



4th September 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Coombe Wood School, and welcome to the new academic year! I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break with family and friends.

A very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, who join our school community for the first time this year, and to our new Year 12 students, who joined us on Friday 4th September as they begin their exciting KS5 journey with us. We are delighted to have them as part of the Coombe Wood School family and look forward to supporting you every step of the way.

As we begin this new chapter together, I am reminded of the wonderful sense of achievement, opportunity and community that defined the end of last year. Our school pillars of **Ambition, Community** and **Culture** will continue to guide everything we do, and I know our students will once again embrace our core values of **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline** and **Sportsmanship (TREDS)** with the same enthusiasm and high expectations we saw right up until the very last day of last term.

We are looking forward to another busy and rewarding year ahead, filled with exciting educational trips and visits, valuable outreach work and engaging daily lessons. There will be plenty of opportunities for hands-on learning during our Curriculum Enhancement days, collaborative enrichment activities, and of course the teamwork and house spirit that make events like Sports Day so memorable. We look forward to celebrating student dedication, effort and progress throughout the year.

Return to School: Monday 7th September

All students return and will follow a regular timetable.

- 08:00 – 08:25 – Years 7–11 students arrive
- 10:40 – 11:00 – Years 12–13 students arrive

Start of Term School Photographs

As part of our start-of-term arrangements, individual school photographs will be taken for students in Years 7, 10, and 12. Please ensure your child arrives looking smart and in full, correct school uniform on their scheduled photo day. Further details regarding ordering options and proof cards will be sent home with your child shortly after the session.

Thank you for your continued support as we welcome both new and returning students, and begin another successful year together at Coombe Wood School.

With best wishes for the new term,

Headteacher

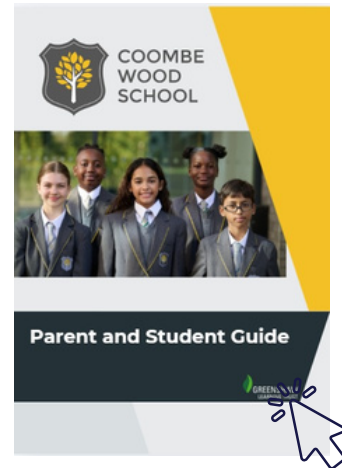
Parent and Student Guide - Academic Year 26/27

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



A New Look School Canteen - The Food Hub

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

Changes to Free School Meals

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

Communications Update – Bromcom/MCAS

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 to all parents and carers.

School Carpark

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 you 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 address 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	OR	OPTION 2 Submit an appeal  They visit the website address 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
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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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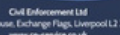
PLEASE NOTE

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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Key Dates for September 2026

Wednesday 16th September 2026

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

Thursday 17th September 2026

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

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Year 12 and 13 UCAS Evening - Details to Follow

Thursday 24th September 2026

Year 7 Parent Evening - EVOLVE ONLY - Details to Follow

Key Dates for October 2026

Thursday 1st October 2026

Year 7 Parent Evening - EVOLVE ONLY - Details to Follow

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Curriculum Enhancement Day 1

Thursday 15th October 2026

Sports Awards - Details to Follow

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Year 12 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Friday 23rd October 2026

CWS House Race - Details to Follow

Half Term -
Monday 26th October - Friday 6th November



Key Dates for November 2026

Monday 9th November

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

Key Dates for December 2026

Thursday 10th December 2026

First Day of Autumn Term 1- All Students

Monday 14th December 2026

Year 11 Parents Evening - Details to follow

Christmas Holidays

Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Monday 4th January 2027

INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Tuesday 5th January 2027

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

Thursday 14th January 2027

Year 8 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Wednesday 20th January 2027

Sixth Form Interviews - Details to follow

Thursday 28th January 2027

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



Key Dates for February 2027

Thursday 4th February 2027

Year 10 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Half Term

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027

Key Dates for March 2027

Wednesday 17th March 2027

Year 13 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Thursday 18th March 2027

Year 10 Curriculum Evening - Details to Follow

Monday 22nd March 2027

Year 11 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Thursday 25th March 2027

Last day of Term

Easter Holidays

Friday 26th March 2027 - Friday 9th April 2027

Key Dates for April 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

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

Thursday 22nd April 2027

Year 10 Curriculum Evening - Details to Follow

Thursday 29th April 2027

Year 11 Curriculum Evening - Details to Follow



Key Dates for May 2027

Monday 3rd May 2027

Bank Holiday - School Closed to Students

Thursday 20th May 2027

Year 12 Parents Evening - Details to Follow

Half Term

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Key Dates for June 2027

Monday 7th June

First Day of Term - Door to Open at

Thursday 17th June

Year 7 Curriculum Evening - Details to follow

Key Dates for July 2027

Thursday 1st July

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

Friday 2nd July 2027

INSET DAY - School Closed to Students

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

Thursday 22nd July 2027

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

Summer Holiday

Friday 23rd July 2027mychart -

Term Dates - Academic Year 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Thursday 3rd September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

Friday 4th September - INSET DAY - School is Closed to Students

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

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term 1

Half Term - Monday 26th October - Friday 6th November 2026

Monday 9th November - First Day of Autumn Term 2- All Students

Friday 18th December - Last Day of Autumn Term 2

Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - First Day of Spring Term 1 - All Students

Friday 12th February 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 1

Half Term - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027 - First Day of Term of Spring Term 2 - All Students

Thursday 25th March 2027 - Last Day of Spring Term 2

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 - First Day of Summer Term 1 - All Students

Monday 3rd May 2027 - May Day Bank Holiday - School is Closed

Friday 28th May 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 1

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 7th June - First Day of Summer Term 2- All Students

Friday 2nd July - INSET DAY - School is closed to Students

Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Last Day of Summer Term 2

Summer Holidays from Friday 23rd July