

SEPTEMBER 2026

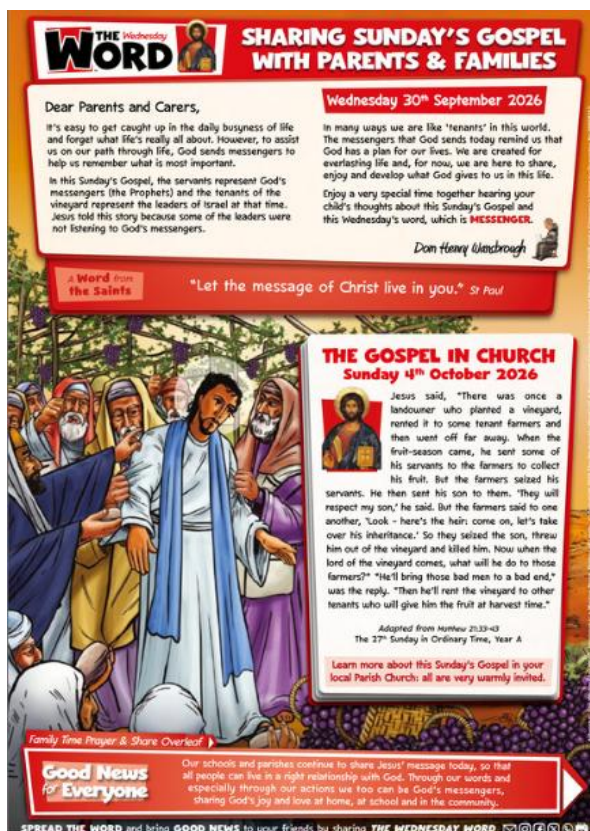
ST PATRICK AND ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHINE TOGETHER IN CHRIST



NEWSLETTER

Head of School Mrs Lauren Breslin – Catholic Life and Mission



This week's Wednesday Word focuses on **Messenger**. Jesus reminds us that God sends people into our lives to guide, support and encourage us. We are all called to be God's messengers by sharing his **love through our words and actions**.

You can read this week's Wednesday Word here:

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School Opening Times

To help us provide the best possible support for families, our reception opening hours are changing:

8:00am - 8:30am: Open

8:30am - 10:00am: Closed

10:00am - 2:30pm: By appointment only

2:30pm - 4:00pm: Open

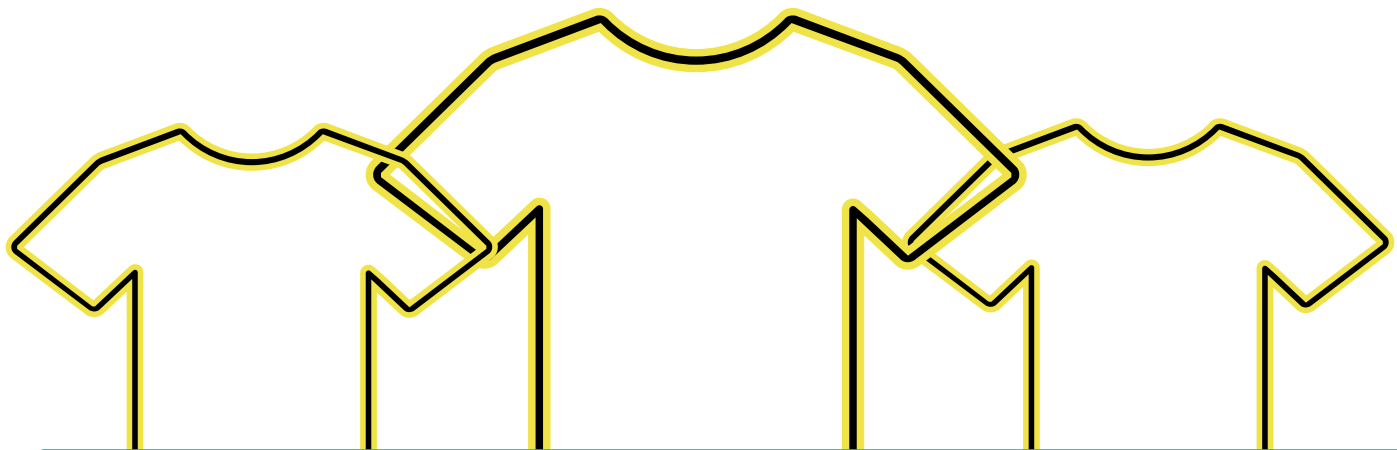
Between 8:30am and 10:00am, staff are focused on welcoming children into school, completing registers, managing late arrivals and carrying out important safeguarding procedures. These changes will allow us to give families more dedicated time and support when queries arise.

