



BILTON GRANGE

PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

CALENDAR ADVENT TERM 2026

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(H*) denotes Home games played at Rugby School

AUGUST

Wed 26	09:00-16:00	Pre-season Rugby and Hockey Training for U10 to U13 at BG (H)
Thu 27	08:45-17:00	Staff INSET
Fri 28	09:00-16:00	Staff INSET
Mon 31	12:45-17:00	New Pupil Induction Afternoon
		Full and Weekly Boarders Return

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1		START OF TERM
	08:00-08:50	Day Children Return
	08:50-16:40	Pupil Induction Programme
Wed 2	07:45-08:35	Chorister morning rehearsals start
	08:40-16:00	Pupil Induction Programme
Thu 3	17:45-18:45	Options Begin
	17:45-18:45	Chorister Parents' Reception
	18:00-19:00	Pre-Prep Drinks Reception and Year Group Induction Talks
Fri 4	18:00-19:30	Welcome to Upper School Information Evening
Sat 5	08:45-09:45	FAB Meeting in Earle House
	10:45-12:00	BGS Committee meeting in the Pugin Library
	13:45-15:45	Usual Saturday Games Arrangements
Sun 6	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: Home Day - Bushcraft Adventure
Mon 7		Performing Arts Programme Begins
	08:00-17:00	LDD Parents' Meetings 3rd - 6th Form (Monday - Friday)
	15:35-16:40	CAT4 Testing (5th and New Pupils in US)
Tue 8		Individual and Sibling Photographs
	08:50-10:40	CAT4 Testing (New Pupils in Juniors)
	15:35-16:40	CAT4 Testing (3rd and New Pupils in MS)
	18:00-19:30	Welcome to Middle School Information Evening
Wed 9	09:00	Year 3 Dyslexia Screening Tests
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v RGS Worcester (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A & U11B v Crescent (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A & U11B v Crescent (H)
	19:00	Boarding Ambassador Meeting
Thu 10	09:00	3rd Form Dyslexia Screening Tests
	18:00-19:30	Meet Your Teacher and Welcome to Year 4 Drinks, Pugin Library
Fri 11	09:30-15:30	Year 1 Visit to Warwick Castle
		5th Form Dyslexia Screening Tests
	13:00-19:00	6th Form Art High-Flier Drawing Workshop at BG
Sat 12	10:30-11:00	Head of Departments (Full) meeting in the Pugin Library
	11:00	Boys' Rugby U12 & U13 Festival at Bilton Grange (H)
	14:00	Girls' Hockey 1st, Tigers & Panthers v Spratton Hall (A)
	14:45	Girls' Hockey 2nd & Jaguars v Spratton Hall (A)
Sun 13	10:00-12:30	Boys' Rugby U10 & U11 Club Festival at Bilton Grange (H)
	10:30-14:00	FAB Family Day - Colour Run & Family Picnic/BBQ
	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: Adventure Climb & Mini Golf at The Light, Banbury
Wed 16	08:15-08:40	School Council Meeting in the Pugin Library
	11:00	Boys' Rugby U13A v Dragon (A)
	11:15-13:00	Year 3 Lodestone Cook Out
	13:30	Girls' Hockey U11A & U11B v Bloxham Festival (A)
	13:30	Boys' Rugby U11A & U11B Bloxham Festival (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U10A & U10B v Beachborough (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v Leicester Grammar (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U10A & U10B v Beachborough, at Stowe (A)
Thu 17	08:55	Junior Sorting Ceremony in the Ravenscroft
Fri 18	12:00-18:00	6th Form Theatre Trip - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime
	17:45-08:30	4th Form Young Leaders Campout
Sat 19	14:00	Boys' Rugby U13A & U12A v Spratton Hall (A)
Sun 20	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Event: Home Day - Multi-Sports - Glow Games & Zorbing Fun!
Mon 21	08:15-16:30	3rd Form History Trip to the Black Country Living Museum
Wed 23	09:00-15:00	Year 3 Visit to Oxford University Museum of Natural History - Rock Stars! Session
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Oakham (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A & U11B Festival at Rugby School (H*)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U10A & U10B v Kitebrook Prep (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v Oakham (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11B, U10A & U10B v Crackley Hall (H*)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A Oakham Festival (A)
Thu 24	09:00-12:30	EAL Parents' meeting (online)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U8 Panthers & Tigers v Crackley Hall (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U8 v Crackley Hall (H)
	17:45-08:30	5th Form Science Campout

