

24 July 2026

Last Day of Term Finish - 2026

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 24 July), all students will be dismissed at **12.30pm**.

Celebrating Student Success Outside of School

We are always delighted to hear of our student's interests and achievements outside of school, and we always aim to celebrate these alongside in school events.

If your child has participated in any activities that you would like us to share with the wider community we would love to hear from you. Please send a write up, and a picture if you would like us to share it, to PCS-Studentachievement@swale.at - this will then go onto our Instagram page and our website.

Last-minute lunch money panic? Solved - Message from ParentPay

Keeping your child's account topped up has never been easier.

With ParentPay's Auto Top-Up feature, you can set up automatic payments on a weekly or monthly schedule (or when their meal balance gets low) that works for your household budget. Once set up, your chosen amount will be added automatically, helping to ensure your child always has funds available for school meals.

That means no last-minute top-ups, no unexpected low-balance surprises, and confidence that your child can access school meals daily.

Why use Auto Top-Up?

Peace of mind for you: Auto Top-Up helps reduce the risk of low balances and last-minute payments, giving you one less thing to think about during busy weeks.

Confidence for your child: By keeping meal funds available, Auto Top-Up helps ensure your child can access meals without interruption throughout the school term.

Set up Auto Top-Up in 3 simple steps

1. Choose when to top up

Select a weekly or monthly schedule or choose to top up when your balance falls below a set amount.

2. Choose your top-up amount

Decide how much you'd like ParentPay to add to your child's account each time.

3. Relax – we'll do the rest

Your account will be topped up automatically, helping to ensure funds are available for meals when they're needed.

To get started, log in to ParentPay and set up an Auto Top-Up schedule today.

END of HUGGGs FSM Vouchers During School Holidays - Message from ESCC

The government funded Household Support Fund, which was distributed by councils to support residents in East Sussex, ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This included the holiday supermarket voucher scheme (HUGGG vouchers) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals. ESCC distributed vouchers for April and May half terms but will not be topping up your HUGGGs account for the summer. There are several alternative avenues of support for families, which are attached in the document.

Please see the attached information.

Free School Meals Eligibility - September 2026

'Your child may qualify for free school meals from September 2026.

From 1 September 2026, eligibility is expanding so more families can get support. If your child is not currently eligible and you receive Universal Credit, you'll be able to apply now.

Apply now: [Free school meals - East Sussex County Council](#)

Newhaven & Peacehaven Community Supermarket

Please find attached details about the Newhaven & Peacehaven Community Supermarket which provides affordable food for people in Newhaven and Peacehaven.

Summer Holiday and Food Youth Club Session - Message from The Joff Youth Hub

Please see the attached poster.

Preparations for September 2026 Letter

Please see the attached letter which was sent to all parents/carers this week.

Messages from PCS Careers Team



'Passport Style Photo' Needed - Message from East Sussex College

A reminder that students have been asked to submit a 'passport style photo' for their account (e.g. a photo which clearly shows their face). This is for safeguarding purposes and will only be viewed by the Events team and tutors on the day. Please can you remind your child of the importance of a clear photo. Students who do not have a clear photo will be contacted and asked to update their profile.

FAO Y10 Parents/Carers - Year 10 Taster Day at East Sussex College - Message from ESC

Please make sure you sign up for a Taster Day with the link below:
<https://www.escg.ac.uk/whats-on/open-events/>

Trainee Construction Support Assistant, Southwick Area - Message from Pilbeam Construction

Interested in starting a practical career in construction?

Please see the attached poster.

Upcoming Key Dates (PCS School Calendar)

- **Monday 31 August** - Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 1 September** - INSET Day
- **Wednesday 2 September** - Year 7 students only back to school
- **Thursday 3 September** - Year 7 & 11 students only back to school
- **Friday 4 September** - Year 7 & 11 students only back to school
- **Monday 7 September** - All students back to school

PCS Vacancies

Current vacancies at PCS are outlined below and can be found on [our website](https://www.swale.at/vacancies)
(<https://www.swale.at/vacancies>).