For general queries, please see the school website

www.stpatandsted.bham.sch.uk

If you would like to book an appointment please telephone 0121 247 3947 during reception open hours.

Uniform PE Kit



Children are required to wear black shorts and a white t-shirt with either black pumps or black unbranded trainers for PE. PE kits will be brought into school from Monday next week and will remain in school until half term when children will bring their kit home to be washed. This reduces the amount of children doing PE in their uniform and ruining their school shoes, which are expensive. It also means there is one less thing for families to think about each week. Please see our uniform policy on our website for more details.

Who Should I Contact?

We kindly remind parents that the first point of contact for any queries or concerns should be **your child's class teacher**. Building a strong partnership between home and school is essential, and we encourage parents to develop a positive relationship with their child's teacher.

If your query cannot be resolved by the class teacher, it will be referred to the appropriate Phase Leader.

Any SEND-related queries should be directed to Mrs Ramaan, Inclusion Lead, or sent via our school email address: enquiry@stpatandsted.bham.sch.uk

Please note that general queries sent directly to the Head of School will usually be redirected to the class teacher in the first instance, as they are best placed to support and resolve day-to-day matters.

ATTENDANCE

Taking children out during term time

Leave of absence during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (significant bereavement). Family visits abroad will not be authorised.

If a leave request is refused, or if a child is taken out of school without a leave request being submitted, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Where a child accumulates 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence, the school has a statutory duty to inform Birmingham City Council for consideration of a Penalty Notice.



Please note that the school cannot issue, withdraw or cancel fines. Any Penalty Notice is issued and administered by Birmingham City Council in line with national attendance regulations.

The Process

Stage 1: LD1 Letter (Leave Request Denied)

If a leave request is submitted and cannot be authorised, parents will receive an LD1 letter explaining that any resulting absence will be unauthorised and may lead to legal action.

Stage 2: LD2 Letter (Leave Taken)

If a child is still taken out of school after authorisation has been refused, an LD2 letter will be issued confirming that the absence has been recorded as unauthorised and that a referral may be made to the Local Authority.

Stage 3: Referral to Birmingham City Council

Where a child accrues 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence, the school may refer the case to the Local Authority for consideration of legal action.

Stage 4: Penalty Notice

The Local Authority may issue:

First offence: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.

Second offence within 3 years: £160 per parent, per child.

Third offence within 3 years: The Local Authority may consider prosecution rather than issuing another Penalty Notice.

Where a child is absent and the school is unable to confirm their whereabouts, we must follow our safeguarding procedures:



- Day 1: First-day absence contact and/or letter if we have been unable to establish the reason for absence.
- Day 2: Safeguarding and welfare check message advising that a home visit will take place if contact is not made.
- Day 3: Home visit conducted. If we are unable to see the child or confirm their whereabouts, further attempts to contact parents will be made.
- Day 3: Children's Services will be notified if we have been unable to make contact and have not seen the child.
- Day 4: A Children Missing Education (CME) notification will be submitted and the child will be reported as missing from education until their whereabouts are confirmed.

Please Think Carefully Before Booking Holidays During Term Time

Unauthorised absence can result in significant fines and may trigger safeguarding procedures if the school cannot confirm a child's whereabouts. We strongly encourage all families to arrange holidays during school holiday periods to avoid disruption to learning and potential legal action.