Fri 25	09:00-12:00	Pre-Prep Section Outdoor Challenge Morning
	09:00	Girls' Hockey U11A IAPS Tournament v Oakham (A)
	11:30	MacMillan Coffee Morning at the Prep School in Earle House
	11:45-12:15	Pre-Prep Parents' Literacy, Phonics and Reading Talk
	12:15	EXEAT
	12:15	Nest, Reception & Year 1
	12:30	Years 2, 3, Juniors & 3rd Form
	12:45	4th, 5th & 6th Form
Sun 27	19:00	Full and Weekly Boarders Return
Mon 28	08:00-08:50	Day Children Return
	09:00-14:00	4th Form Interview Practice
	14:30	Boys' Rugby Middle School Section Matches (H)
	16:00-17:30	Years 1, 2 & 3 Parents' Meetings
Tue 29	18:00-18:45	Advent Soloist Evening (Juniors & Middle School) in the Pugin Library
	18:45-19:30	Advent Soloist Evening (Upper School) in the Pugin Library
Wed 30	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Swanbourne (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Swanbourne (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st & 2nd v Swanbourne (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey Tigers, Panthers & Jaguars v Swanbourne (H*)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Swanbourne (A)
	16:30-18:00	Years 1, 2 & 3 Parents' Meetings

OCTOBER

Thu 1	09:30-16:30	Rugby School Prep Schools' Orchestral Day
Fri 2	09:30	Girls' Hockey 1st IAPS v Oundle (A)
	14:00-16:40	5th Form Interview Practice
Sat 3	10:00-12:30	Open Morning
	14:00	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Spratton Hall (H)
	14:00	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A, & U10B v Spratton Hall (H)
Sun 4	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: British Superbike Championship, Donington Park
Mon 5		Year 1 Castles Day
		Year 2 Topic Week 'Chocolate'
	12:30-14:30	BG Board Meeting in the Pugin Library
Wed 7	09:30-15:30	Year 2 Visit to Cadbury World, Birmingham
	14:00	Boys' Rugby U10A & U10B Festival at Bilton Grange (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 2nd, Tigers, Panthers & Jaguars v Beachborough (H*)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st Triangular v Kenton College & Beachborough (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Ratcliffe College (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A & U11B Triangular v Spratton Hall (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13B & U12B v Stoneygate (A)
	16:00	Boys' U12A Long Buckby RFC Tournament (A)
	19:00	Boarders' Candlelit Dinner
Thu 8	14:30	Boys' Rugby U9A, U9B, U8 Panthers & U8 Tigers v Spratton Hall (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U9 & U8 v Spratton Hall (H)
	16:30-18:00	Nest & Reception Parents' Meetings
Fri 9		Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Reception - Year 8
	14:30	Boys' Rugby Middle School Section Matches - Finals (H)
	14:55-16:35	Pupil Reflection Afternoon
	16:40-17:40	4th-6th Form Careers Talk: Mrs Louise Beale - 'Life in the News'
Sat 10	09:00-10:30	Prep Harvest Festival Service (Middle School to attend and parents welcome)
	10:30	Heads of Departments (Full) meeting in the Pugin Library
	14:15	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Dragon (A)
	14:15	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v Dragon (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey Middle School Section Matches (H)
Sun 11		Chorister Outing (Afternoon)
	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Event: Horse of the Year, NEC, Birmingham
	13:00	Cross Country Mixed U13A, U11A & U9A v Shrewsbury School Hunt (A)
Mon 12		Book Fair begins - Travelling Books
	09:00-10:00	Pre-Prep Harvest Festival in the Chapel
	16:00-17:30	Years 1, 2 & 3 Parents' Meetings
Tue 13	16:00-17:30	Nest Parents' Meetings
Wed 14		Book Fair ends - Travelling Books
	14:15	Girls' Hockey 2nd & Tigers v Kitebrook Prep (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Kitebrook Prep (H*)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Kitebrook Prep (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13B, U12B & U12C v Kitebrook Prep (H)
	15:00	Girls' Hockey Panthers v Kitebrook Prep (H)
	19:00	Boarding Council Meeting
	19:00	FAB Sip and Paint Evening in the Gallery
Thu 15	09:00-13:25	Maz Evans, Author visit - Juniors to 6th Form in the Ravenscroft Hall
	09:30-14:30	Reception Visit to Brandon Marsh

