

# Newsletter

11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year across the Coombe Wood School community, with students embracing our core CWS values right from day one.

A special well done goes to our new Year 7 students, who have settled brilliantly into our routines and learning environment. It was also wonderful to see so many Year 11 parents at our first Curriculum Evening on Thursday. The hall was packed, demonstrating the strong partnership between home and school that ensures the best possible outcomes for our young people.

Learning has already extended beyond the classroom, with successful trips for our Year 10 Textiles and Year 12 Art students. Looking ahead, we host our annual Open Evening next Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming prospective families, and I want to thank in advance all the students who have volunteered to act as guides and ambassadors.

Key Schedule Reminders for Next Week:

- Wednesday: Early dismissal for all students to allow for Open Evening preparation.

8.30 - Registration

9.00 - Period 1

9.50 - Period 2

10.40 - Extended break

11.10 - Period 3

12.00 - Dismissal

- Thursday: Late start for students following the event.

10.30 - Students to arrive at school and go straight to morning greeting

10.40 - Tutor time

11.00 - P3 As normal

Please ensure that your child attends school every day, on time, and in the correct school uniform. Should you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Tutor in the first instance.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support

Headteacher

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# Changes to Free School Meals

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: Important Changes to Free School Meals & How to Apply**

We are writing to let you know about important national changes to **Free School Meal (FSM)** eligibility starting in September 2026, and to explain why it is still vital that you apply using our quick online system.

### **What is changing?**

Following new guidance from the Department for Education, FSM protections that have been in place since April 2018 will be ending in August 2026, and eligibility criteria is expanding. From September 2026, **every child whose household receives Universal Credit** is entitled to free school meals. We strongly encourage **all** of our families to complete an online application, even if you don't believe you meet the criteria.

### **What do I need to do if my child already receives Free School Meals?**

If your child currently receives free school meals you will still need to reapply, as your protections will end on 31st August 2026. If you don't reapply, it will mean your child will not receive free school meals in September 2026 on their return to school.

Please note: under the new national guidance, a child's eligibility will now be subject to an annual review to confirm their ongoing entitlement.

### **How do I apply?**

Please apply as soon as possible via our secure online portal:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-greenshawlearningtrust>

Kind regards,

*Coombe Wood School Reception Team*

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## Communications Update – Bromcom/MCAS

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Please note that **Bromcom** is our chosen platform and works hand in hand with **My Child At School (MCAS)**

We will use MCAS for all communication regarding behaviour, achievements, and detentions. Parents and carers should already have access to this platform, however please do not hesitate to contact the school office team if you are experiencing any issues.

Please take a moment to check all your details are correct on MCAS.

We will no longer be using SIMS / SIMS Parent or Classcharts as a method of communication.

This Newsletter will be sent out Bi-weekly on a Friday Week 1 to all parents and carers.

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# Parent and Student Guide - Academic Year 26/27

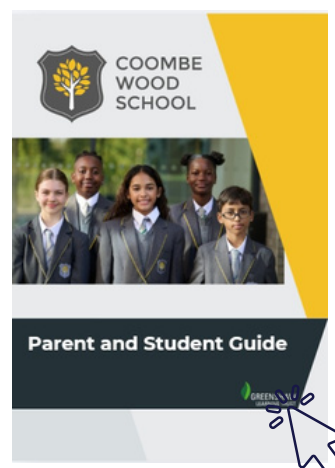
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Please take a moment to read the Parent and Student Guide which has been updated for the new academic year.

Many thanks

*Mr Vass*

Deputy Headteacher



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## A New Look School Canteen - The Food Hub

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When they return for the Autumn Term students will see a number of exciting changes to the school canteen area which we are re-branding to be known as The Food Hub.

[Autumn Term Menu](#)



Best wishes

*Chris Young*

Regional Catering and Development Catering Projects Manager  
Greenshaw Learning Trust

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## Help Us Be Good Neighbours !!!

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As we head into the new academic year, we would like to gently remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours on Melville Avenue and the surrounding streets.

- **Parking:** Please be considerate during pick up and drop off and ensure you aren't blocking any driveways.
- **Environment:** Please turn off your engine rather than idling while you wait. and avoid dropping litter.
- **Behaviour:** Take a moment to chat with your children about staying on their best behaviour during their daily commutes especially whilst in school uniform and representing the school.

We truly appreciate your help in keeping our local community a pleasant place for everyone.

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# School Carpark

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Our school carpark is operated by Creative Car Parks.

You will have a 20 minute grace period when dropping off or collecting your child.

Should you need to stay longer than this you will need to enter your registration number into the i-pads which can be found in the main school reception or for out of hours in the HRF reception.

Should you incur a PCN, you will need to deal directly with Creative Car Parks, unfortunately the school is not able to intervene on your behalf.



**ADVICE FOR WHEN YOUR CAR PARK USERS RECEIVE A PCN**

If one of your car park users receives a PCN they may ask you for guidance on what to do next, or ask you to cancel the PCN.

Please explain that you're not able to deal with PCN enquiries on site as the car park is managed by Civil Enforcement Ltd.