Late collection

School finishing times

Rosebery Street Site – 3:15pm

Dudley Road Site – 3:25pm

Please ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day.

If a child has not been collected within 15 minutes of the end of the school day and we have been unable to contact a parent or emergency contact, the school may make a referral to Children's Services in line with our safeguarding procedures.



Repeated late collections (three or more occasions) will be recorded on your child's safeguarding file.

Being collected late can be upsetting and distressing for children, who may become worried when the adult collecting them does not arrive on time. We therefore ask all families to ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of each school day.



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Every Day Counts!

Happy Children Learn Better!



Reading with the teacher



Sports and PE



Maths learning



Art and creativity



Science investigation



Friendship and teamwork

Missing School Means Missing Out

Every day in school helps children build knowledge, confidence, friendships and routines.

Even a few days of absence can make it harder for children to keep up with learning and feel connected to school life.

I'll miss my friends... my learning... and all the fun!

They'll miss out on...



Breakfast Club
with friends
A great start to the day!



Jr Jam
Music, Computing and Spanish



Class Act Theatre
Performing Arts



School Restaurant
Home cooked meals, and all you can salad and vegetable bar!



Pizza Fridays
A firm favourite!



Lunch Time Football with Friends
Fun, fitness and teamwork!



Thrive
Thrive Thursday
FREE After School Enrichment
Build skills, make friends, be you!



Winter illnesses

Colds, coughs and other winter illnesses can be common, but we want to help keep your child healthy and in school. You can give your child **Calpol** or **Ibuprofen** to help with symptoms such as fever, aches and pain.

Your child should only be off school if they vomit or have a high temperature (38°C or above).

We will look after your child and will call you if they are too unwell to be in school.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow.

Every lesson matters. Every day counts.





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INCLUSIVE ATTENDANCE: A MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Right support, right time, for every child and young person



A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is an educational framework that offers a structured approach to addressing children's diverse needs. It involves delivering interventions and support in a tiered manner, with each tier representing a different level of intensity and targeted assistance.



EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, EVERY OPPORTUNITY | #EveryBagMatters





OCTOBER

Catholic Life and Mission

Shining together in Christ and community



This month
we focus on
Solidarity

4th October Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Explore how St. Francis showed love and compassion for all of God's creation, especially those who are poor and marginalised.



*"Praise be to you,
my Lord, through
all your creatures."*
St. Francis of Assisi

Solidarity



Solidarity means standing together, showing love and care for everyone, especially those who are poor, marginalised or in need.

How did St. Francis show solidarity?

- He cared for all of God's creation.
- He reached out to the poor and marginalised.
- He lived simply and used only what he needed.
- He showed kindness, compassion and respect to everyone.
- He reminded us that we are all part of one family – God's family.

We can show solidarity by...

- Looking after God's creation.
- Being kind and inclusive.
- Helping those in need.
- Reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Standing up for fairness and justice.



"Care for our common home and stand in solidarity with all."



Become an Altar Server



Serve ♥ Support ♥ Grow ♥ Shine

Be part of something special!

Altar servers play an important role in our parish and help to make our Masses prayerful and welcoming.



If you are interested, becoming an altar server is a wonderful opportunity to:



Play a special role in the Mass



Serve God and our parish community



Grow in faith and confidence



Learn more about the Mass and the Church



Develop important skills such as responsibility, teamwork and leadership



Make new friends and be part of a special team

Please see
Father Hyacinth
after Mass
if you are interested.



Our Mass Times



Sunday Masses:
10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Saturday:
10:30 AM



"To serve at the altar is to serve Christ and His people."



If you would like to join our Parent Teacher Association please contact Miss Fessey via my **school email:**

enquiry@stpatandsted.bham.sch.uk.

We need help planning our Discos and Christmas Fayre.



Free School Meals

From September 2026, families receiving universal credit will be eligible for free school meals. This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring that every child has access to nutritious meals during school hours, which is vital for their health and learning. We encourage all parents to check if they qualify by checking on the following link (you will need to copy and paste this into your browser).