	14:00-15:00	Choristers Choral Outreach Concert at RS
	14:00	Boys' Rugby U9A & U9B v LGS Stoneygate (A)
	15:10	Girls' Hockey U8A Festival v Solihull (H)
	15:10	Boys' Rugby U8A & U8B v Solihull (H)
Fri 16		6th Form Revision Guidance Published to Parents
		Juniors - 6th Form Approach Report Published to Parents
	09:45-11:45	Nest Visit to Dunchurch Library
	14:00-15:30	Prep Section Music Competition in the Ravenscroft Hall
		Half Term
	15:15	Nest, Reception & Year 1
	15:30	Years 2 & 3
	15:40	Juniors & 3rd Form
	15:55	4th, 5th & 6th Form

NOVEMBER

Sun 1	17:30	Full & Weekly Boarders Return
	17:45-19:15	Bonfire and Fireworks Party
Mon 2		Year 1 STEAM Week
	08:00-08:50	Day Children Return
Wed 4	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Oundle (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Laxton Junior (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st & 2nd v Oundle (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Laxton Junior (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey Tigers, Panthers & Jaguars v Oundle (H*)
	16:00-18:00	FAB Diwali Celebration in the Gallery
Thu 5	08:30	ISEB Common Pre-Tests at Bilton Grange
	14:45	Boys' Rugby U9A, U9B & U8 v The Croft (H)
	14:45	Girls' Hockey U9A & U8A v The Croft (H)
	18:00-18:45	Advent Musical Soirée (Juniors and Middle School) in the Pugin Library
	18:45-19:30	Advent Musical Soirée (Upper School) in the Pugin Library
Fri 6	13:00-19:00	5th Form Art High-Flier Drawing Workshop at BG
	19:30-21:30	The BG Catwalk Event
Sat 7	08:45-09:45	FAB Meeting in Earle House
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A & U12A v Witham Hall (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Witham Hall (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st & 2nd v Witham Hall (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B & U10A v Witham Hall (A)
	15:15	Girls' Hockey Tigers v Witham Hall (H)
	15:15	Girls' Hockey U10A v Witham Hall (A)
Sun 8	10:30	Remembrance Service (Upper School to Attend)
	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: Showcase Cinema de Lux, Coventry
Mon 9		The Bebras Challenge begins
	08:00-17:00	LDD Parents' Meetings 3rd-6th Form (Monday-Friday)
	13:45-16:40	Mixed Team Photographs Year 3, Juniors and Middle School
	17:00-20:00	Juniors Parents' Meeting
Tue 10	15:35-16:40	Team Photographs - Upper School
	16:40	No Prep or Options - Pickup at 16:40
	17:00-20:00	3rd Form Parents' Meeting
Wed 11	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B, 11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Winchester House (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st & 2nd v Winchester House (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A & U11B v Winchester House (H)
	15:15	Girls' Hockey Tigers & Panthers v Winchester House (A)
	15:15	Girls' Hockey U10A & U10B v Winchester House (H)
	16:00-16:45	Pre-Prep Performance Platform
	19:00	Boarding Ambassadors Meeting
Thu 12	14:15-16:30	U13 Debate v Spratton Hall (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U9A & U8A v LGS Stoneygate & Ratcliffe College Triangular (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U9A, U9B, U8A & U8B v LGS Stoneygate & Ratcliffe College Triangular (H)
	18:00-18:45	Come and Sing Evensong at RS
	19:30-22:00	Chorister Parents Club Dinner
Fri 13	17:00-18:45	Senior Chamber Choir recording session in Chapel
Sat 14		The Bebras Challenge ends
	09:30-16:00	Be a Chorister for a Day - Open Day
	14:30	Girls' Hockey Senior Section Matches (H)
	19:00	Boarders' Breakout
Sun 15	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: Ninja Warrior Challenge, Leicester
Mon 16		6th Form Exams start
	09:00-16:00	Juniors History Trip to Tudor World
		4th Form 1066 Workshop in the Pugin Library
Tue 17		6th Form Exams
	16:00	Swimming Mixed U11A v Bablake (H)
Wed 18		6th Form Exams
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Beachborough (A)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Beachborough (H)