They have one of two options available:

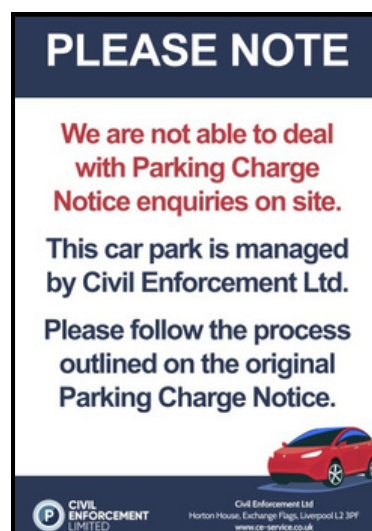
**OPTION 1**  
**Pay the PCN**  
They visit the website shown below and make the payment. Note a discounted rate is available if paid within 14 days of the ticket being issued.  
[payments.ce-service.co.uk](http://payments.ce-service.co.uk)

**OPTION 2**  
**Submit an appeal**  
They visit the website shown below and submit an appeal within 28 days of the ticket being issued. Note: drivers must attach relevant supporting evidence.  
[appeals.ce-service.co.uk](http://appeals.ce-service.co.uk)

OR

Thank you for your help in supporting our PCN process, designed to deter misuse and improve space availability for genuine users.

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[www.ce-service.co.uk](http://www.ce-service.co.uk)



**PLEASE NOTE**

**We are not able to deal with Parking Charge Notice enquiries on site.**

**This car park is managed by Civil Enforcement Ltd.**

**Please follow the process outlined on the original Parking Charge Notice.**

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## Sports Club Timetable - Autumn Term 26/27

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We are delighted to announce that our Sports Clubs will resume from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Tutors have today shared the attached timetable with our students.

For any students who do not have HRF/Games on their chosen club day, should bring their HRF kit with them and change after school.

Our clubs are for all students, there is no sign up process for these sports clubs, students should come along to HRF after school where staff will direct them to the chosen club.

**Sports Club Timetable -**  
**Autumn Term 26/27**



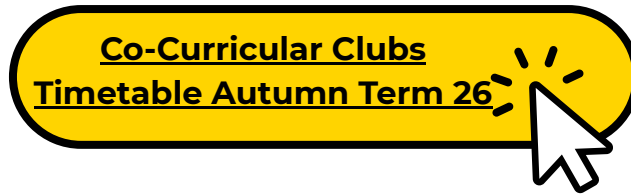
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# Co-Curricular Clubs Schedule - Autumn Term 26

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Dear parents/carers,

Please find attached the co-curricular clubs taking place this term.



Please keep an eye on the bi-weekly newsletter for further details as more clubs may be added throughout the term and it is here where we will celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students in clubs and events. This is in addition to the Key Stage 4 intervention schedule and Key Stage 5 football pathway.

*Will Smith*

Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development & Wellbeing

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## Library Books

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Please check for any books that haven't been returned. I don't mind how overdue they are!

If anyone has suitable books (that are in reasonable condition) that they would like to donate? Manga would be really welcome.

Many thanks

*Ms Hunt*  
Librarian





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## Key Dates for September 2026

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### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

School Open Evening - **Students will finish at Midday**

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Later Start - Students to arrive from 10.15am for their Period 3 lesson.

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**

Year 12 and 13 UCAS Evening - Details to Follow

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Year 7 Parent Evening - EVOLVE ONLY - Details to Follow

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## Key Dates for October 2026

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### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026**

Year 7 Parent Evening - EVOLVE ONLY - Details to Follow

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Curriculum Enhancement Day 1

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Sports Awards - Details to Follow

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Year 12 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**

CWS House Race - Details to Follow

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**Half Term -**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Key Dates for November 2026

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### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

First Day of Term for Students - Door will open at 8am

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## Key Dates for December 2026

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### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

Year 11 Parents Evening - Details to follow

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## Christmas Holidays

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**

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### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

**INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

First Day of Spring Term for Students - Doors to open at 8am

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

Year 8 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

Sixth Form Interviews - Details to follow

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

Year 7 Parents Evening (all subjects) - Details to follow

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## Key Dates for February 2027

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### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

Year 10 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

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## Half Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

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## Key Dates for March 2027

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### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Year 13 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Year 10 Curriculum Evening - Details to Follow

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2027**

Year 11 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Last day of Term

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## Easter Holidays

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027

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## Key Dates for April 2027

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### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

First Day of Term for Students - Door to open at 8am

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2027**

Year 9/KS4 - Curriculum Evening - Details to Follow

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

Year 11 Curriculum Evening (2) - Details to Follow

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## Key Dates for May 2027

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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027**

**Bank Holiday - School Closed to Students**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2027**

Year 12 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

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## Half Term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

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## Key Dates for June 2027

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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

First Day of Term - Door to Open at

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7 Curriculum Evening - Details to follow

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## Key Dates for July 2027

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**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Evening for New September Starters - Details to Follow

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027**

**INSET DAY - School Closed to Students**

**National Transition Day - Year 6 to Year 7 (September 2027)**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027**

Last Day of Term - Student to be dismissed at 12pm

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## Summer Holiday

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027mychart -

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# Term Dates - Academic Year 2026/27

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## **Autumn Term 2026**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students**

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - School Open Evening - Students will finish at Midday

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - Later Start - Students to arrive from 10.15am for their Period 3 lesson.

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November - First Day of Autumn Term 2- All Students

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Autumn Term 2

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**Christmas Holidays - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**

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## **Spring Term 2027**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students**

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - First Day of Spring Term 1 - All Students

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027 - First Day of Term of Spring Term 2 - All Students

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 2

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**Easter Holidays - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

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## **Summer Term 2027**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - First Day of Summer Term 1 - All Students

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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday - School is Closed**

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 1

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**Half Term - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027**

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - First Day of Summer Term 2- All Students

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**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students**

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 2

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**Summer Holidays from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**