Minibus Driver (Casual Contract)

Start date: October 2026

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 2 September

Interview date: w/c 7 September

School Counsellor (Part-time)

Start date: October 2026

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 2 September

Interview date: w/c 7 September

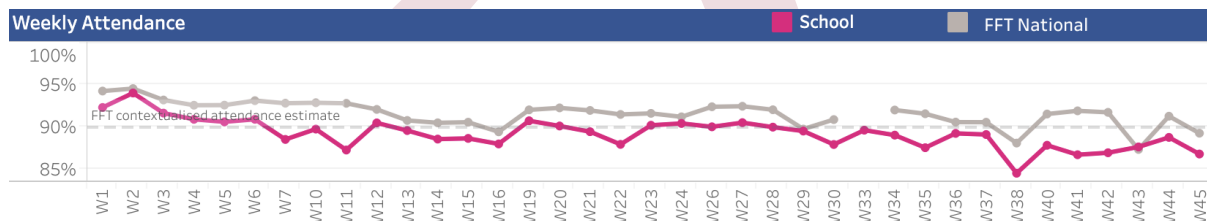


23 July 2026

Dear PCS Families

It has been another amazing year at PCS with so many opportunities for our students and it is a privilege to see these young people flourish. Thank you for supporting them through this really important journey. Please keep an eye on our website and our instagram page to see what we have been up to.

My first message is about attendance. Thank you so much to all of you who support your child to attend school and set those high expectations and help them to build good habits. It is sad to see, however, that PCS student attendance is trailing behind the national average. By not being here your child is at a disadvantage. While some absence for illness is unavoidable, unauthorised absences are on the rise. To ensure your child receives the full benefit of their education and the support they need to grow, they must be here. Please help us by setting firm school routines at home. If you need support, contact us, we are ready to work with you.



Students are expected to be in our school uniform for their first day at school which includes hair, jewelry and nails as per our policy. They will need an A4 sized bag for books and equipment. Make sure preparations for school are not left to the last minute. Students can feel anxious about the start of term, so help them get ready. Please refer to [the letter from Mr Broadbent](#) on 22 May 2026.

We will be rolling out our new mobile phone procedures as outlined in [the letter introducing the Blackout App](#).

Students will be taking their books home with them, as described in [the letter from Mr Verniol](#). It's a great opportunity to celebrate their school work with them.

Timings of the school day

The structure of the school day will be:

8.20am arrival

From 08:30 students will be considered 'late'

8.30 - 9am PDI with mentors

9 - 10am Lesson 1

10 - 11am Lesson 2

11 - 11.25am Break

11.30am - 12.30pm Lesson 3

12.30 - 1.30pm Lesson 4



1.30 - 2.05pm Lunch (we have a weekly rotation for first and second sitting)

2.10 - 3.10pm Lesson 5

Start of the new academic year September 2026

Tuesday	1/9/2026	INSET Day (Staff training, no students on site)
Wednesday	2/9/2026	Year 7 students only back to school 8.20am arrival. We will meet you at the school gate and take you to be registered on the tennis courts. You will not need your PE kit.
Thursday	3/9/2026	Year 7 & 11 students only back to school 8.20am arrival Y7 and Y11 to register on the tennis courts. You will not need your PE kit.
Friday	4/9/2026	Year 7 & 11 students only back to school 8.20am arrival Y7 and Y11 to register on the tennis courts. You will not need your PE kit.
Saturday	5/9/2026	
Sunday	6/9/2026	
Monday	7/9/2026	All students back to school 8.20am arrival Y7 and Y11 students go to PDI rooms to be registered. Y8, 9 and 10 students register on the tennis courts.

We will send you key dates for each year group in separate letters when we have them finalised. A general overview includes:

Early school closure at 2.40pm will happen when we have significant evening events:

Thursday 10 September - Year 6 Open Evening

Year 7-11 parent/carers consultation evening (dates to be confirmed)

There are six INSET days across the academic year:

- Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Tuesday 20 October 2026
- Monday 4 January 2027
- Friday 30 April 2027
- Friday 9 July 2027
- Monday 26 July 2027

Full term dates can be found on our [website](#).



Staffing changes

It is always with mixed emotions that I inform you of the staff changes that will take place for the next academic year. Staff move on for a variety of different reasons, including retirement, promotion and, sadly, also to leave the profession.

