Hall)

2.00pm Orwell Park Governing Committee Meeting

2.15pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B v St Joseph's College (H)

2.15pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B v St Joseph's College (H)

5.00pm Exeat Weekend begins* (Boarders - In weekend)

Saturday 16**11.30am Nacton Open Gardens at Orwell Park****Sunday 17**

7.00pm Exeat Weekend ends (Boarders to return)

Monday 18

- Year 1 - 6 Assessments
- 8.00am Day pupils return
- 1.15pm Data & IT Committee Meeting
- 2.30pm Boys' Cricket: UI2A v Culford (H)
- 4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI3A v Finborough (H)
- 6.30pm Boarders' Big Night In: *Hunt the Boggit!*

Tuesday 19

- 2.30pm Year 1 Assembly for Parents**
- 4.30pm Boys' Tennis: UI3A & B v OBH (A)
- 4.30pm Girls' Tennis: UI3A v OBH (A)
- 5.00pm Orangery Lecture: *Cold War Air Defence Navigator - my life as a Bear Hunter* (Wing Commander Martin Loveridge, RAF - Phantom F-4 Navigator 1978-1992)**

Wednesday 20

- 10.00am Nursery Animal Visit
- 2.15pm Boys' Cricket: 2nd and Colts A & B v Woodbridge School (A)
- 2.15pm Girls' Cricket: 1st, 2nd & 3rd v Woodbridge School (A)
- 2.15pm Boys' Cricket: 1st, 3rd & 4th v Woodbridge School (H)
- 2.15pm Girls' Cricket: UI1A & B v Woodbridge School (H)

Thursday 21**3.30pm Nursery & Reception Parents' Meetings**

4.00pm Boys' Tennis: UI3A v King Edward VI, Bury St Edmunds (H)

4.00pm Girls' Tennis: UI3A v King Edward VI, Bury St Edmunds (H)

6.00pm Battle of the Bands (Years 3-8)**Friday 22**

10.30am Send Up & Values Awards (HM Study)

11.30am Upper Prep Sports Day & Picnics (Years 5-8)

3.30pm Half Term begins

Saturday 23**Sunday 24**

Monday 25

Tuesday 26

Wednesday 27

Thursday 28

Friday 29

Saturday 30

Sunday 31

7.00pm Half term ends (Boarders to return)

Monday 1

Year 6 Enrichment Week

Year 7 Mock Exams & Year 8 CE Exams begin (all week)

8.00am Day pupils return

Tuesday 2**Wednesday 3**

11.00am Year 5 Trip to Bawdsey departs (return Friday 5th June)

1.30pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A v Suffolk Schools' County Finals

1.30pm Girls' Cricket: UIIA v Suffolk Schools' County Finals

Thursday 4

2.00pm Whole School Chapel

5.30pm Orangery Recital: Years 3 & 4

Friday 5

Alex McCullough (Head Elect) at OPS

11.00am Athletics: East Area Prep Schools' Championships (Years 6-8)
(The International Stadium, Bedford)

1.30pm Lower Prep Sports Day (Nursery - Year 4)

3.30pm Whole School Summer Fete

5.00pm Exeat Weekend begins*

Saturday 6

12.00pm Old Orwellian Golf Day (Aldeburgh Golf Club)

Sunday 7

Mayo College (India) arrive

7.00pm Exeat Weekend ends (Boarders to return)

Monday 8**Aldeburgh Bookshop Pop up Book Fair (all week)**

Year 8 Leavers' Course begins

Year 3 & 4 Trip to West Stow

Visiting Author: Lisa Thompson Creative Writing Workshops

8.00am Day pupils return

9.00am Blue Book Deadline

1.15pm Upper Prep Tutors' Meeting

Tuesday 9

Workshops with Grace Easton (Artist in Residence, Benenden)