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust>

Please contact the school office if you have any queries. 0121 247 3947



Prayer Time

during the month of

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October
is dedicated
to the
Holy Rosary



Children are warmly invited to
join us for a special time of prayer
at lunchtime as we come together
to pray the Rosary.

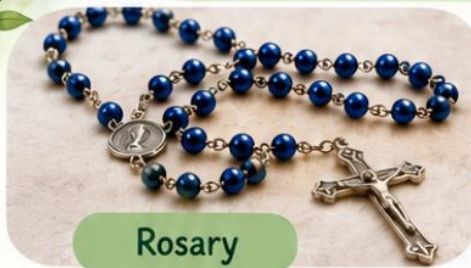


KS1
Every Tuesday
at lunchtime



KS2
Every Wednesday
at lunchtime

You are welcome to bring your own
Rosary or Tasbih to pray.



Rosary



Tasbih


A calm
space to pray


Open to
all children


A time to
reflect


Grow closer
to God and care
for our world



"Through the Rosary, we ask Mary to guide us closer to her Son, Jesus."



Inclusion Update

It has been a busy and positive start to the new term across our Specialist Pathways. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Shine Week activities, exploring a range of creative experiences and producing some fantastic work.

Meet the Communication and Autism Team

Lift Four Dwellings

Autumn Term 2026

We would like to invite parent carers of young people with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment, to meet Birmingham's Communication and Autism Team.

All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Wednesday 7th October 2026 - 1-2.30pm

No booking required, just turn up on the day. Please note there will be no childcare facilities.

The session will take place at:
Lift Four Dwellings Secondary,
Dwellings Lane,
B32 1RJ

We look forward to seeing you there



We would also like to share two upcoming workshops from the Communication and Autism Team for parents and carers of children with autism or those on the neurodevelopmental pathway. These informal sessions provide an opportunity to meet the team, ask questions, and access support. The sessions will take place on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** at Lift Four Dwellings and **Thursday 8th October 2026** at Birmingham Parent Carer Forum. Please see the attached leaflets for further details.

