



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: dates for INSET days and Twilights in 2024/25

I am writing to you today with an update regarding the dates and times of the next academic year's INSET days and Twilight sessions.

These days are critical training sessions that provide staff with knowledge, resources and ideas to create a more supportive and focused learning environment for all pupils.

The dates planned for next term are listed below with the full year schedule on the website.

- September 2nd and 3rd (all day)
- September 25th (from 1pm)
- October 11th (all day)
- November 7th (from 1pm)
- December 4th (from 1pm)

On the listed INSET days, the school will be **closed as normal for the whole day**. For Twilight sessions, you will need to **collect your child(ren) by 1pm**.

I am conscious that changes to the school day can pose difficulties with childcare. We will be able to offer a certain amount of childcare from 1:00pm until 3.30pm, which you can book space in via ParentMail. Research shows that regular professional development for all educational practitioners has an immensely positive impact on pupils' pastoral experiences and academic outcomes, therefore after school club will **not be available on any Twilight sessions** as all staff will be taking part in training.

By communicating these important dates prior to the end of this term I hope this provides sufficient time for you to make the necessary arrangements. Please let me reiterate that the impact from the training opportunities which will be provided is in the best interest of the whole community.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful break over the summer holidays.

Yours faithfully,

Laura McPhee
UST Director of Education - Primary