1.00pm Athletics: East Area Prep Schools' Championship (Years 4 & 5)
(Cambridge University Stadium)**2.30pm Reception Assembly for Parents****5.00pm Orangery Lecture: *Drawn to Creativity - My life in Illustration and Writing* (Grace Easton Artist in Residence, Benenden)****Wednesday 10****12.00pm Summer Art & DT Exhibition Opening (Alston Room)**

2.00pm Year 1 & 2 Trip to Felixstowe Library

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: 2nd and Colts A & B v Barnardiston Hall (H)

2.30pm Girls' Cricket: 1st and UIIA & B v Barnardiston Hall (H)

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: 1st & 3rd v Holmwood House (H)

2.30pm Legacy Campaign Launch with Afternoon Tea

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: 4th v South Lee (A)

2.30pm Girls' Cricket: 2nd v South Lee (A)

Thursday 11

- 8.30am Whole School, Leavers, Orchestra, Prefects & Team Photos
2.00pm **Whole School Grandparents' Afternoon**
6.00pm **Orangery Recital: Year 7**

Friday 12

- 10.30am Girls' Cricket: UIIA Regional Finals (venue TBC)
10.30am Send Up & Values Awards (HM Study)
2.00pm Year 8 Ardeche Trip departs (return Friday 19th June)
2.15pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B v Woodbridge School (H)
2.15pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B v Woodbridge School (H)
2.30pm **Nursery Assembly for Parents**

Saturday 13**Sunday 14**

- Boarders' Trip to Thorpeness Meare
Kowloon Tong School, Hong Kong arrive
Mayo College (boys) depart
Year 7 Normandy Trip departs (return Friday 19th June)

Monday 15

10.30am Boys' Tennis: U9A (Orange Ball) County Finals

Tuesday 16

Year 6 Art & Design Trip to SCVA Centre, Norwich

10.30am Boys' Tennis: U10A (Green Ball) County Finals

10.30am Girls' Tennis: U10A (Green Ball) County Finals

2.00pm Reception Trip to Felixstowe Library

**6.00pm Year 5 Production: Shakespeare in the Woods
(Macbeth & Twelfth Night)**

Wednesday 17

Mayo College (girls) depart

8.30am Year 4 Assembly for Parents

10.30am Tennis: Mixed U8A (Red Ball) County Finals

2.30pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A & B v Littlegarth (H)

2.30pm Girls' Cricket: U11A & B v Littlegarth (H)

2.30pm Pre Prep Summer Concert (Nursery - Year 2) (Orangery)

Thursday 18**10.00am Nursery Stay and Play: 'Little Garden Explorers'**

10.00am Benenden Governing Council Meeting

10.30am Boys' Tennis: UIIA (Premier Tennis) County Finals

6.00pm Year 6 Self-Directed Drama Productions**Friday 19**

10.00am Year 8 Ardeche Trip returns

2.15pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B House Matches (H)

2.15pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B House Matches (H)

5.00pm Year 7 Normandy Trip returns

5.00pm Exeat Weekend begins (School closed)

Saturday 20**Sunday 21**

7.00pm Exeat Weekend ends (Boarders to return)

Monday 22

- 8.00am Day pupils return
1.00pm Blue Book Meeting

Tuesday 23

- 8.30am Year 3 Parents' Assembly**
10.30am Pupil Voice Meetings
10.30am Year 8 Boys Dinner Jacket fittings by Coes
11.00am Girls' Cricket: 1st v Benenden (H)
1.15pm Heads of Department Meeting (all subjects)
5.00pm Orangery Lecture: *Making Waves – Swimming, the Olympics and Me* (Robin Francis, Director of Swimming, Benenden School)

Wednesday 24

- 2.00pm Boys' Cricket: 1st v Ipswich School (A)
2.00pm Boys' Cricket: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th v Ipswich School (H)
2.00pm Girls' Cricket: 1st, 2nd & 3rd v Ipswich School (H)
2.30pm Boys' Cricket: Colts A & B v Holmwood House (A)
2.30pm Girls' Cricket: UIIA & B v Holmwood House (H)

