

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Excellent attendance and punctuality are a top priority at Belmont Community Primary School, and we expect pupils to attend at least 95% of the academic year. Our ambition for every child is 100% attendance. Attending school every day and on time helps children build strong learning habits, develop friendships, gain essential life skills, and fully benefit from the lessons and opportunities available to them.

Severe	At risk of severe	Persistent absence	At risk of persistent absence	Expected
0 – 50%	51% - 79%	80% - 90%	91% - 94%	95% - 100%

Leave of Absence and School Fines

Taking your child out of school during term time, whether for holidays or other reasons, can interrupt their learning and is likely to be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child misses 10 or more sessions (5 days) without the school's agreement, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice.

The DfE is clear that term-time holidays should be avoided because they can significantly affect progress, so we ask families to arrange all holidays during school breaks. If you feel there are exceptional circumstances, you must complete a **Application for Leave of Absence from School during term time form** before booking flights or making any arrangements. Each request will be considered individually, and if it is not authorised, you will be informed in writing and may be issued a penalty notice.

Unauthorised absences can result in a fine of £80 per parent, per child, increasing to £160 if not paid within 21 days, with unpaid fines leading to court proceedings. There is no entitlement to term-time leave, and further information about fines and exceptional circumstances is available on the Lincolnshire County Council website.

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Academic Calendar 2026-27



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Term 1

Tuesday	1 September 2026 - INSET *
Wednesday	2 September 2026 - INSET *
Thursday	3 September 2026 - Pupils return
Friday	23 October 2026

Term 2

Monday	2 November 2026
Friday	18 December 2026

Term 3

Monday	4 January 2027 - INSET *
Tuesday	5 January 2027 - Pupils return
Friday	12 February 2027

Term 4

Monday	22 February 2027 - Pupils return
Thursday	25 March 2027

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>26 March 2027 (Bank Holiday)</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>29 March 2027 (Bank Holiday)</i>

Term 5

Tuesday	13 April 2027—INSET *
Wednesday	14 April 2027 - Pupils return
Friday	28 May 2027
<i>Monday</i>	<i>3 May 2027 (Bank Holiday)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>31 May 2027 (Bank Holiday)</i>

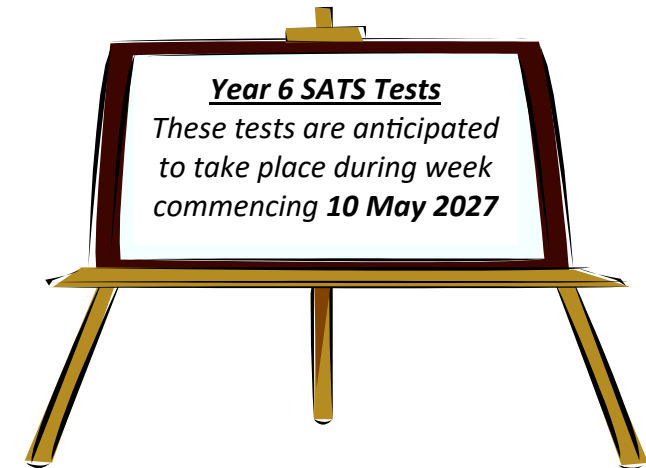
* INSET—School closed to pupils

Term 6

Monday	7 June 2027 —Pupils return
Wednesday	21 July 2027

* INSET—School closed to pupils.

Other Important Dates



- It is very important that your child attends school every day leading up to the SATS tests as absence puts your child at a significant disadvantage.
- It is important that your child is in school during this test week as they cannot be taken at any other time.
- Leave of absence will not be authorised during SATS week for Year 6 pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.