





Dear Families,

As we approach the end of July, we would like to share some important information regarding the start of the 2025/2026 academic year. Classes will begin on 9th September for all year groups across the different educational stages.

During the first week, we will be holding reception and integration activities for new students and for the entire school community, helping to foster a strong sense of belonging. In the second half of September, the School Leadership Team will organise introductory meetings—attended by the school teachers and kindergarten teachers—to present the teams, outline the planned activities, and explain how the school will operate.

The Educational Project and Internal Regulations, which set out the guiding principles and structure for the coming academic year, can be consulted on the IES Cesário Verde International School Portugal website ([IES Portugal Cesário Verde](#)).

1. SCHOOL CALENDAR AND START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

In 2025/26, the school year will continue to follow a semester-based structure, in accordance with the dates published below.

School Calendar 25/26

	START	END
1st SEMESTER	Tuesday - 9 September 2025	Friday - 23 January 2026
2nd SEMESTER	Monday - 2 February 2026	9th Grade – Friday - 5 June 2026 2nd & 3rd Cycles – Friday - 19 June de 2026 1st Cycle/Nursery/Pre-school – Friday - 26 June 2026



School Interruptions

AUTUMN MID-TERM EVALUATION	Monday, 3 November 2025 – Friday, 7 November 2025 (including)
CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR	Monday, 22 December 2025 – Friday, 2 January 2026 (including)
SEMESTER CHANGE	Monday, 26 January 2026 – Friday, 30 January 2026 (including)
CARNIVAL	Monday, 16 February 2026 – Wednesday, 17 February 2026 (including)
EASTER	Wednesday, 1 April 2026 – Friday, 10 April 2026 (including)
SUMMER	9th Grade – 05.06.2026 (including)
	2nd & 3rd Cycles – 19.06.2026 (including)
	1st Cycle/Nursery/Pre-school – 26.06.2026 (including)

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SCHOOL YEAR OPENING MEETING	Nursery/Pre-school	Tuesday	16.09.25	4:30 PM
	1st Cycle	Wednesday	17.09.25	4:30 PM
	2nd & 3rd Cycles	Thursday	18.09.25	4:30 PM
REFLEXOS WEEK - 1st SEMESTER	Monday, 19.01.26 - Friday, 23.01.26			
REFLEXOS WEEK - 2nd SEMESTER	Monday, 22.06.26 - Friday, 26.06.26			
BEACH	Monday, 29.06.26 - Friday, 10.07.26 (including)			

- The school is open Monday to Friday, from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm (between September and July). It is closed on national and local holidays (Lisbon), as well as on Shrove Tuesday (Carnival Tuesday).
- It also closes from 24th to 31st December, on Holy Thursday, and during the summer break (1st to 15th August) for collective holidays.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, 01.12.25	Restoration of Independence
Monday, 08.12.25	Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, 24.12.25 – Thursday, 01.01.26	School Closed
Thursday, 25.12.25	Christmas
Thursday, 01.01.26	New Year
Tuesday, 17.02.26	Carnival
Thursday, 02.04.26	Holy Thursday
Friday, 03.04.26	Good Friday
Friday, 01.05.26	Labour Day
Thursday, 04.06.26	Corpus Christi
Wednesday, 10.06.26	Portugal Day
01.08.26 – 14.08.26	School Closed

From Monday, 1st September 2025, students from nursery and pre-school up to the 3rd Cycle may attend school on a flexible basis.

Extracurricular Activities will begin in October, with details of the offer and conditions to be communicated during September.

2. SCHEDULES AND CLASSES

The allocation of classes and their corresponding schedules will be communicated at the beginning of September.

3. PRIMARY AND LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION: TEXTBOOKS, DIGITAL RESOURCES AND MATERIAL LISTS

IES Cesário Verde International School Portugal provides students in primary and lower secondary education with access to a complete package of school resources, which will soon be available for collection at the school office — no prior reservation is required. Families will be notified by email as soon as the materials are ready.



This package includes: textbooks and activity books for all subjects; a subscription to the Escola Virtual platform (for Years 1 to 9), which offers free digital versions of the textbooks (excluding worksheet books); and Cambridge textbooks for English classes.

Happy Code is a digital book used in ICT classes, available to students from age 4 through to Year 9. It provides access to all course content via an online platform, available to both children and parents, in Portuguese and in an English version. Payment is mandatory for each student.

The school supply lists with materials to be purchased by students are attached to this communication.

4. PRIMARY AND LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION: ACCESS TO THE E-COMMUNITY AND EMAIL ADDRESS

We will continue to use this educational platform, which allows parents to receive online information regarding absences, incidents, and academic results.

All students from Year 1 to Year 9 are provided with an institutional email address. This is not a personal email account, but a work-based address designed to facilitate communication both between students and between students and teachers.

Through this email system, we aim to help our students develop collaborative digital skills and become accustomed to working in virtual environments, all within a safe and secure setting.

5. CHILD DIARY: MESSAGES AND PUBLICATIONS

We will continue to use this educational platform, which enables families to receive updates on their children's daily routines, view and comment on activities, exchange messages, and share notes with the educators, among other benefits.

The kindergarten teachers will provide guidance on how the platform works to all new families.

We thank you all for the trust you place in us in the education of your children, and we look forward to your continued support in building an active and communicative school community.

We wish you a wonderful holiday and an excellent 2025/26 school year!

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