



Spring term

Term Dates for 2016-2017		
	Opens 8.45am	Closes 3.15pm
Autumn Term 2016	Tue 20 Sept 2016	Fri 27 Oct 2016
Autumn Term 2016	Mon 31 Oct 2016	Fri 16 Dec 2016
Spring Term 2017	Wed 4 Jan 2017	Fri 10 Feb 2017
Spring Term 2017	Mon 20 Feb 2017	Fri 31 Mar 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tue 18 Apr 2017	Fri 26 May 2017
Summer Term 2017	Mon 5 Jun 2017	Fri 21 Jul 2017

School also closed: Fri 9 Dec 2016, Fri 17 Mar 2017,
Mon 27 Mar 2017, Mon 26 Jun 2017, Fri 7 Jul 2017

It has been a busy but exciting first term as an Ark Academy. The Paddington Green team are looking forward to a rest over the holiday but also to returning to school in 2017 ready for lots more learning and challenging but exciting lessons. Please ensure your children arrive promptly at 8.45 am on Wednesday 4 January ready for their first lessons of the New Year. If you are able to, please book travel tickets for future holidays in advance. Collect a term dates card from the office to ensure your children are not absent from learning.

Home learning workshops

Parent/carer attendance at home learning workshops	
Year Group	% attendance
Year 6	98%
Year 5	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 3	65%
Year 2	92%
Year 1	97%
Reception	61%
Nursery	100%

In the New Year we will be holding our second cycle of home learning workshops, where we will review your children's progress on their home learning timetable and share the latest attainment and progress assessment information for reading, writing and maths. These workshops are an important opportunity to stay up to date with the latest curriculum expectations, find out how your child is performing in their learning and learn some strategies to support them at home so they have the

best chance of making even better progress. It is expected that every family works hard to ensure a family member is able to attend so that each child feels supported to successfully fulfil the new homework expectations for the spring term. This time we would like 100% attendance in every year group. Please put the relevant date(s) below in your diary and bring your child's completed home learning timetable with you.

Year Group	Time	Date
Year 6	2.15pm	Fri 6 January
Year 5	2.15pm	Thur 5 January
Year 4	2.15pm	Mon 9 January
Year 3	2.15pm	Tue 10 January
Year 2	2.15pm	Wed 11 January
Year 1	2.15pm	Thur 12 January
Reception	2.15pm	Fri 13 January
Nursery	2.15pm	Mon 16 January

Festive Songs

Thank you parents and carers for your excellent attendance at this year's festive songs performance. Our children feel so very proud if their parents and carers have managed to find the time to come and watch them. We thought all our children sang beautifully and wore stunning accessories. Thank you for your enthusiastic commitment to joining us for a community song next year where we expect everyone to join in! We are very lucky to have such fabulous support from you all. Finally, a big thank you to Lauren Todd for leading the event this year.

Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme

A huge thank you to all the families who voted for us in local Tesco stores. We won the top prize of £12,000, which will support further pupil learning and grounds development through Sophia our environmental gardener.

After school clubs

A reminder that there are no clubs during the first week after the school holiday. Clubs will start again from Monday 9 January 2017. Breakfast club will still be open every day for children who have a place.