





Dear Families,

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, we would like to share some important information to help you prepare for a smooth return to school.

In this document, you will find the key dates of the school calendar, information about the school's organization, timetables, educational resources, and the communication platforms that will be used throughout the school year.

Classes will begin on **10 September 2026** for all educational levels. During the first few days of school, students will take part in welcome, and integration activities designed to support new students in settling into school life while providing an opportunity for the entire school community to reconnect.

During the second half of September, we will hold our Back-to-School Meetings, where families will have the opportunity to meet the teaching teams, learn about class organization, discover the main educational projects for the year, and receive information about the daily operation of each educational stage.

We also encourage you to read the Educational Project and the School Regulations, which outline the school's guiding principles and main operating procedures. These documents are available on our website: <https://cesarioverde.com>

1. SCHOOL CALENDAR AND START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The **2026/2027 school year** will continue to follow a **two-semester structure**, as outlined in the school calendar.

The calendar also includes the dates for school breaks, parent meetings, and other important events throughout the school year.

	Start	End
1st semester	Thursday 10 September 2026	Friday 29 January 2027
2nd semester	Wednesday 10 February 2027	9th Grade – Friday 4 June 2027 2nd & 3rd Cycles – Friday 18 June 2027 1st Cycle/Nursery/Pre-school – Wednesday 30 June 2027



2. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Throughout the school year, the calendar includes school holidays, national and local public holidays, as well as scheduled school closure periods.

The school is open Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., between September and July.

- 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.

Autumn mid-term evaluation	Monday, 2 November 2026 – Friday, 6 November 2026 (inclusive)
Christmas / New year	Monday, 21 December 2026 – Friday, 1 January 2027 (inclusive)
Semester change	Monday, 1 February 2027 – Tuesday, 9 February 2027 (inclusive)
Carnival	Monday, 8 February 2027 – Tuesday, 9 February 2027 (Inclusive)
Easter	Thursday, 25 March 2027 – Friday, 2 April 2027 (inclusive)
Summer	9th Grade – 4 June 2027 (inclusive) 2nd & 3rd Cycles – 18 June 2027 (inclusive) 1st cycle/Nursery/Pre-school – 30 June 2027 (inclusive)

3. BACK-TO-SCHOOL MEETINGS

Back-to-School Meetings will take place during the second half of September.

These meetings provide an opportunity for families to:

- meet the teaching teams;
- receive information about the organization of the academic year;
- learn about the educational projects planned for each year group;
- clarify any questions regarding the school's daily routines and procedures.



Save The date for:

School year opening meeting	Nursery, Pre-school – Tuesday, 15 September 2026, 4:30 pm 1st Cycle – Wednesday, 16 September 2026, 4:30 pm 2nd and 3rd cycles – 17 September 2026, 4:30 pm
Reflexos week - 1st semester	Monday, 25 January – Thursday, 28 January 2027
Reflexos week - 2nd semester	9th Grade - Friday, 4 June 2027 Nursery, Pre-school, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cycles - Tuesday, 22 June 2027
Beach	Monday, 5 July – Friday, 16 July 2027 (inclusive)

Public holidays / School closed

Monday, 5 October 2026	Republic Day
Tuesday, 1 December 2026	Restoration of Independence
Tuesday, 8 December 2026	Immaculate Conception
Thursday, 24 December 2026 – Friday, 1 January 2027	School Closed
Friday, 25 December 2026	Christmas Day
Friday, 1 January 2027	New Year's Day
Tuesday, 9 February 2027	Carnival
Thursday, 25 March 2027	Holy Thursday
Friday, 26 March 2027	Good Friday
Thursday, 27 May 2027	Corpus Christi
Thursday, 10 June 2027	Portugal Day
Monday, 1 August – Friday, 15 August 2027	School Closed

From Monday, 1st September 2026, 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.



4. SCHEDULES AND CLASSES

Class groups and individual timetables will be communicated to families at the beginning of September, once the pedagogical organization of the new school year has been finalized.

5. SCHOOL BOOKS, DIGITAL RESOURCES AND SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

IES Cesário Verde International School provides students in Basic Education with a comprehensive package of educational resources, which will soon be available for collection from the school office. Families will be notified by email as soon as these materials are ready.

The package includes:

- School textbooks and activity books for all subjects.
- An **Escola Virtual** subscription (Years 1 to 9), including free digital textbooks (excluding workbooks);
- Cambridge English coursebooks.

Happy Code is the digital platform used in Computing lessons for students from **Early Years (from age 4) to Year 9**.

The platform provides access to all course content through an online environment available to both students and parents, in Portuguese and with an English version.

The subscription to this platform is mandatory for all students attending these classes.

School supply lists are attached to this communication and are also available on the school's website:

<https://cesarioverde.com/services/school-supplies/>

6. E-COMMUNITY PLATFORM AND INSTITUTIONAL EMAIL ACCOUNTS

The school will continue using the **E-Community** platform, which allows parents and guardians to monitor important aspects of their child's school life in real time, including attendance, behaviour records and academic progress.

Students from **Year 1 to Year 9** are also provided with an institutional email account.

This account is intended exclusively for educational purposes and supports communication between students and teachers, as well as participation in learning activities.

Through these digital tools, we aim to promote collaboration, effective communication and the responsible use of technology within a safe and secure online learning environment.



7. SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is an important part of our school identity and sense of belonging, and its use is mandatory in accordance with the School Regulations.

The 2026/2027 School Uniform Guide will soon be available on the school website, where you will find the compulsory uniform items for each educational level.

We encourage families to review this document before the start of the school year to ensure that all students are fully prepared for the beginning of classes.

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 all our families a wonderful summer break and a successful **2026/2027 school year**.

Lisbon, 28 July 2026

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