Thursday 25

- 11.00am Boys' Cricket: 1st v Sussex House (H)
3.45pm Boys' Tennis: UI3 House Matches (H)
3.45pm Girls' Tennis: UI3 House Matches (H)

Friday 26

Kowloon Tong School, Hong Kong depart

- 2.00pm Nursery Leavers' Festival**
2.15pm Boys' Cricket: U9A & B v Holmwood House (H)
2.15pm Girls' Cricket: U9A & B v Holmwood House (H)
6.00pm Summer Concert (Years 3-8) (Orangery Lawn)

Saturday 27

- 8.15am OPPA AGM (Alston Room)**
2.00pm Staff v Parents Cricket Match

Sunday 28

Boarders' Inflatable Fun - Pool & BBQ

Monday 29

- Whole School Induction & Move Up Day
3.45pm Golf: U11 v Framlingham Prep (H)
6.00pm Year 8 BBQ and Games with Mr O'Malley (Swimming Pool)

Tuesday 30

- ABRSM Music Exams
Reception & Year 1 trip to Felixstowe Beach
11.00am Boys' Cricket: U12A v Essex Boys Club (H)
11.00am Girls' Cricket: 1st v Essex Girls Club (H)
3.45pm Golf: Senior & U11 House Matches (H)
6.30pm Boarders' Big Night In: *Outdoor Disco!*

Wednesday 1

- Summer Art & DT Exhibition closes
Year 2 Trip to Walberswick
9.00am House Assault Course & Year 8 Tug of War
9.30am Athletics: National Prep Schools' Finals
(Alexander Stadium, Birmingham)
2.15pm Cricket: Senior & U11 House Matches (H)

Thursday 2

8.30am Whole School Chapel

10.30am Send Up & Values Awards (HM Study)

2.00pm Lower Prep Swimming Gala (Years 2-4)

3.30pm Upper Prep Swimming Gala (Years 5-8)

Friday 3

11.45am Internal Prize Giving (Years 3-8)

2.00pm Pre Prep (Nursery - Year 2) Prize Giving followed by picnics & home for end of year

3.00pm Year 8 Leavers' Play

4.00pm Day finishes for pupils in Years 3-7 (full & weekly boarders may stay)

5.00pm Leavers' Service for Year 8 (St Martin's Church)

6.00pm Year 8 Leavers & Parents' BBQ (Swimming Pool Garden)

Saturday 4

Speech Day for Years 3-8

10.00am Prize Giving and Speeches, followed by picnics

1.30pm Leavers' Cricket (Year 8)

3.30pm Term ends

7.00pm Year 8 Leavers' Ball

12.00am Year 8 Leavers depart

Sunday 5

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Term begins

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Half-term begins

Half-term ends

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Term ends

Monday 7th September (7.00pm)

Friday 18 September (3.30pm or 5pm)

Sunday 20 September (7.00pm)

Friday 2 October (3.30pm or 5pm)

Sunday 4 October (7.00pm)

Friday 16 October (3.30pm)

Sunday 1 November (7.00pm)

Friday 13 November (3.30pm or 5pm)

Sunday 15 November (7.00pm)

Friday 27 November (3.30pm or 5pm)

Sunday 29 November (7.00pm)

Friday 11 December (12 noon)

SPRING TERM 2027

Term begins

Term begins

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Exeat Weekend begins

Exeat Weekend ends

Exeat Weekend ends

Exeat Weekend ends

Half-term begins

Half-term ends

Half-term ends

Exeat weekend begins

Exeat weekend ends

Exeat Weekend ends

Term ends

Wednesday 6 January (7.00pm for Boarders)

Thursday 7 January (8.00am for Day Pupils)

Friday 15 January (3.45pm or 5pm)*

Sunday 17 January (7.00pm for Boarders)

Monday 18 January (8.00am for Day Pupils)

Friday 29 January (3.45pm or 5pm)

Sunday 31 January (7.00pm for Boarders)