	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v Beachborough at Stowe (A)
Thu 19	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11B, U10A & U10B v Beachborough (H*)
		6th Form Exams finish
		Men's International Day in Earle House
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U9A, U9B, U8A & U8B v Spratton Hall (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U9 & U8 v Spratton Hall (A)
	16:40	No Prep or Options - Pickup at 16:40
	17:00-20:00	4th Form Parents' Meeting
Fri 20		Children In Need
	11:45	Pre-Prep Coffee and Conversation - 'The Adventure of Self' Framework
	12:15	EXEAT
	12:15	Nest, Reception & Year 1
	12:30	Years 2, 3, Juniors & 3rd Form
	12:45	4th, 5th & 6th Form
	13:30-16:30	3rd Form Production Rehearsal in the Ravenscroft Hall
Sun 22	19:00	Full & Weekly Boarders Return
Mon 23	08:00-08:50	Day Children Return
	16:40	No Prep or Options - Pickup at 16:40
	17:00-20:00	5th Form Parents' Meeting
Tue 24	18:30-20:00	Speech and Drama Showcase in the Ravenscroft Hall
Wed 25		LAMDA Exams
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A & U12B v Denstone College (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U11A & U11B v Triangular with Bablake and Milton Keynes (H)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v Bromsgrove (A)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11B & U11C Triangular with Bromsgrove & Milton Keynes (H*)
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U11A, U11D, U10A & U10B v Bromsgrove (H*)
	15:00	Boys' Rugby U10A & U10B v Milton Keynes Prep (H)
	16:30-17:15	Juniors Christingle Service in Chapel
	19:00-21:00	FAB Festive Wreath Making Workshop in the Gallery
Thu 26		6th Form Exam Results Published
		LAMDA Exams
	14:30	Girls' Hockey U9 & U8 v Crescent & Bablake Triangular (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U8 v Bablake & Crescent Triangular (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby U9A & U9B v Crescent (H)
	19:00-21:00	FAB Festive Wreath Making Workshop in the Gallery
	09:30-17:00	ABRSM Examinations
Fri 27	16:40	No Prep or Options - Pickup at 16:40
	17:00-20:00	6th Form Parents' Meeting
Sat 28	12:30-16:30	FAB Christmas Fair
Sun 29	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Activity: Snowdome Ice Fun, Tamworth
Mon 30	09:00-09:30	Nest Christmas Singalong
	18:00-19:00	Choristers sing Evensong at St Andrew's Church, Rugby Patronal Festival

