

Bishop Ridley CE Primary School

Term Dates 2026–2027

Term One

Term time: Wednesday 2 September to Friday 23 October 2026

- INSET Day - Wednesday 2 September 2026 – No Children in school
- INSET Day - Thursday 3 September 2026 – No Children in School
- INSET Day - Friday 4 September 2026 – Only Children sitting the Bexley Selection Test in school

Half-term holiday: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Term Two

Term time: Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Term Three

Term time: Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February 2027

- INSET Day – Monday 4th January 2027

Half-term holiday: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Term Four

Term time: Monday 22 February to Thursday 25 March 2027

Easter holiday: Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027

Term Five

Term time: Monday 12 April to Friday 28 May 2027

- INSET Day – 12th April 2027
- (Except May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 3 May 2027)

Half-term holiday: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027

(Spring bank holiday on Monday 31 May 2027)

Term Six

Term time: Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July 2027

- INSET Day – 22nd July 2027

Extra Information about INSET Days

This year, the London Borough of Bexley has advised maintained primary schools that they may take an additional (sixth) INSET day in order to facilitate the administration of the Bexley Selection Test (11+).

This follows borough-wide challenges in recent years in meeting the increasing number of approved Special Arrangements requests. The scale and complexity of these arrangements has made it challenging for schools to provide sufficient rooms and appropriately trained staff while also running a full school day. From 2026, the test will also be administered by a new provider, Quest Assessments, and schools are required to follow updated administrative procedures.

In order to ensure that children sitting the test are able to do so calmly and without disruption, and that all approved arrangements can be delivered properly and fairly, we will be using an additional INSET day at the start of the academic year.

Our September 2026 arrangements will therefore be:

- **Wednesday 2 September 2026** – INSET (Curriculum focus)
- **Thursday 3 September 2026** – INSET (Safeguarding training for all staff)
- **Friday 4 September 2026** – INSET (Bexley Selection Test)

On Friday 4 September, only pupils registered to sit the Bexley Selection Test will attend school. All other pupils will return on **Monday 7 September 2026**.

We appreciate that additional INSET days can require families to make childcare arrangements. This change has been introduced in response to operational challenges across the borough and is not intended to become a permanent feature. There is no guarantee that an additional INSET day will be required in future years and the position will be reviewed annually.