

NITON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week it has been at Niton!

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at UKSA on Wednesday as part of their 'Test the Water' programme. The children developed their knowledge and confidence around cold water shock, basic first aid and how to respond safely in an emergency. They also learnt essential skills for surviving in the water, including how to safely get into a life raft. It was a brilliant day of practical learning, teamwork and valuable life skills. Well done, Year 6!



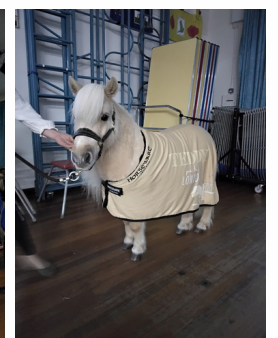
On Thursday we were delighted to welcome Ian Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, to meet with our Year 5 and 6 children. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about a fascinating literary family and enjoy a special visit from a very interesting guest!

A Wonderful Morning with Teddy! - Year 1 and 2 had the most amazing morning this morning, meeting the author of Teddy Goes to London. The children listened to the story and enthusiastically joined in with movements and actions as it was read aloud. They were also shown photographs of Teddy exploring real-life locations around London! The excitement continued when Teddy himself came into the hall to meet the children. He was so relaxed that he began yawning and even started to fall asleep! Everyone had the opportunity to gently stroke Teddy and give him a cuddle. It was a truly special morning filled with smiles, laughter and a love of stories!

Road Closures – Please be aware that road closures will begin on Monday. If you are travelling to school from the Whitwell direction, please allow plenty of extra time for your journey to help ensure that children arrive at school on time.

Friends of Niton – AGM - A reminder that the Friends of Niton Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 13th October at 6.00pm at the White Lion, Niton. Everyone is welcome, and they would love to see as many parents and supporters as possible. The Friends of Niton play a valuable role in supporting our school, and this is a great opportunity to get involved and hear about their plans for the year ahead.

Kind regards
Kirsty Thomas
Acting Headteacher



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A huge thank you to our wonderful kitchen team, who really stepped up today! Despite experiencing technical issues this morning, which meant they were unable to provide the cooked meals ordered, they worked incredibly hard to ensure lunchtime ran smoothly and calmly for everyone.

We would also like to thank our children for being so adaptable and positive, working with us to choose cold lunch options to suit their tastes. The sandwiches, fresh side salad and ice cream went down a treat across the school!

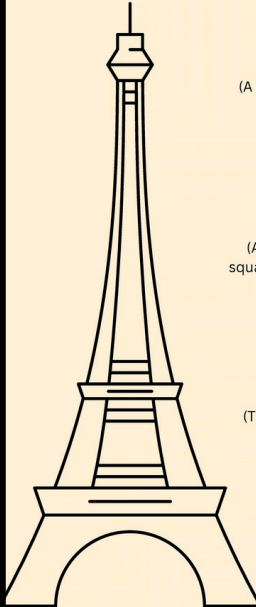


We are so grateful to our kitchen team for their hard work, flexibility and dedication, and to our children for taking the unexpected changes in their stride. Well done, everyone, for making the best of an unexpected situation!

Next Wednesday (14th) we will be celebrating **FRENCH DAY** in school, therefore the kitchen will be serving a special French menu, see below:




French Menu



Mains

Poulet Chasseur
(A classic french stew of sauteed chicken in a rich earthy sauce made from onions, tomatoes and stock)

Vegetarian

Le Butternut Chasseur
(Adaptation of a classic french stew of Sauteed butternut squash in a rich earthy sauce made from onions, tomatoes and stock)

Sides

Pommes Boulangere
(Thinly sliced potatoes and onions baked in a savoury broth)

Hartocts Verts
(Green beans)

Dessert

Eateau Marbre
(A classic french marble cake featuring a streaked interior pattern of vanilla and chocolate batters)

_____ France, Paris _____




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Diary Dates:

Tue 13th October -

FONS AGM 6pm @ The White Lion, Niton

Fri 16th October -

Last day of the half term
3.10pm finish

Mon 2nd November -

Return to school

Tue 3rd November -

Year R Learn Together
Morning - Phonics & Reading

Weds 4th November -

Y3, Y4 & Y6 Learn Together
Morning - Reading Fluency

Wed 18th November -

Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

Fri 6th November -

Y1, Y2 & Y5 Learn Together
Morning - Reading Fluency

Fri 20th November -

Children in Need Mufti Day

W/C 30th November -

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Wed 25th November -

Year 3 & Year 5 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Fri 18th December -

End of Autumn Term
2pm Finish

The school gates open at 8.30am.

Learning begins at 8.40am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late.

