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Dear parents and carers,

Re: End of Autumn term and arrangements for January 2026

It has been an incredibly busy calendar year, and a particularly busy, and long, autumn term, so I know we all feel ready for the holiday. Amongst the busy-ness, we can once again celebrate some significant successes for our students and our school as a whole.

Over the course of the year, we have welcomed many external reviewers and visitors to SRS, all of whom have been emphatic in their compliments of the school's work and, above all, our exceptional young people.

This week, we have celebrated our students; their 100% attendance, their outstanding attitudes to learning and the impact this all has on the significant progress they are able to make in their learning.

The importance of these attributes has become that bit more 'real' for our students in Year 11 and Year 13, who enter the final months of study and preparation before their final GCSE and A Level exams. Whilst those exam results will open the doors to their next steps, the 14-year journey for our students at SRS, EYFS to Year 13, is about equipping them with not only knowledge and skills but also broadening their horizons and firing up their ambitions to be the very best version of themselves.

None of this could be achieved without the commitment and drive of our fantastic staff, who work tirelessly to ensure our young people are well supported and able to achieve their very best. My thanks to them, on behalf of our students, for everything they give and do.

Special thanks go to Mrs Dawn Patten who leaves us today to start her retirement, having worked with us for 22 years in our reprographics department. Dawn has been an incredible support to us all in school, ensuring we always have what we need to do our job – resources, booklets and certificates in every shape, size, colour and configuration imaginable. Dawn, we are very grateful to you for everything and wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to you, parents and carers, for your continued support this year and everything you are doing to ensure your child is set up and ready each day to do their best at school. Here's to the new year and the continuation of our successful work together.

Start of term arrangements – January 2026

We return to school on **Monday 5th January at normal school times**. On this first day we will spend time in the morning lesson reminding students of school ways of working and enabling students time to think about their goals for the new year and the term ahead. There are some things we ask you to do to ensure a smooth start to the term:

- ensure your child is in **correct school uniform and footwear**. Correct school shoes (not boots or trainers) must be worn. Trousers must be worn at the waist and skirts to knee length. Uniform can be **ordered online**: <https://www.srs-shop.co.uk/>
- **acrylic nails and make up are not allowed in school** – please ensure these are removed by 6th January
- for secondary students, please ensure they have a **full set of equipment** (see student planner for equipment list)
- please top up your child's **MCAS** account for school lunches
- please take some time to set some new year **home learning goals** with your child, ready to launch into the new year – whether it's time set aside for reading, revision, personal organisation to ensure punctual arrival at school or a recap of what makes an 'outstanding' attitude to learning, your support is both needed and much appreciated.

Exciting news for 2026!

We have the **school production of Beauty & the Beast** to look forward to! Tickets are on sale through MCAS for performances on 3rd, 4th and 5th February 2026 at 7pm each evening. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

You can find the **full list of key dates for the term ahead** at the end of this letter, in the newsletter and on the website.

I know that, for many, this can be a difficult time of the year – particularly as we think of those who are no longer with us, or those whose health might be affecting them. I hope, whatever the circumstances, you are able to benefit from some much-needed holiday time, time with those close to you, and some relaxation ahead of the new year.

As ever, I hope not to have to disturb you during the holidays, but should there be any urgent update, this would be sent via MCAS as well as updated on the website.

I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas, a relaxing holiday and every happiness for 2026.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal

SRS key calendar dates 2025-26 - *Please note, additional events/dates may be added. Parents will be notified via the weekly newsletter, MCAS app and email.*

Day	Date	Events	Time/Venue
Christmas holidays – Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026			
Mon	5-Jan-26	Start of Spring term – normal school day times	
		Y11 TA2 Mock Exams Continue (Sports Hall)	
Wed	14-Jan-26	Family Thrive	2-3pm - secondary
Tue	20-Jan-26	Y11 FT Drop Down Day Financial Literacy	
Thu	22-Jan-26	Y11 UB-MB Drop Down Day Financial Literacy	
		Y7 Virtual Parents' Evening	4:30 - 7:00pm - online
Mon	26-Jan-26	Holocaust Memorial Day	
		Primary Parents' Consultations 2 Starts	
Wed	28-Jan-26	Y9 & 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge	
Thu	29-Jan-26	Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)	
		Y9 KS4 Preference Parent Information Evening	4.30-7pm
Tue	3-Feb-26	SRS Production – Beauty & The Beast - Show 1	7pm - secondary
Wed	4-Feb-26	SRS Production - Beauty & The Beast - Show 2	7pm - secondary
Thu	5-Feb-26	SRS Production - Beauty & The Beast - Show 3	7pm - secondary
Fri	6-Feb-26	Number Day	
Mon	9-Feb-26	Internet Safety week	
		Children's Mental Health Week	
Thu	12-Feb-26	Y11 Parents' Evening 2	4.30-7pm - secondary
Half term 16th – 20th February 2026			
Wed	25-Feb-26	Y13 VIMA2 begins	
Mon	2-Mar-26	Careers month	