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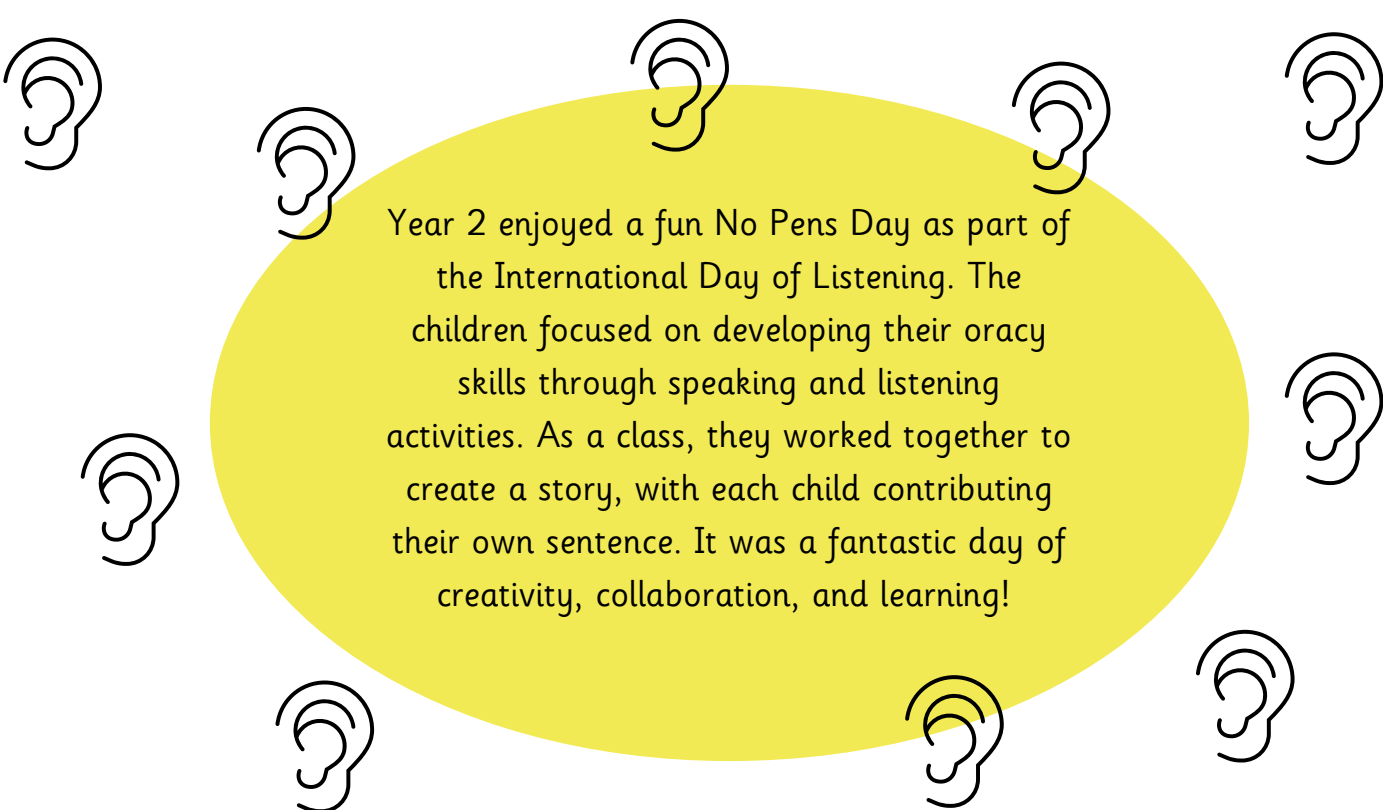
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The session will take place at:
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Office,
196-198 Edward Rd,
B2 9LX

We look forward to seeing you there



Year 2 – International Day of Listening



Year 2 enjoyed a fun No Pens Day as part of the International Day of Listening. The children focused on developing their oracy skills through speaking and listening activities. As a class, they worked together to create a story, with each child contributing their own sentence. It was a fantastic day of creativity, collaboration, and learning!

“Once upon a time, there was a Princess and a King who lived in a lovely village. One night, the Princess was sleeping and then went outside for a walk. The Princess went back inside the castle, had some tea, and went back to sleep. Next, it was morning, and she went for another walk, just like the night before. While she was walking, she saw a cute squirrel. The squirrel bit her, and she turned into a Red Hulk! The Princess came back to the castle, and the King gave her a hug. Luckily, the Princess turned back to normal.

The next morning, the Princess got bitten again by a black squirrel! This time, she turned into Shin Sonic! The King came to have breakfast and was shocked to see that the Princess had turned into Shin Sonic!

After that, a dragon appeared, but it was a good, kind dragon. It was trying to help the Princess. However, the Shin Sonic Princess tried to fight the dragon instead! The dragon blew some fire at the Princess, but she ran away into the castle. She started to destroy the bed, the kitchen, and everything else in the castle!

Fortunately, a wizard came with his wand. He tried to turn Shin Sonic back into the Princess. Thankfully, it worked! The Princess turned back to normal.

In the end, the King decided to take the Princess out for dinner. They watched a movie and then went back to the castle. They lived happily ever after.”

This Term in Year 5

Year 5 have settled in well and are enjoying the new Talk for Writing English curriculum.

We are working hard in our Maths and all other curriculum areas. We are particularly enjoying our Music lessons as we are playing the African Drums.



Talk for Writing paragraph by Kayla.

Feeling curious, Tom took a cautious step onto the sparkly green grass. Then another! And another, until his whole body was inside the beautiful garden. What if he explored a little further? Just a little!



A Message From Mr Cook

Year 6 COO have started the year very well, bringing the best version of themselves every day and are already making progress.