School ends at 3.10pm

MENU: WEEK COMMENCING 12th OCTOBER

WEEK 3 MENU

DATES: 21/09, 12/10, 16/11, 07/12

MON Option 1: Pizza Pin Wheels Option 2: Pesto Pin Wheels Pudding: Chocolate Cornflake Cake	TUE Option 1: Chilli and Nachos Option 2: Veg Chilli and Nachos Pudding: Oaty cookie
WED Option 1: Option 2: French Menu Pudding: Apple crumble and Custard	THUR Option 1: Tomato and Mozzarella Pasta Bake Option 2: Pesto Pasta Pudding: Angel Mousse
FRI Option 1: Option 2: Change of Menu - Chicken Goujons Vegan Sausage Roll Pudding: Strawberry Ice Cream	BAGUETTES Fresh Baguettes available Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur: - Cheese - Ham - Tuna

DAILY

- Jacket potatoes with either cheese, cheese and beans or Tuna mayo.
- Fresh bread
- Tomato Pasta
- Salad bar could include cucumber, carrot, sweetcorn, fruit salad. (subject to availability)

All meals served with vegetable selection or side salad

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Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

ATTENDANCE:

Whole School for the Year - 95.8%

Whole School for the Week - 92.3%

Minimum Annual Attendance Target - 96%

Reception - 95%
England Class

Year 1 - 87.6%
Wales Class

Year 2 - 94.4%
France Class

Year 3 - 80.4%
Spain Class

★ Year 4 - 97.3%
Italy Class ★

Year 5 - 94%
Japan Class

Year 6 - 97.1%
China Class

HOUSE POINTS:

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BLUE	40	RED	 94
GREEN	82	YELLOW	55

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very Happy Birthday
to you!



Freyja (YR) - 5 Years old
Ambrose (Y6) - 11 Years old
Roo (Y4) - 9 Years old
Eliza (Y3) - 8 Years old
Oliver (Y6) - 11 Years old

NITON STAR AWARDS:

 Bronze (25 Stars)	 Silver (50 Stars)	 Gold (75 Stars)	 Platinum (125 Stars)
Jack H Y3			
Ada H Y3			
Amara H Y3			
Oscar R Y4			
Daniel J Y4			
Leo R Y5			
Eden G Y5			
Aria M Y5			

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Ivan G Y2 - For outstanding focus and paying real attention to tone and texture when sketching.
Clarissa Y2 - For an outstanding piece of descriptive writing using adjectives. Clarissa took such care with the presentation of her work too.
Oliver Y2 - For an outstanding piece of independent writing - Oliver took such care with his work.
Aidan Y2 - For an outstanding piece of art work focusing on tone and texture.

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ENGLISH EXPERTS:

<u>Ada L - Year 1</u> For her positive attitude in all of our phonics lessons and always trying her best!	<u>Arlo C - Year 2</u> For thinking of interesting questions to ask the penguin character in our story.	<u>Amara H - Year 3</u> For her thoughtful predictions about our new book 'Stone Age Boy' using evidence from the text.
<u>Daniel J - Year 4</u> For using causal conjunctions and technical vocabulary in his explanation text.	<u>Molly W-S - Year 5</u> For putting such effort into her presentation.	<u>Ambrose J - Year 6</u> For fantastic PIXL results.

MATHS MAGICIANS:

<u>Delilah K - Year 1</u> For confidently using first, then and now number stories to write her own number sentences!	<u>Dylan C - Year 2</u> For demonstrating a confident understanding of fact families within 20.	<u>Sophia P - Year 3</u> For her fantastic work adding and subtracting 10s and 100s
<u>Timmy W - Year 4</u> For attaining an impressive score in his maths quiz.	<u>Lucian M - Year 5</u> For working so methodically when completing his arithmetic calculations	<u>Alex C - Year 6</u> For being able to use long multiplication to solve calculations

SPORTS SUPERSTARS:

<u>Billy Year 1</u> For his engagement and enthusiasm in our PE lessons	<u>Elba C - Year 2</u> For fantastic teamwork supporting her partner and demonstrating great control in our ball skills lesson.	<u>Amara H - Year 3</u> Following instructions precisely and engaging brilliantly.
<u>Finnley S - Year 4</u> For showing excellent balance and agility when travelling with a rugby ball.	<u>Esther T - Year 5</u> For great technique and form in PE.	<u>Liyra H-S - Year 6</u> For becoming more confident with her swimming.

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School Value Awards

Hold our school values in your hand



Year 1 Leela R - RESPECT Leela thank you for always offering to tidy away the book corner or clean the tables, it is always so helpful!	Year 2 Lydia J - FRIENDSHIP For being a kind friend and involving another child in her game	Year 3 Patrick S - FRIENDSHIP For always treating others with respect and being a good role model to others.
Year 4 Winnie M - RESPECT For always showing kindness, consideration and respect to her peers.	Year 5 Allyannah O - RESPECT For always showing respectful behaviour to all those around her.	Year 6 Marla D - FRIENDSHIP For being a kind and thoughtful friend.