Those leaving us at the end of this term are:

Ms Haywood, our exceptional Head of English who is leaving to start a new adventure in a different country

Ms Murray, our exceptional Head of Science who is also moving away from the UK with her family

Mr Robertson, our dedicated and inspirational Drama teacher who is taking retirement

Ms Howard, our supportive and nurturing Food Technology teacher who is taking retirement

Ms Moldan, our talented Art teacher who is moving on to a different school

Mr Pope, our supportive School Counsellor who is moving on to a new role

We are pleased to say that we are fully staffed with teachers for next year and are recruiting a new School Counsellor. We have appointed the following staff who inspired us when they came to interview:

New staff joining us are:

Ms Turner - Head of English

Mr Donaldson - Head of Science

Ms Knowles - Teacher of Art

We hope you will welcome them all to our PCS community.

Mr Verniol has been apportioned as Deputy Headteacher, Quality of Education.

Your pastoral teams are:

Head of Y7 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms McCaughan

Assistant Head of Y7 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Black and Ms Fernee

Head of Y8 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Powell

Assistant Head of Y8 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Elliott

Head of Y9 (Pastoral Lead) - Mr Kanakri

Assistant Head of Y9 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Brooks

Head of Y10 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Pollard

Assistant Head of Y10 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Mr Thomsett

Head of Y11 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Leggett

Assistant Head of Y11 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Farmer

Yours sincerely

Ms Rachel Henocq
Headteacher



ENJOY A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES:

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DATES:
3RD, 5TH,
6TH, 7TH
AUGUST



TIME:
11:00-15:00



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OR IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS.**



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Welcome!

We provide affordable food for people in Newhaven, Peacehaven and surrounding areas that for lots of different reasons, are struggling to put food on the table. We are here to make sure everyone in our community has access to affordable, healthy and nutritious food.

Anyone is welcome, no referral is needed. To find out more, contact us or just pop in for a chat and a cup of tea!

- 6 weeks free support for new members
- £3 contribution when you visit after that
- Access to advice and other services
- Delicious homemade food in our cafe
- Volunteer opportunities
- Welcoming and inclusive atmosphere

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food@sussexcommunity.org.uk

The logo for Seahaven community food is located in the top right corner. It consists of a blue circle containing the text 'Seahaven community food' in a white, cursive-style font. Below the text are four small white circles, each containing a letter: 'S', 'C', 'D', and 'A' in blue.

Seahaven community food

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How does it work?

You don't need anything to sign up as a member, just come along! Once signed up, you'll get a membership and loyalty card to collect stamps each time you shop. When you have collected five stamps, you will receive a free shop!

Each week, we offer a choice of fresh fruit and veg, tinned food, bread, hygiene items, period products and nappies.

How much does it cost?

All new members receive **free support for six consecutive weeks** from sign up. During this time, members are invited to meet with our Community Navigator for signposting to other services to help with finances.

After six weeks, we ask for a **£3 contribution each time you come**. This money goes towards the cost of supplying food and running our service, which, due to demand, costs over £100,000 per year.

Each visitor receives a drink in our Community Cafe, as well as one of our delicious food options (see next page for details).

How much will I save?

An average shop with us is valued at around £20-25, so we estimate **members save anywhere from £17-22 per visit**, plus an additional £5-10 in the cafe.

Community Cafe

When visiting the Community Supermarket you are welcome to also visit our Community Cafe.

Included for each visitor:

➤ Unlimited hot or cold drinks

Plus a choice of:

➤ a snack, like our delicious fresh soup with bread
or

➤ a sweet option, such as biscuits or homemade cake

If you'd like both, please make a a donation of your choice.



What if I'm struggling to pay?

We know sometimes things happen beyond our control. If you are ever struggling, please come and talk to us – we are here to help and already have things in place to support members that cannot afford to pay.

Pay-it-forward

If you can afford to, please make an additional donation in one of our collection boxes. This money goes towards helping those that are unable to pay.

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Where to find us

Newhaven Community Supermarket

Tuesdays 11am - 1pm

Denton Island Community Centre
Denton Island, Newhaven
BN9 9BA

Peacehaven Community Supermarket

Thursdays 11am - 1pm

Community House
Meridian Way, Peacehaven
BN10 8BB

Contact us

 food@sussexcommunity.org.uk

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See you soon!