DECEMBER

Tue 1	12:00-18:00	Juniors Theatre Trip - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
	14:30	Reception Nativity in Pre-Prep
Wed 2	13:00	Boys' Rugby and Girls' Hockey U13A, U12A, U11A & U10A Finals Day at Rugby School (H*)
	19:00	Boarding Council Meeting
Thu 3	16:45-17:45	Rehearsal for Advent Carol Service at RS Chapel (Seniors)
	18:00-19:15	Advent Carol Service at RS Chapel (Seniors)
Fri 4	08:50-12:30	3rd Form Production - Dress and Tech Rehearsal in the Ravenscroft Hall
	09:00-12:00	Pre-Prep Children's Christmas Shopping Event
Sat 5	08:40-12:30	3rd Form Production - Dress and Tech Rehearsal in the Ravenscroft Hall
	14:00	Girls' Netball 1st, 2nd, Tigers & Panthers v LMR Juniors (H)
	14:30	Boys' Rugby Senior Section Matches (H)
	19:00-23:00	FAB Christmas Family Ball
Sun 6	12:00-17:00	Boarders' Event: Oh Yes It Is! - Christmas Panto Trip, Warwick
Mon 7	12:00-14:00	Prep Christmas Lunch
	14:00	Primary Theatre Company Production of 'Wind in the Willows' in Pre-Prep
	14:30-15:30	3rd Form Production - Performance to School in the Ravenscroft Hall
	18:30-19:30	3rd Form Production - Performance to Parents in the Ravenscroft Hall
	17:45-18:45	Final Options Evening of the Term
Wed 9	08:40-10:20	Pupil reflection morning and target setting
	14:00	Girls' Netball Christmas Tournaments (H)
	15:45-16:45	Pre-Prep Carols in the Quad
	18:00	Christmas Boarders' Banquet
Thu 10	11:45-12:30	Pre-Prep Christmas Lunch Nest, Reception and Year 1

	13:00-13:45	Pre-Prep Christmas Lunch Year 2 & Year 3
Fri 11	11:45	Prep Final Assembly in the Ravenscroft
	12:15	Pre-Prep End of Term - Nest, Reception & Year 1
	12:30	Pre-Prep End of Term - Year 2
	14:30	BG Carol Service at Rugby School Chapel (Years 3 to 6th Form to attend)
	16:00	END OF TERM
	16:00	Overseas pupils reports; L27 Curriculum Booklets & 6th Form Revision Guidance Published to Parents

FUTURE TERM DATES

Underlined dates are for Boarders' return: Day pupils return the following day

LENT TERM 2027

Tuesday 5 January - Wednesday 24 March		
Staff INSET	Monday 4 January - Tuesday 5 January	
Term begins	<u>Tuesday 5 January (17:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 22 January (12:30) - <u>Sunday 24 January (19:00)</u>	
Half Term	Friday 12 February (16:00) - <u>Sunday 21 February (19:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 5 March (16:00) - <u>Sunday 7 March (19:00)</u>	
Term Ends	Wednesday 24 March (12:30)	

TRINITY TERM 2027

Sunday 18 April - Friday 2 July		
Staff INSET	Friday 16 April	
Term begins	<u>Sunday 18 April (17:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 30 April (16:00) - <u>Monday 3 May (19:00)</u>	
Half Term	Friday 28 May - <u>Sunday 6 June (19:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 18 June (16:00) - <u>Sunday 20 June (19:00)</u>	
Term Ends	Friday 2 July (16:00)	

ADVENT TERM 2027

Monday 6 September - Friday 10 December		
Staff INSET	Thursday 2 & Friday 3 September	
Term begins	<u>Sunday 5 September (12:45 for new pupils) (17:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 24 September (12:30) - <u>Sunday 26 September (19:00)</u>	
Half Term	Friday 15 October (16:00) - <u>Sunday 31 October (17:00)</u>	
Exeat	Friday 19 November (12:30) - <u>Sunday 21 November (19:00)</u>	
Term Ends	Friday 10 December (16:00)	

CHORISTER GUIDE

	Rugby School Chapel	Bilton Grange Chapel	Options Programme
Mon	Girls	Boys	Boys from 18:00
Tue	Boys	Girls	Girls from 18:00
Wed			
Thu	All Seniors (4th - 6th)	No service	Juniors & 3rd Form
Fri	As published	No service	Girls and Boys when not singing Evensong

PREP DAY PUPIL COLLECTION TIMES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

16:00	Juniors' Prep or pick-up
16:40	Little Tea
16:45	Pick-up Opportunity 1
16:55-17:45	Prep or Juniors Activities
17:45	Pick-up Opportunity 2 or Options
18:45	Pick-up Opportunity 3 or Supper
19:10	Pick-up Opportunity 4

WEDNESDAY

16:00	Times vary for match players*
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SATURDAY

12:25	Juniors & Middle School (if no pm commitments)
16:00	All Prep Day Pupils: times vary for match players*

* Up to date match information can be found on SOCS on the Parent Portal
Choristers follow separate schedule