Year 4 Class Write Up

Year 4 have made a wonderful start in Italy Class and have settled into their new routines brilliantly. It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitude towards their learning.

In Science, the children have enjoyed applying the scientific method through a range of experiments exploring the different states of matter. They have been developing their skills as young scientists by making predictions, carrying out investigations and discussing what they have discovered.

We have also had lots of fun learning all about rivers, exploring how they are formed and discovering what fascinating creatures and wildlife might be lurking beneath the rocks! The children have enjoyed becoming curious about the world around them and sharing their discoveries.

In Art, the children have been producing some wonderful pieces of artwork inspired by the abstract artists Wassily Kandinsky and Robert Delaunay. They have explored colour, shape, pattern and composition, creating some fantastic and imaginative pieces of their own.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are looking forward to seeing all that Year 4 will achieve as the term continues!



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Niton Primary
School



RECEPTION CLASS OPEN DAY

Starting School in September 2027?

Come and visit Niton Primary School and discover everything we have to offer!

Our Reception Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to:

-  Meet our Reception team
-  Explore our school and classrooms
-  Discover our learning environment
-  Find out more about starting school
-  Ask questions and meet the people who will support your child



 **Reception Class Open Day**
Tuesday 24th November

Parents can come and have a look around the school and the Reception class between:

9.30 – 11.30am

1.30 – 2.30pm



Scan the QR code to book your visit: or just come along!

We look forward to welcoming you!



Come and see what makes Niton Primary School special.

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cornerstone federation

Together we can make a difference

We're looking for a **Parent Governor** FOR THE CORNERSTONE FEDERATION

We are seeking a passionate and committed parent to join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our schools within the Cornerstone Federation.

What does a parent governor do?

Parent governors work with the school's leadership team and other governors to help set the strategic direction of the federation, ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our children.



Why get involved?



Be part of a supportive and welcoming team



Help shape the future of our schools within the federation



Gain valuable skills and experience



Make a real difference to the lives of our children

Expressions of interest



If you are interested in becoming a parent governor for the Cornerstone Federation, please send your expression of interest to the school office by
Friday 16th October at 12pm.

— Together we can make a difference —

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Niton Village Lantern Parade Sunday 6th December

Parade move off at 6pm from the Methodist Hall, Newport Road finishing at the Parish Church, Church Street with a short seasonal service

Lantern making workshops, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons throughout November at the Methodist Hall



WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCH PLAYTIME FOR LITTLE PUMPKINS

Friday mornings are for little pumpkins!

Friday 9th & 16th October
10am - 12pm

Tickets cost £12 and include:
Hot chocolate
Pumpkin storytime
Autumn crafts
Patch activities

Advance booking only, to book please visit: <https://westover-farm-pumpkins.sumupstore.com/>

Westover Farm, Calbourne, IW. PO30 4JW
@WestoverFarmIW

WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCH

Free entry & parking | Pick your own pumpkins
Photo opportunities | Refreshments
Kids activities | Face painting | The Play Patch

9.30am - 4.30pm
3rd & 4th Oct
9th - 11th Oct
16th - 20th Oct
23rd - 27th Oct
30th & 31st Oct

Please note different opening times
Fri 9th & 16th 12-4pm
Sat 3rd & 10th 9.30am - 7pm

Follow us on social media for more updates including closures in bad weather
@WestoverFarmIW
info@westover-farm.co.uk
Westover Farm, Calbourne, PO30 4JW

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**Ready for
fun and
friends?**

Aged between 6 and 8? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?
In Beavers, everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.
For Fun, Friendship and Activities that get you thinking as well as doing

Start your adventure today

Beavers meet at 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout HQ, May Close, Godshill, PO38 3HB
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9HDv4iUYGe6GBX16>
Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.45 p.m.

Contact Mary Kershaw
T: 07407 370331
E: mary@1stgodshillandrookley.org.uk

Scouts

1st Godshill & Rookley

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572948352459>

BEAVERS

School Aged Immunisation Service



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST FLU



If your child missed having the flu vaccination in school but you would like them to receive it, the School Aged Immunisation Team are holding Community Clinics.

If you have already completed a consent form: please check your emails as you have been sent an invitation to book into a clinic.