Monday 1 February (8.00am for Day Pupils)

Friday 12 February (3.45pm)

Sunday 21 February (7.00pm for Boarders)

Monday 22 February (8.00am for Day Pupils)

Friday 5 March (3.45pm or 5pm)*

Sunday 7 March (7.00pm for Boarders)

Monday 8 March (8.00am for Day Pupils)

Wednesday 24 March (3.45pm)

TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2027 (Provisional)

Term begins	Tuesday 20 April (7.00pm for Boarders)
Term begins	Wednesday 21 April (8.00am for Day Pupils)
Exeat Weekend begins	Friday 30 April (3.45pm or 5pm)
Exeat Weekend ends	Monday 3 May (7.00pm for Boarders)
Exeat Weekend ends	Tuesday 4 May (8.00am for Day Pupils)
Exeat Weekend begins	Friday 14 May (3.45pm or 5pm)*
Exeat Weekend ends	Sunday 16 May (7.00pm for Boarders)
Exeat Weekend ends	Monday 17 May (8.00am for Day Pupils)
Half-term begins	Friday 28 May (3.45pm)
Half-term ends	Sunday 6 June (7.00pm for Boarders)
Half-term ends	Monday 7 June (8.00am for Day Pupils)
CE Exams	Monday 7 - Friday 11 June
Exeat Weekend begins	Friday 11 June (3.45pm or 5pm)*
Exeat Weekend ends	Sunday 13 June (7.00pm for Boarders)
Exeat Weekend ends	Monday 14 June (8.00am for Day Pupils)
Exeat Weekend begins	Friday 25 June (3.45pm or 5pm)
Exeat Weekend ends	Sunday 27 June (7.00pm for Boarders)
Exeat Weekend ends	Monday 28 June (8.00am for Day Pupils)
Term ends	Saturday 10 July

USEFUL DATES

Dates are provisional and are subject to change.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Saturday 12th September	Year 5 & 6 Tutor Meeting & Senior School Talk
Monday 21st September	OPS & Benenden Choral Event, Cambridge
Thursday 24th - Saturday 26th September	Year 8 Sports Tour
Thursday 1st October	Whole School Harvest Festival
Friday 2nd October	Open Morning
Monday 5th October	Year 3&4 Parents' Meeting
Monday 12th October	Year 1&2 Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 14th October	Year 8/Senior Production (Primary Schools' Performance)
Thursday 15th October	Year 8/Senior Production (School and Public performances)
Friday 16th October	Nursery & Reception Parents' Meetings
Friday 6th November	Year 7 India Trip departs
Tuesday 10th November (four days)	Bonfire Night
Wednesday 18th November	Year 8 Exams
Friday 20th November	Community Observatory Event
Monday 23rd November	Autumn Concert (Years 3 - 8)
Tuesday 1st December	Year 8 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 1st December	LAMDA Exams
Thursday 3rd December	Orwell Park Nativity (Nursery - Year 2)
Saturday 5th December	Orwell Park Nativity (Nursery - Year 2)
Monday 7th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December	Music Exams
Thursday 10th December	Reading for Performance Finals
Friday 11th December	Lower Prep Carol Service
	Upper Prep Carol Service

OUR AIMS

- To provide for all pupils an academically challenging, inspiring and fulfilling experience
- To offer an all-round education in which happy and purposeful children can grow in confidence and self-esteem
- To encourage children to persevere when confronted with obstacles and to understand that they can develop their abilities through dedication and application
- To create a caring, trusting and supportive environment in which children show respect for each other and their environment
- To excite, engage and challenge each child, motivating them to explore and develop a lifelong love of learning, supported by teachers who are passionate about their subject and themselves lifelong learners
- To offer to all children the benefits of a school with a boarding ethos, encouraging independence, tolerance and responsibility
- To develop in each child an increasing sense of self-reliance as they prepare for senior school, being able to question, think and work independently
- To give each child an awareness of and an engagement with the outside world and the needs of others



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