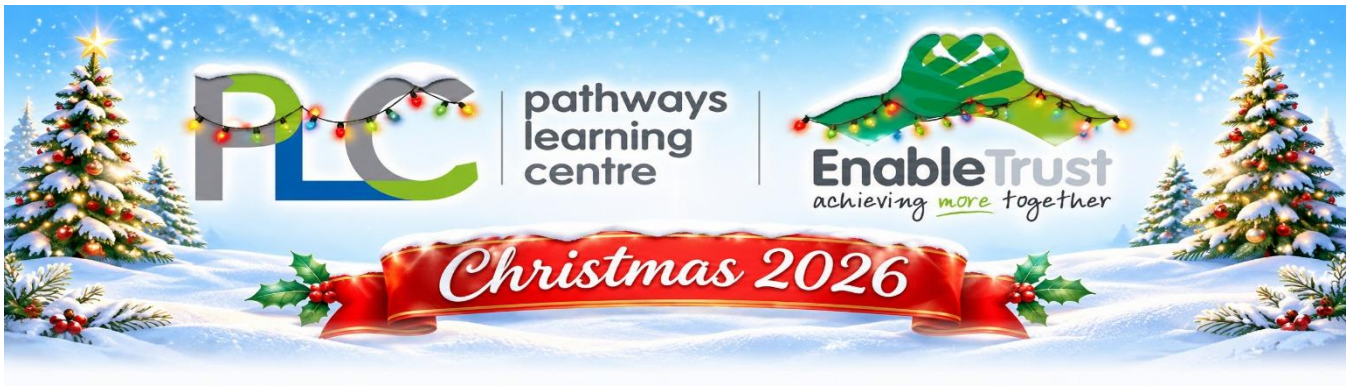

Date: 19 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below the arrangements for the end of term.

Term ends on **Friday 18 December 2026** at the earlier time of **12.30pm**. Transport is available to collect early for most pupils. **Those who are not able to be collected early by their taxi, will be contacted separately by the school office to confirm arrangements**. This mainly impacts pupils travelling in the Bristol direction. These pupils will have the option to be collected by parents/carers/agreed family member, at this earlier time. Alternatively, pupils will be able to stay in school and be supported by staff until their usual collection time. Pupils will not be able to leave site without confirmation of these arrangements from parents/carers via the school office.

The first day back for pupils will be **Wednesday 6 January 2027.** Transport will restart on this date. Home tuition pupils' sessions will also begin the week beginning Wednesday 6 January 2027. As you will hopefully be aware from the published INSET dates, the slightly later return after the Christmas break is due to two INSET days we have planned for statutory staff training on Monday 4 January and Tuesday 5 January 2027.

Last week of term:

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 16 December 2026
Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed fancy dress on Wednesday 16 December. Any creative Christmas adaptations to existing jumpers will be welcome. We welcome a small contribution of £1 for families that are able to support our Christmas collection. We will be donating any funds raised to Save the Children. We are also happy for pupils to wear other sensible Christmas outfits during the course of the final week of term, as long as they can still carry out their lessons safely. We just ask for parents to be mindful of costumes that may limit movement or create any health and safety challenge!
Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16 December 2026
We will also be celebrating our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16 December 2026. There is no cost to pupils for the Christmas lunch, but please feel free to donate any left-over Christmas decorations/crackers/serviettes that you might have left over from last year, so we can brighten up the

lunch tables. We understand that some pupils may not want to eat with other pupils, but we would still like them to join us for this celebration if they are able to.



Challenging Time
For some of our pupils we also understand that Christmas is not necessarily a time filled with happy memories and can cause some anxiety, worry and even trigger difficult past experiences. If you are aware that your child will find the period leading up to, and/or including the Christmas break difficult, please let us know so we can be mindful of their individual needs and ensure staff are aware. In addition, we have attached contact details of some help and advice available for pupils and families throughout the school break (Please see below).

And Finally…
From everyone at Team PLC we would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and our very best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2027!

Yours sincerely,

Dan Walton (Headteacher)

Information and Guidance during the Christmas break 2026

Support services pupils and parents/carers can access during school closure.

- **In an absolute emergency - call 999**
- **General medical assistance**; call **NHS direct - 111**
- **South Glos Access Teams - 01454 866000**

  Monday - Thursday (9am - 5pm) and Friday (9.00am – 4.30pm) for any concerns regarding the risk of harm and/or safety of a child
- **Out of hours (after 5pm) / and Weekends- 01454 615165.**

  Please only use this out of hours number if you have any immediate concerns regarding the safety of a child.
- **Specific support for mental health can be accessed via;**
  - For **crisis support** families, children and adults should **call 111 option 2 (Mental Health Option)**
  - **Soluna KOOTH** – Mental health support for young people. Join at **https://www.kooth.com/**
- **Other Help and Advice**
  - For other support and advice links, the PLC website contains useful advice and links to other agencies, including Early Help Support Services
  - 'Parent info' **https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/links-for-parents/**
  - 'Student info' - **https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/help-and-support/**
  - **Chat Health - Text 07312 263093 Monday- Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm**. Term time and holidays (excluding bank holidays). Confidential advice and support and to chat with a school nurse.