If you have not already completed a consent form: please use the link or QR code below

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> OR



School Code is:

CW118165

Clinics available are:

Wednesday 23 rd September	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	13:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 21 st October	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	10:00 – 14:00
Friday 23 rd October	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 28 th October	Sandown Family Hub (opposite The Bay Secondary School)	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 29 th October	Ryde Family Hub (at entrance to Co-Op car park)	09:30 – 14:30
Friday 30 th October	Brookside Medical Centre, Freshwater	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 5 th November	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	14:00 – 15:30
Wednesday 11 th November	Sandown Family Hub (opposite The Bay Secondary School)	14:00 – 15:30
Wednesday 18 th November	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 24 th November	Ryde Family Hub (at entrance to Co-Op car park)	14:30 – 15:30
Friday 18 th December	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	09:30 – 12:30

If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

If you need any advice or help completing the form, please telephone the School Aged Immunisation Service on 0300 123 5074 or Email: hiowh.fowimms@nhs.net

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SPACES ARE AVAILABLE!

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME
CLASSES TO SUIT EVERYONE.



LEGACY COMMUNITY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

-  FUN, EXCITING, SOCIABLE
-  HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES
-  SAFE ONLY PURPOSE-BUILT GYM ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT
WE ARE NOT RUN FROM A SPORTS CENTRE OR A HIRED HALL.
-  FAMILY OF GENERATIONS OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES
-  COMMUNITY RUN AND BASED WHICH MEANS WE ARE OPEN TO EVERYBODY!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
BRING THIS LEAFLET AND GET YOUR SESSION
FOR ONLY **£5 TRIAL!**

EMAIL LEGACYCOMMUNITYIOW@GMAIL.COM to book on

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

SANDOWN SUNDAY SOCCER


Sandown Soccer
Love The Game

**INTRODUCING OUR
FUN FOOTBALL SESSION
AT THE BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SANDOWN!**

OUR FUN SESSION WILL BE:
Every Sunday 10am-12pm
at The Bay Primary School,
Winchester Park Road, Sandown.
£6 for the 2 hours per child.

To Book: Text your child's name, school, year group and parent name to **07594 389531**

 Find us on facebook
Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight



 **DIAMOND ADVENTURES**

KIDS SUMMER CAMP





£599 PER CHILD*

9th - 13th August 2027
Fort Purbrook, Portsmouth

What's Included?

- Paulton's Park
- Marwell Zoo
- Go-Ape
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Archery
- Rock Climbing
- 4 nights accommodation at Peter Ashley Activity Centre
- Full board meals
- DA approved activity team
- and MUCH MORE!!!!

CAMP

Book Now info@diamond-adventures.co.uk

*payment plans available
*sibling discount available
*non-residential price available

 **FREE**

GIRLS FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

BARTON PRIMARY 10AM-12PM
DOVER PARK PRIMARY 1.30PM-3.30PM

COACHING BY ALFIE CHAPMAN (UCAN PLAY) AND
ANDY NORTH (NEW ERA COACHING)

**FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS
3,4,5,6,7,& 8**

To book please scan the QR code
or for more information email
andrew.days@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk



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2026-2027

Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays 2026 – 2027

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

OCTOBER 2026					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16#	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	

NOVEMBER 2026					
M	2*	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
W	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29

DECEMBER 2026					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18#	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

JANUARY 2027					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

FEBRUARY 2027					
M	1	8	15	22*	
T	2	9	16	23	
W	3	10	17	24	
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12#	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

MARCH 2027					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
T	4	11	18	25#	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

APRIL 2027					
M		5	12*	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	
S	4	11	18	25	

MAY 2027					
M	3	10	17	24	31
T	4	11	18	25	
W	5	12	19	26	
T	6	13	20	27	
F	7	14	21	28#	
S	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30

JUNE 2027					
M		7*	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
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S	6	13	20	27	

JULY 2027					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	

AUGUST 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

Dates highlighted in yellow are INSET days. Children will not attend school on these days.

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Bank and Public Holidays 2026/27			
Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day	26 December 2026	May Day Holiday	3 May 2027
New Year's Day	1 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

* First day after break



School Holidays



Bank Holidays and National Holidays

Last day before break



Islandwide development day

Autumn Term 2026 starts on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and ends on Friday 18th December 2026

(Half term from Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026)

Spring Term 2027 starts on Monday 4th January 2027 and ends on Thursday 25th March 2027

(Half term from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027)

Summer Term 2027 starts on Monday 12th April 2027 and ends on Wednesday 28th July 2027

(Half term from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2026	1 September 2026	18 December 2026
	Half term 19 October – 30 October 2026	
Spring 2027	4 January 2027	25 March 2027
	Half term 15 February - 19 February 2027	
Summer 2027	12 April 2027	28 July 2027
	Half term 31 May – 4 June 2027	

Please note that the dates as published are correct.

There has been agreement with Island schools that one of the non-teaching days is taken on the first day of the autumn term, the remaining four are determined and allocated by the school as they wish. Please check with your child's school.

Please also note that the first day of the Autumn Term in September 2027 will not be determined until the 2027/28 timetable has been consulted upon and approved in March 2026.