		Y9 KS4 Taster sessions begin	
Thu	5-Mar-26	World Book Day	
Fri	6-Mar-26	International Women's Day	
		Grand Iftar event held at secondary site	
Mon	9-Mar-26	Y9 1 st DTP & MenACWY Vaccination (Venue tbc)	
Tue	10-Mar-26	Y9 2 nd DTP & MenACWY Vaccination (Venue tbc)	
Wed	11-Mar-26	Y9 3 rd DTP & MenACWY Vaccination (Venue tbc)	
Fri	13-Mar-26	Careers Fair	
Thu	19-Mar-26	Primary EAL Coffee Morning	9am - primary
		Y10 Parents’ Evening 4.30-7pm	
Mon	23-Mar-26	Anti-Racism week	
Wed	25-Mar-26	RSHE Parent Information session (primary)	2pm
		RSHE Parent Information session (secondary)	4.30pm
		Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge hosted @ SRS	<i>Time tbc</i>
Thu	26-Mar-26	Y9 Virtual Parents' Evening	4:30 – 7pm - online
Fri	27-Mar-26	Culture Day	
		Early close - end of term	
Easter holidays – Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026			
Mon	13-Apr-26	Autism Awareness week	
Tue	14-Apr-26	Y9 KS4 Preference deadline	
Thu	16-Apr-26	Y8 Virtual Parents’ Evening	4.30-7pm online
Mon	20-Apr-26	Student/Parent/Staff Voice Survey 2 Begins	
Thu	23-Apr-26	St George’s Day	
Mon	27-Apr-26	Y11 External GCSE Examinations Begin (venues tbc)	

Wed	29-Apr-26	Y7 & Y8 Junior Maths Challenge	
Thu	30-Apr-26	Y12 Parents’ Evening	4.30-7pm
Fri	1-May-26	Student/Parent/Staff Voice Survey 2 Ends	
		DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)	
Bank holiday Monday 4 th May 2025			
Tue	5-May-26	Y11 External GCSE Examinations Continue	
		Careers week (primary)	
Mon	11-May-26	Y13 External GCE Examinations Begin (Main Hall)	
		Primary Key Stage 2 SATs week	
		Mental Health Awareness week	
Mon	18-May-26	Y7 Geography Trip Week - Bedfords Park	
Wed	20-May-26	Primary Class Photo day	
Thu	21-May-26	Primary EAL Coffee Morning	9am - primary
Half term Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th June 2026			
Sun	31-May-26	Year 6 Residential Trip Departs (until 3 rd June)	
Mon	1-Jun-26	Primary MTC Test Week 1	
Wed	3-Jun-26	Y12 UCAS Discovery Exhibition Visit	
Mon	8-Jun-26	Primary MTC Test Week 2 and Phonics Screening	
		Bike week & Healthy Eating week	
		Y10 TA3 End of Year exams/Mocks begin	
Mon	15-Jun-26	Y7 Geography Trip Week - Parsloes Park	
		Y8 1 st HPV Vaccinations begin (Venue tbc)	
Wed	17-Jun-26	Thank a teacher, thank a member of staff day	
		Y11 Leavers celebration (TBC)	
Fri	19-Jun-26	Y13 Leavers' Celebration (TBC)	

Mon	22-Jun-26	Y8 Geography Trip Week - Martins Corner	
		Y10 Work Experience begins (one week)	
		GlasNOTbury Week Secondary	
Thu	25-Jun-26	Y13 Soiree	tbc
Fri	26-Jun-26	Y11 Prom	tbc
Mon	29-Jun-26	School closed to students – staff training	
		Y12 Work Experience Week	
Tue	30-Jun-26	Y10 Post-16 Routes – Day 1	
		Secondary Summer Showcase	6pm - secondary
Wed	1-Jul-26	Y10 Post-16 Routes – Day 2	
Thu	2-Jul-26	LBBD Transition Day for new Y7 students Sept 26 (group 1)	Details to follow
Fri	3-Jul-26	Primary class transition day (Meet your teacher)	
		LBBD Transition Day for new Y7 students Sept 26 (group 2)	Details to follow
Mon	6-Jul-26	Primary rewards trip	
		Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10 End of Year Rewards Trips	
Tue	7-Jul-26	Primary rewards trip	
		Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10 End of Year Rewards Trips	
Thu	9-Jul-26	Y6 Leavers' Production	6pm secondary
Fri	10-Jul-26	Olympics Secondary (aka Sports Day)	
		Primary Reports to Parents	
Mon	13-Jul-26	Olympics EYFS (aka Sports Day)	
Tue	14-Jul-26	Olympics Y1-Y6 (aka Sports Day)	
Wed	15-Jul-26	Y6 Graduation Party	
Thu	16-Jul-26	Ariston Awards Evening	6pm - secondary
Fri	17-Jul-26	Last Day of School - early close - end of academic year	
Summer holiday begins			

2026-27 term dates can be found on the school website