



KH/TM/EndOfTerm

16th July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

End of Summer Term

Barr Beacon School

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As we approach the summer holiday, I write to share some important information for the end of term and the start of the new academic year 2026/27.

This week has seen a number of opportunities for the school community to come together, celebrate their successes and enjoy the school's first summer fete.

On Wednesday, pupils visited the Summer Fete, to raise funds for the Trust's charity of the Year, Papyrus. Our Sixth Form Students hosted stalls bringing our community together.

On Thursday, all pupils and staff took part in our annual Well Being Day enjoying a range of opportunities in school beyond the curriculum.

And on Friday, we have celebrated pupils who have been recognised for Praise and Reward with activities as a congratulations for going above and beyond this year either in their academic achievement or in their participation in school.

Term ends today for all pupils. School will be closed to pupils on Monday 20th July.

New Term 2026/27

Date	Year Group Expected in School	Arrival Times
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff Training Day	
Wednesday 2 nd September	Year 7 Year 12 Year 13 Chemists	8.25am – 8.35am 12.30pm 9am
Thursday 3 rd September	All Year Groups	8.25am – 8.35am

The school gates open at 8.25am and will close at 8.35am. All pupils arriving by the school buses, will enter via the Sports Hall Car Park. All other pupils should enter via the pedestrian gate on Beacon Road.

Any pupil arriving after 8.35am is late. They must enter the school site via the gate in the Sports Hall Car Park. They will receive a same day detention.

The school day ends at 3.10pm. All extra curricular clubs and Period 6s for Year 11 & 13 will start week commencing 7th September. Clubs will run until 4.00pm. We will write to you with specific details of enrichment in the new term.



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School Uniform

The school website clearly details our uniform expectations including images of acceptable skirts, trousers and school shoes. We have plenty of spare and clean uniform which we can loan to pupils who do not follow the uniform policy. Here is a link to the school website for your perusal: [Uniform - Barr Beacon School](#). Please note that we do not accept any designer, branded alternatives to our uniform. If in any doubt while making decisions about what to buy for your child, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk and we are happy to help.

Please remember that if your child has outgrown uniform, you can donate it to school. We also have a donation box at school and will gladly receive uniform that is in a good clean condition. Any donations can be brought to reception by you or your child.

Please pay close attention to the uniform requirements for PE kit. The details can be found here: [Uniform - Barr Beacon School](#)

Parent Pay

It is important that you regularly check your child's Parent Pay account to ensure that it has a positive balance. If a pupil is in a minus balance, they must bring a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. We will not provide food if an account is in a negative balance.

If you have any difficulty with your child's Parent Pay, account, please contact your child's House Office or postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk. If you believe your child qualifies for Free School Meals, please ensure that you apply via this link: [Free School Meals - Barr Beacon School](#)

Water Safety & Railway Safety

Rail Safety -During the holiday, please be mindful of the safety of your child around railways. <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/railway-safety-campaigns/trespass-campaigns/>

Network Rail advise that trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network.

Water Safety

I have shared information over the past few weeks with regard to water safety but here is another reminder to support children to take care especially given the recent heatwave. The Royal Lifesaving Society warn about the dangers of playing on or near open water. Pupils have been reminded of potential dangers during assemblies and form times very recently. Again, we would ask you to speak to your child about the key messages they have

heard.



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Kinver House

As you know, Kinver House will commence in September 2026. Any pupils moving to Kinver will have received their tie and badge this week. We welcome Mrs Hinton to the role as Head of House. Mrs Hinton has been part the pastoral team and is looking forward to working with pupils and families as she champions her House.

There have been some changes to Pastoral Staff recently. Here are updates for you:

Bredon	Head of House – Mr D Dawes Assistant Head of House – Mrs T Hough (Maternity Cover) House PA – Mrs F Smith
Malvern	Head of House – Mrs S Leavesley Assistant Head of House – Mr B Homer House PA – Mrs B Smith
Clent	Head of House – Mr A Bullock Assistant Head of House – Miss M Cornfield House PA – Mrs S Adkins
Wrekin	Head of House – Mr A Sidhu Assistant Head of House – Mr H Cusworth House PA – Mrs J Whitehouse
Kinver	Head of House – Mrs Hinton Assistant Head of House – Mr H Cusworth House PA – Miss A Bibi

If you need to update your contact details, please do so by collecting a form from Reception. It is a legal requirement that we have a working contact number for you in case of an emergency.

If your child needs to take medication in school including paracetamol, they must hand it in to reception for safe keeping. A medical form can be collected from reception which must be submitted with your child's medication. Pupils must not hold their own medication in school. If your child has medication that is required to be kept on site, please ensure that you have reviewed this and that we have in date items.

We have lots of work going on over the summer on the site to improve the facilities for the children. I will share images of these in the new year. One of the highlights will be new flooring in the Sports Hall. As part of the site enhancements, we are now also able to offer the **site for lettings** to local community and sports groups. The facilities are available outside of the normal school day. All enquiries can be made using this link: [Community Lettings UK at Barr Beacon Academy](#), which is managed by an external company.

Finally, thank you for your continued support this academic year. Like with all years, this one seems to have gone quickly but, as ever, the pupils have worked hard with drive and determination. I wish you all a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.



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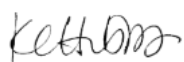
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Yours sincerely,



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