DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

Calendar – Michaelmas 2026

Correct as of 23/10/26 - please see online Scheduler for updates

WEEK 7 (WEEK A)	
Friday 23rd October	NSEA Equestrian Arena Event at Rectory Farm
HALF TERM	
Sunday 8th November	Boarders Return from Half Term between 6.00pm and 7.30pm
WEEK 8 (WEEK B)	
Monday 9th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 4.15 – 5.00pm JCU and MCU 5.00 – 5.45pm SCU
Tuesday 10th	8.30 – 8.45am Head's Assembly
Wednesday 11th	8.15 – 9.30am Parents' Coffee Morning in the Centenary Hall Atrium 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 12.30 – 5.30pm Hockey Severnside Tournaments – U13, U12, U11, U10, U9 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby v Pinewood Prep School – U13, U12, U11, U10 5.00 – 6.00pm Year 8 House Evening
Thursday 12th	8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly 4.45 – 6.15pm Swimming Gala v Cheltenham College – Year 3
Friday 13th	8.15 – 9.00am Parents' Prayer Fellowship in Dean Close House 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 9.30am – 1.00pm In2Hockey County Round – U13 3.00 – 3.45pm Remembrance Chapel Service
Saturday 14th	8.40 – 11.15am Hockey v Cheltenham College – U11, U10, U9, U8 9.30am – 12.30pm Rugby v Cheltenham College – U11, U10, U9 9.30am – 12.30pm Rugby Festival at The Downs Wraxall Prep School – U8 10.20am – 2.15pm Hockey v Kingswood Prep School – U13, U12 10.40am – 2.00pm Rugby v Collegiate School and Cheltenham College – U13, U12 Boarders' Olympics
Sunday 15th	10.00am – 5.00pm Senior Production Rehearsal
WEEK 9 (WEEK A)	
Monday 16th	Anti-Bullying Week 8.00am IAPS Hockey National Finals – U13 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 10.35 – 10.55am Beacons' Meeting in CH7 1.20 – 2.00pm Performance Platform in the Centenary Hall 4.15 – 5.00pm JCU and MCU 5.00 – 5.45pm SCU
Tuesday 17th	Anti-Bullying Week 11+ Scholarship Assessments (all candidates) 8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly 1.45 – 2.15pm Inspire Us Talk for Year 5 – 6 4.45 – 6.15pm Swimming Gala v Cheltenham College – Years 4 – 6 6.15 – 8.00pm Wine and Canapes Evening with Mr Nigel Reed, new Head of DCPS from January (for Parents of DCPPS Pupils and Pupils in Years 3 – 5)
Wednesday 18th	Anti-Bullying Week 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 1.15 – 5.15pm Hockey v Hatherop Castle School – U13, U12 2.30 – 4.30pm Hockey v Berkhamstead Prep School – U11, U10 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby v Clifton College – U12, U9 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby v Clifton College and Westonbirt School – U11 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby Festival at DCPS – U10 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby 7s at Pinewood Prep School – U13
Thursday 19th	Anti-Bullying Week 11+ Drama and Music Scholarship Assessments

