



Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026



To Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term seems to be passing by so quickly. This half term is a short one but it is full of fun and excellent learning experiences for our children. This week Nursery and Reception attended a Freshwater workshop here in school where children listened to the story teller retelling some of their favourite stories. This was a really engaging experience for all of our EYFS children.

Some of our Kindness Champions and Year 6 pupils attended a community event on Monday at Age UK. Here they met some elderly members of our community and took part in some arts and crafts. It was a very enjoyable morning, all members of the community that attended praised our children on their impeccable behaviour.

In addition Year 4 visited Lesnes Abbey as part of their Viking unit of work and Year 6 visited the National Army Museum as part of their World War unit of work. All children thoroughly enjoyed these experiences. Learning outside the classroom is something we pride ourselves on. At Pelham all children are given the opportunity to go out on a school trip or take part in a workshop each half term.

And just when you thought we couldn't fit anymore into a busy week. Our PFSA organised a mothers day sale. A big thank you to all parents that came and helped with this event. Children really enjoyed buying gifts for their parents and carers.

Events coming up

- Book Fair on Friday 20th to 25th March more information will be shared next week.
- Parent consultations 23rd and 24th March, please book using Arbor App.
- Easter Bonnet Parade on 31st March, see poster below
- Easter Bake sale on Friday 27th March. We are asking for families to donate cakes for the sale. These can be shop bought or home baked. If home baked please provide a list of ingredients when you bring in the cakes.
- Easter egg hunt for the children on Monday 30th March
- 1st and 2nd April - INSET days.

Have a good weekend all.
Kind Regards,

Miss Took

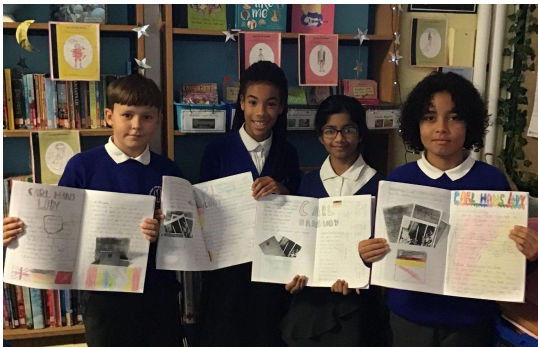
Term Dates



Monday 16th March 2026	Tuesday 17th March 2026	Wednesday 18th March 2026	Thursday 19th March 2026	Friday 20th March 2026
	Arts & Crafts Club - Year 5 Only.	Colouring Club - Reception to Year 2. Year 5 Trip to The Science Museum. School Tour 10am - All Year Groups.	Centre Stage. Book Fair.	Football Training (team players only) Book Fair.

Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

For W/E 13/03/2026



Challenge- Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!

Class	Attendance	Lates
Caterpillars	97.8%	3
Bumblebees	97.4%	1
Ladybirds	91.1%	2
Butterflies	95.5%	1
Dragonflies	90.5%	3
Kangaroos	98.7%	1
Koalas	96.2%	3
Penguins	91.2%	2
Polar Bears	96.4%	2
Flamingos	94.1%	3
Pelicans	95.5%	0
Giraffes	95.7%	0
Zebras	97.9%	1
Parakeets	85.7%	1
Starlings	96.0%	0

Term Dates



Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



Lunch Menu



NOVEMBER TO MARCH 2026
NOURISH



WEEK ONE

3 Nov
24 Nov
15 Dec
19 Jan
9 Feb
9 March
30 March

MONDAY
Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots
Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables
Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Gammon & Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas
Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chili Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Green Beans Grated Carrots
Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks
Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

10 Nov
1 Dec
5 Jan
26 Jan
23 Feb
16 March

MONDAY
Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Carrots, Peas
Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings & Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Seasonal Vegetables
Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots
Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Cauliflower, Green Beans
Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9
Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG

WEEK THREE

17 Nov
8 Dec
12 Jan
2 Feb
2 March
23 March

MONDAY
Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad
Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY
Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Sweetcorn, Peppers
Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY
Roast Pork & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots
Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY
Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Seasonal Vegetables
Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY
Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot
Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupines 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



Information



Admission to Nursery in September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 will be due to start Nursery in September 2026. The application period is now open and closes on 6th April 2026.

Apply on line at:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

More information visit:
<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/primary-schools/starting-primary-school>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVOD - streaming video on demand). Children reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV, with over 60% of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY** - Subscription services can be costly. As the number of streaming services grows, parents may find it difficult to manage multiple subscriptions. Some services offer free trials, but these can be costly if not cancelled in time.
- ILLEGAL STREAMING** - Streaming services are not always legal. Some services offer free trials, but these can be costly if not cancelled in time.
- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** - Many streaming services offer content that is not suitable for children. Parents should be aware of the age ratings and content warnings for the services they use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS** - Create individual profiles for each child and use parental controls to restrict content.
- TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS** - Discuss how streaming services use algorithms to recommend content and how this can influence what children watch.
- MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN** - Monitor what your child is watching and talk to them about what they are watching.
- SET TIME RESTRICTIONS** - Set time limits for streaming services to ensure children do not spend too much time watching.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Carter, Head of an online safety network, discusses how parents can manage their children's streaming service use and how to ensure they are safe and healthy.

Wake Up Wednesday | The National College

Attached with this week's Newsletter in ParentMail is the Wake Up Wednesdays guide on "Conspiracy Theories"

When dropping off and collecting your children to and from school, please can you be mindful of our neighbours. They have contacted the school and asked that you do not block their driveways and more importantly do not park on them. Thank you in advance for your support.



PELHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER BONNET PARADE

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

EYFS & KS1 9:30

KS2 11:00

ENTRY VIA THE KS2 GATE



THERE WILL BE A PRIZE PER CLASS FOR THE MOST CREATIVE EASTER BONNET. WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY OUR JUDGING PANEL.

If you would like to speak to a member of the school leadership team please email pelhamadmin@illuminate minds.org

We Dream Big