A huge thank you to mums, dads and carers for supporting and encouraging the children through the growing mountain of homework.

Please remember, that homework should be completed independently so that teacher can identify any areas of development.



A polite reminder that PE is on Monday and Friday and children need to bring the correct PE kit (white T-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottom - no logos!)

Mr Cook

Engineering Club

Engineering Club – Building the Future!

Our **Engineering Club** is inspiring children to become the engineers and innovators of the future. Children explored how **locomotives have developed over time** before designing and building their own models. Along the way, they developed important skills including **problem-solving, creativity, teamwork, resilience and critical thinking**. We were also fortunate to have an **A-level student specialising in Physics and Mathematics** working alongside our young engineers, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for STEM.



Our Voice21 Drama Workshop



Finding Our Voices – Oracy 21

As an **Oracy 21 school**, we recognise the importance of helping every child develop the confidence to express their ideas, listen to others and communicate clearly. At the beginning of term, our children took part in an exciting **professional drama workshop**, using voice, movement and actions to develop clear and confident speech.



The children thoroughly enjoyed this fun and inclusive experience, and it was wonderful to see **every voice being valued and heard** – even our quietest and shyest children found the confidence to shine!

Inclusion Art Project

During **SHINE Week**, our whole school came together to take part in a wonderful **Inclusive Art Project**, celebrating our school values, virtues and Catholic mission of “**Shining together in Christ and community.**”

Each class created their own special artwork, reflecting on how we can care for God’s wonderful creation, look after the world around us and let our own lights shine through love, kindness and compassion.



We are incredibly proud of the children’s creativity and enthusiasm! Their beautiful artwork will be on display for families to enjoy during our **Parent Consultation Afternoon**. We hope you enjoy seeing how brightly our children have shone!



Dates for Your Diary

October

1 st October	6PAU/3RAY	Mass-6PAU/3RAY 10am St Patrick's Church
8 th October	5FES/1THO	Mass- 5FES/1THO 10am St Patrick's Church
9 th October	All	World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow
13 th October- children finish early	All	Parent Consultation Afternoon 1pm–5pm (children finish at 12:50pm at Infants and 1:00pm at Juniors)
	Y3 & Y6	Sacramental Commitment Mass 10:00am St Patrick's Church (Date to be confirmed)
19 th October	All	Black History Week
22 nd October	All	Interhouse Competitions
23 rd October	All	Cultural Heritage Day – children dress in clothes that reflect their culture

November

1 st November	All	National non-fiction November – highlights the joy of reading facts.
5 th November	6PAU/2HOJ	Mass-6PAU/2HOJ
11 th November	All	Remembrance Day
16 th November	All	Red week - Aid to the church in need /Anti-bullying week Odd Sock Day
18 th November	All	Red Wednesday- staff and children to wear red
20 th November	EYFS	Ballet live lesson EYFS The Magic Flute 10.45am



		St Edmund's Feast Day
27 th November		St Chad's retreat day (Sacramental preparation)

December

10 th December		Visiting Pantomime- Aladdin
11 th December	All	Christmas Fair
14 th December	EYFS/KS1	11:00am EYFS Nativity + Families 2:30pm KS1 Nativity + Families
15 th December	KS2	2:45pm KS2 Carol Service/Peri Concert + Families
16 th December		Festive Jumper Day Christmas Dinner at St Edmund's Site
	St Elizabeth Centre	A gentle Christmas journey-St Elizabeth Centre-Nativity for parents-2:00pm
18 th December	All	Whole School Mass/ Carol Service- Bambinelli Blessing Class Christmas Party End of term finish 1:30pm



Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Wednesday 2 nd September to Friday 23 rd October	<u>Tuesday January</u> to Friday 12 th February	Monday 12 th April to Friday 28 th May
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December (1:30pm Finish)	Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March (1:30pm Finish)	Monday 7 th to Friday 17 th July (1:30pm Finish)
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

INSET Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st July 2027

Please make sure you do not book holidays during term time. We are unable to grant permission for absences under these circumstances.

