

News from Mr West

As we reach the end of the academic year, I find myself reflecting on just how fortunate I am to be the Headteacher of Montpelier. It is a genuine privilege to lead our school, and every day I am reminded what a very special place it is.

People often ask what makes Montpelier different. The answer is simple: the people.

Our children are an absolute delight. They amaze us every day with their curiosity, kindness and determination. They are the reason we do what we do, and it is a privilege to watch them grow into confident and capable young people.

Equally, our staff team is incredible. Their commitment, their care and their professionalism are unwavering. They go above and beyond, giving so much of themselves to ensure that every child feels valued and supported to be their very best.

As I reflect on another wonderful year at Montpelier, I keep coming back to a phrase that has become part of who we are:

We often say that we don't work at Montpelier - we work for Montpelier.

Those words carry real meaning. They remind us that we work for the children in our care. We work for our families, who place their faith in us every day. We work for one another, supporting and challenging each other to be the very best we can be. And we work for the future of our community.

That way of thinking shapes every decision we make. It encourages us to look beyond ourselves and to ask one simple question: Is this the very best we can do for our children?

It also reminds us that schools are built on relationships. The relationships between children and adults, between home and school, between colleagues, and across our whole community are what make Montpelier so special. We are more than a school; we are a family. Families celebrate together, support one another through challenges, and always want the very best for each other. That is the spirit that runs through Montpelier every single day, and it is something of which I am immensely proud.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes Montpelier what it is. Thank you to our families for your continued support. Thank you to our governors for their commitment to our school. Thank you to our remarkable staff for all they do. Most of all, thank you to our wonderful children, who fill our school with joy and remind us every day why our work matters.

I wish you all a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break. See you in September.

School Term Dates for 2026

Tues 21st July – last day of term (1:30pm finish for Yr6 / 2:15pm for Foundation through to Yr5)

Wed 22nd July - Non-pupil day

Thurs 23rd July – First day of the summer holiday

School Term Dates for 2026/2027

Tues 1st Sept 2026 - Non-pupil day

Wed 2nd Sept - Non-pupil day

Thurs 3rd Sept - First day of term

Mon 12th Oct – Foundation/KS1 Individual photos. Uniform please. 8am for families with children not at MPS

Wed 14th Oct - KS2 Individual photos. Uniform to be worn please. 8am for families with children not at MPS

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct – Half term

Mon 16th Nov – GLT Inset day

Mon 21st Dec 2026 – Tues 5th Jan 2027 - Christmas Holiday

Wed 6th Jan - Non-pupil day

Thurs 7th Jan - First day of term

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb – Half term

Fri 26th Mar – Bank holiday

Mon 29th - Bank holiday

30th Mar – Fri 9th Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 12th Apr – non-pupil day

Don't miss out on some of our other dates - a full list of events can be found on our website, under News/Events and then Calendar
<https://www.montpelierprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=32&viewid=2>

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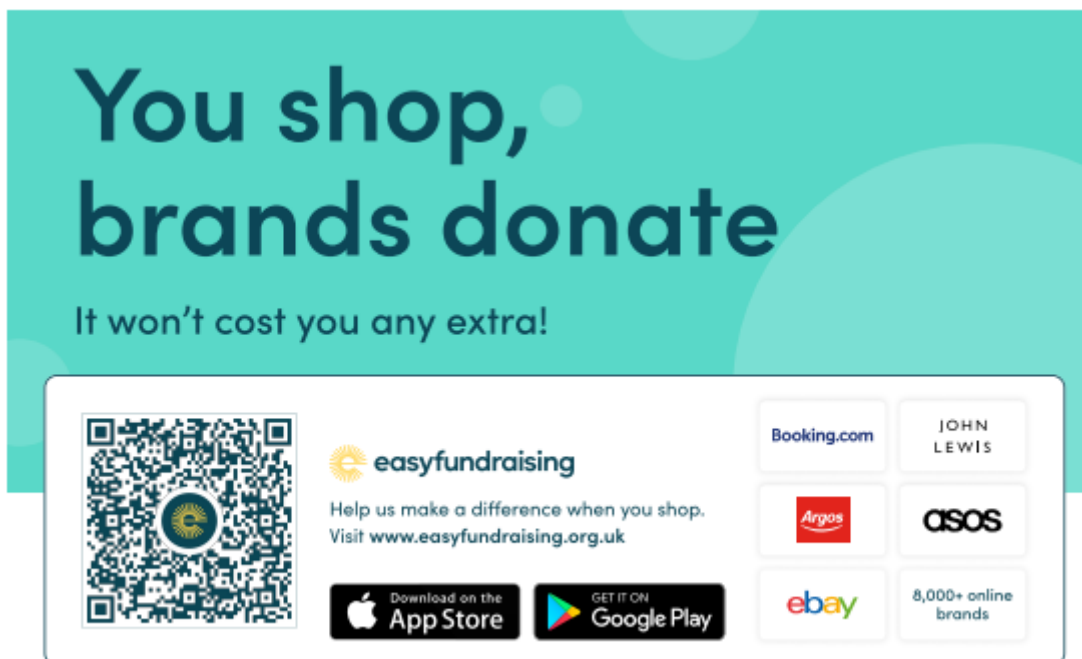
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School Term Dates 2026/2027

	September-26					October-26					November-26					December-26				
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

	January-27					February-27					March-27					April-27				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

	May-27					June-27					July-27					August-27				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
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Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	

Key	
6	Professional Development Days ¹
5	Occasional Days ²
53	School Holidays
8	Bank Holidays
1	GLT inset

term	start	end
1	3 rd Sep 2026	23 rd Oct 2026
2	2 nd Nov 2026	18 th Dec 2026
3	7 th Jan 2027	12 th Feb 2027
4	22 nd Feb 2027	25 th Mar 2027
5	13 th Apr 2027	28 th May 2027
6	7 th Jun 2027	21 st Jul 2027

Notes:

1. Professional Development Days to be allocated by each school from within the specified term dates.

2. Occasional Days to be allocated by each school from within the specified term dates: an allocation as suggested would support the equal distribution of term lengths.