

Term Dates

Please see the dates for the Summer Term 2026, together with the dates for the next academic year, including INSET Days. We have co-ordinated these dates with TRIS.



Eid

A belated Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrated Eid last week.



Wow!

Outstanding Artwork from Savannah Y4



Please find a letter from myself at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break

J Emery

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts:	Monday 13 April
May Day:	Monday 4 May
Sports Day:	Tuesday 19 th May
Half Term:	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
OPAL Stay and Play Yrs3-5	Monday 8 th June
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
Term Ends for Pupils:	Friday 17 July
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July
Holiday:	Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August



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Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

<i>Inset day</i> (School closed for pupils):	<i>Tuesday 1 September</i>
Term Starts for pupils:	Wednesday 2 September
Half Term:	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
<i>Inset Day</i> (School closed for pupils):	<i>Monday 2 November</i>
Term Ends:	Friday 18 December
Holiday:	Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

<i>Inset Day</i> (School closed for pupils):	<i>Monday 4 January</i>
Term Starts for pupils:	Tuesday 5 January
<i>Inset Day</i> (School closed for pupils):	<i>Friday 12 February</i>
Half Term:	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Term Ends:	Thursday 25 March
Holiday:	Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
Easter Sunday:	Sunday 28 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts:	Monday 12 April
May Day:	Monday 3 May
Half Term:	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
<i>Inset Day</i> (School closed for pupils):	<i>Friday 2 July</i>
Term Ends:	Wednesday 21 July
Holiday:	Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 September

(Thursday 2 September 2027 and Friday 3 September 2027 will be INSET Days, so the Autumn Term 2027 will start for pupils on Monday 6 September 2027.)



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"The place to be your best"



27 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to inform you that I plan to retire from headship with effect from 31 December 2026.

This has not been an easy decision. I decided to come back to headship in 2023; I am so pleased I did. It has been a very rewarding and positive experience for me; I have very much enjoyed the challenge of working with pupils, staff, parents, governors and the wider community. I believe we have achieved much to celebrate including a very strong Ofsted Report from November 2024 which continues the excellent reputation of TRJS.

The school is such a vibrant learning community; I have felt privileged to lead the school over the last 3 years. The children are amazing, full of life and enthusiasm. The staff are true professionals and regularly go above and beyond to give our pupils the best learning possible. I can't thank them enough. The vast majority of parents work in partnership with the school to help their child achieve the very best. The governing body do a great job to oversee the work of the school. I am very grateful to everyone in the school community for your support and kindness.

However, the mental, physical and emotional demands of being a Headteacher are considerable. The time and energy needed to perform the role often restricts time for work-life balance and family life. It is just the nature of the job. I feel the time is right for me to step back from headship to spend more time with my family. Please be assured that life at TRJS will continue as normal over the next two terms. I will do my utmost to ensure that there is a smooth transition as the school embark on the next chapter.

I will look back on my time at the school with great fondness and TRJS will always have a very special place in my heart.

Regards

J Emery

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Headteacher