	8.30 – 8.45am Beacons' Assembly 5.30 – 6.15pm Schola Cantorum and DCS Chapel Choir sing Choral Evensong in Dean Close Chapel 7.15 – 8.30pm Music Scholars and Award Holders Concert in the Helen Porter Hall, DCS
Friday 20th	Anti-Bullying Week 11+ Sport and Art Scholarship Assessments 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 3.30 – 4.00pm Hall Service
Saturday 21st	10.30am – 4.00pm Hockey v The Dragon – 1st, 2nd XI 10.40am – 12.30pm Rugby v Christ College Brecon – U13, U12 10.40am – 12.30pm Rugby v Bristol Grammar School U11, U10 Boarders' Adventure Evening
WEEK 10 (WEEK B)	
Monday 23rd	8.00am – 5.00pm Girls' West Hockey Finals at Clifton College – U13 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 8.45am Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum 4.15 – 5.00pm JCU and MCU 5.00 – 5.45pm SCU
Tuesday 24th	8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly 1.45 – 2.15pm Junior School Council Meeting in CH7
Wednesday 25th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 1.30 – 4.45pm Hockey v Cheltenham College – U13, U12 2.30 – 4.30pm Rugby v Chosen Hill School – U13, U12 2.30 – 4.30pm Hockey v King's Hawford Prep School – U11, U10 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby v Berkhampstead Prep School – U11, U9 6.00 – 8.30pm Beacons' Dinner in Dean Close House
Thursday 26th	8.30 – 8.45am Head's Assembly 1.45 – 2.15pm Senior School Council Meeting in CH7 4.45 – 6.15pm Swimming Gala v Cheltenham College – Year 6 – 8 6.15 – 8.00pm Wine and Canapes Evening with Mr Nigel Reed, new Head of DCPS from January (for Parents of Pupils in Years 6 – 8)
Friday 27th	8.15 – 8.45am Year 7 All Aboard 8.15 – 8.45am Year 8 All Aboard 8.15 – 9.00am Parents' Prayer Fellowship in Dean Close House 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 8.45 – 10.30am Senior Production Rehearsal 9.30am – 12.30pm County Hockey Finals at DCPS – U12, U11 1.45 – 2.45pm Parent Representative Meeting in CH7 3.05 – 4.15pm House Cross Country 5.00pm Exeat Begins
Saturday 28th	Exeat
Sunday 29th	6.00 – 7.15pm Schola Cantorum sing Advent Carol Service in Tewkesbury Abbey Boarders Return from Exeat between 6.00pm and 7.30pm
WEEK 11 (WEEK A)	
Monday 30th	ABRSM Exams 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 4.15 – 5.00pm JCU and MCU 4.30 – 6.00pm Junior Forms Parents' Evening 5.00 – 5.45pm SCU
Tuesday 1st December	ABRSM Exams 8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly including Year 2 from DCPPS 4.30 – 6.00pm Junior Forms Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2nd	ABRSM Exams 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 1.00 – 5.00pm Hockey v The Downs Malvern – U11, U10 1.15 – 4.30pm Hockey v Royal Grammar School – U13, U12 2.30 – 5.00pm Rugby v Monmouth School – U13, U12
Thursday 3rd	8.30 – 8.45am Head's Assembly
Friday 4th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 3.30 – 4.00pm Hall Service
Saturday 5th	Senior Production Technical Set Up 10.40am – 12.30pm Rugby v Old Swinford Hospital – U13, U12 Boarders' Night Games
Sunday 6th	Senior Production Technical Set Up

WEEK 12 (WEEK B)	
Monday 7th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 8.30am – 4.00pm Senior Production Technical Rehearsal 4.15 – 5.00pm JCU and MCU 5.00 – 5.45pm SCU
Tuesday 8th	8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly 2.00 – 4.00pm Senior Production Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 9th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 2.15 – 4.00pm House Hockey Matches – U13, U12, U11, U10 2.30 – 4.00pm House Rugby Matches – U13, U12, U11, U10 6.30 – 8.30pm Senior Production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Thursday 10th	8.30 – 8.45am Head's Assembly 4.00 – 6.00pm Senior Production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Friday 11th	8.15 – 8.45am Year 7 All Aboard 8.15 – 8.45am Year 8 All Aboard 8.15 – 9.00am Parents' Prayer Fellowship in Dean Close House 8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 1.00 – 4.30pm Junior Forms Panto Trip 3.30 – 4.00pm Hall Service 6.30 – 8.30pm Senior Production – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Saturday 12th	Boarders' Big Christmas Movie Night
Sunday 13th	Boarders' Christmas Shopping
WEEK 13 (WEEK A)	
Monday 14th	8.30 – 8.45am Form / Tutor Time 6.00 – 8.30pm Boarders' Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th	8.30 – 8.45am Chaplaincy Assembly 8.50 – 10.30am Pupil Farewell Event for Mr Moss 11.00 – 11.50am Jubilate sing at DCPPS Christingle in Chapel 6.45 – 8.00pm Schola Cantorum Service of Lessons and Carols at Tewkesbury Abbey
Wednesday 16th	8.30 – 9.05am Extended Form / Tutor Time 11.50am – 1.10pm Senior Choir and Schola Carol Service Rehearsals 12.45 – 1.30pm Christmas Lunch Including Home Made Christmas Hat Competition
Thursday 17th	8.30 – 9.20am Whole School Christmas Congo in Chapel 9.20am – 12.00pm Senior and Junior Choir and Schola Carol Service Rehearsals in Chapel 10.00 – 10.35am Junior Choir Christmas Cracker Rehearsal in the Centenary Hall 12.30 – 2.50pm Christmas Cracker Music Rehearsals in the Centenary Hall 2.55 – 4.00pm Christmas Cracker Performance to the School 5.00 – 6.20pm Christmas Cracker Performance to Parents in the Centenary Hall
Friday 18th	8.30 – 9.15am Head's End of Term Assembly 9.30 – 11.00am Senior Choir and Schola Carol Service Rehearsals in Chapel 10.00 – 10.30am House Quiz 10.00 – 11.00am Pre-Chapel Mince Pies in the Atrium & Parent Farewell for Mr Moss 10.30 – 11.15am Junior Choir Rehearsal in the Centenary Hall 11.30am – 12.45am Carol Service by Candlelight in Chapel 12.45pm End of Term. Pupils may depart at the end of the Carol Service by Candlelight
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 21st	7.00 – 9.30pm Schola Cantorum sing Handel's Messiah at Tewkesbury Abbey
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