

Our Ref: KH/DA/TM/End of term

8th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term Arrangements

I am writing to share with you the details for the end-of-term arrangements for December 2025 and the start of the new term in January 2026.

End of Term:

The school term ends on Thursday 18th December 2025 at 12:30pm.

On Wednesday 17th December 2025, pupils and students will leave school following their festive House assemblies. Years 7, 8 and 9 will leave at 3.10pm, while Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will leave at 12:30pm. School buses will **not** be available for those departing at 12:30pm, so pupils in these year groups will need to make alternative arrangements for transport home.

If your child cannot get home, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk for support. Buses will be available for Years 7, 8 and 9 at 3.10pm. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals in Years 10-13 may use their full £3.00 allocation during breaktime to purchase food.

On Thursday 18th December 2025, the final day of term, pupils will depart at 12:30pm. School buses will be available at the earlier departure time.

Also, on Thursday 18th December, Sixth Form students are hosting a Christmas market raising money for our Trust charity Papyrus. We ask that your child brings cash should they wish to make purchases for this event.

Food will be available to buy during breaktime. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals can use their £3.00 allocation at this time. It is vital that your child returns home directly and does not loiter in the local community. We ask for your support in reinforcing this message to your child.

I would also like to emphasise the importance of your child's attendance during the final week of the term. There is a common misconception that pupils 'do nothing' or simply watch films during this period; however, this is not the case. Pupils will continue to take part in curriculum focused lessons right up until the final day. It is essential that your child attends school every day to benefit fully from this learning.

On Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December pupils can wear Christmas jumpers and or Christmas hats.





New Term

The new term begins on Monday 5th January 2026, which is a Teacher Training Day, <u>pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026</u>. The school gates open at 8.20am, and pupils should be on site by 8.35am. Breakfast is available to purchase in the Bistro between 8.20am and 8.35am. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals may use their break allocation at this time.

Uniform reminders

Full uniform checks will continue to take place in the new term. Here is a reminder of our Uniform policy https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/. Please ensure that your child's uniform is suitable.

As we near the end of term, some pupils like to prepare by having nail extensions, eye-lash extensions, fake tans booked, eyebrows shaved and tramlines shaved into their hair. As you know from our uniform policy, these are not permitted. Please do not book your child in for these appointments before we break up.

Pupils who do not meet our uniform expectations will not be permitted to participate in the end of term activities.

Can I thank you for your support this term and wish you and your family a restful break and happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs K Hibbs Headteacher





