

**THE FA YOUTH CUP
PRELIMINARY ROUND
TIES TO BE PLAYED IN WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026**

1	Penrith	v	Boro Rangers
	<i>(walkover for Penrith – Boro Rangers withdrawn)</i>		
2	Whickham	v	Newcastle Benfield
	<i>(walkover for Whickham – Newcastle Benfield withdrawn)</i>		
3	Pickering Town	v	Newcastle Blue Star
4	Heaton Stannington	v	Blyth Spartans
5	Kendal Town	v	Stockton Town
6	Thornaby	v	West Auckland Town
7	Morpeth Town	v	Lancaster City
8	Whitby Town	v	Workington
9	Warrington Rylands	v	Ramsbottom United
10	Stalybridge Celtic	v	South Liverpool
11	Curzon Ashton	v	Bury
12	Trafford	v	Irlam
13	Burscough	v	Lower Breck
14	Cheadle Town or Runcorn Linnets	v	FC United of Manchester
15	Avro	v	Abbey Hey
16	Atherton Collieries	v	Wythenshawe
17	Atherton LR	v	Warrington Town
18	Glossop North End	v	Hyde United
19	Vauxhall Motors	v	Clitheroe
20	Bootle	v	Witton Albion
21	Golcar United	v	Pontefract Collieries
22	Tadcaster Albion	v	Dearne & District
23	Garforth Town	v	Bottesford Town
24	Cleethorpes Town	v	Ossett United
25	Bridlington Town	v	Beverley Town
26	Liversedge	v	Frickley Athletic
27	Handsworth	v	Bradford (Park Avenue)
28	Sheffield or Grimsby Borough	v	Stocksbridge Park Steels
29	Guiseley or Emley	v	Penistone Church
30	Ilkeston Town	v	Alfreton Town
31	Mickleover	v	Eastwood Community
32	Aylestone Park	v	Gresley Rovers or Retford
33	Grantham Town	v	Blackstones
34	Lincoln United or Ashby Ivanhoe	v	Long Eaton United
35	Deeping Rangers	v	Basford United
36	Quorn	v	Matlock Town
37	Anstey Nomads	v	Hinckley
38	Stamford	v	Carlton Town
39	Corby Town	v	Leicester Nirvana
40	Stafford Rangers or Halesowen Town	v	Droitwich Spa
41	Rugby Borough	v	Racing Club Warwick or Malvern Town
42	Stourbridge	v	Pershore Town 88
43	Hereford Pegasus	v	Whitchurch Alport
44	Redditch United	v	Bedworth United
45	Stourport Swifts or Dudley Town	v	Worcester City
46	Tividale	v	Brocton
47	Newcastle Town	v	Shifnal Town or Coton Green
48	Chasetown	v	Lye Town
49	Leamington	v	Bromsgrove Sporting
50	AFC Wolverhampton City	v	Worcester Raiders
51	Leek Town	v	Sporting Club Inkberrow
52	Lichfield City	v	Rushall Olympic
53	Alvechurch	v	Romulus
54	Boldmere St Michaels	v	Rugby Town
55	Stratford Town	v	Sutton Coldfield Town
56	Coventry Sphinx	v	Nantwich Town
57	St Neots Town	v	Harpenden Town

58	Barton Rovers	v	St Ives Town
59	FC Peterborough	v	Daventry Town
60	Wellingborough Town	v	Northampton On Chenecks
61	Eynesbury Rovers	v	Godmanchester Rovers
62	Desborough Town or Histon	v	Moulton
63	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	v	Yaxley
64	Newport Pagnell Town	v	Hitchin Town
65	March Town United	v	Kempston Rovers
66	Milton Keynes Irish	v	Arlesey Town
67	Dunstable	v	Baldock Town
68	Royston Town	v	Leighton Town
69	Mulbarton Wanderers	v	Gorleston
70	Ely City or Heacham	v	Harwich & Parkeston or Fakenham Town
71	Cambridge City	v	Lakenheath or Newmarket Town
72	Lowestoft Town	v	Downham Town
73	Needham Market	v	Soham Town Rangers
74	Dereham Town	v	Thetford Town
75	Leiston	v	Mildenhall Town
76	Woodbridge Town	v	Bury Town
77	AFC Sudbury	v	Felixstowe & Walton United
78	Wroxham	v	Brantham Athletic
79	Little Oakley	v	Great Yarmouth Town
80	Ipswich Wanderers	v	Walsham Le Willows
81	Stowmarket Town	v	Haverhill Rovers
82	Heybridge Swifts or Hackney Wick	v	Maldon & Tiptree
83	Grays Athletic or Saffron Walden Town	v	Cockfosters
84	Potters Bar Town	v	Wingate & Finchley
85	Enfield Town	v	Barking
86	Bowers & Pitsea	v	Hullbridge Sports
87	Walthamstow	v	Cheshunt
88	Takeley	v	Redbridge
89	Brightlingsea Regent	v	Brentwood Town or Hertford Town
90	Hashtag United	v	London Lions
91	Sporting Bengal United	v	Frenford or Concord Rangers
92	Haringey Borough	v	Ware
93	Buckhurst Hill	v	Ilford
94	Tilbury	v	Stanway Rovers
95	Aveley	v	West Essex
96	Woodford Town	v	Bishop's Stortford
97	Hayes & Yeading United	v	Kings Langley
	<i>(walkover for Hayes & Yeading United – Kings Langley withdrawn)</i>		
98	Uxbridge	v	Rayners Lane
	<i>(walkover for Rayners Lane – Uxbridge withdrawn)</i>		
99	Harrow Borough	v	Colney Heath
100	Everett Rovers	v	Northwood
101	Flackwell Heath	v	Burnham
102	North Greenford United	v	St Albans City
103	Hilltop	v	Hanwell Town
104	Tring Athletic or Leverstock Green	v	Broadfields United
105	Beaconsfield Town	v	Bedfont Sports Club
106	Sittingbourne	v	Petts Wood & Holmesdale
	<i>(walkover for Sittingbourne – Petts Wood & Holmesdale withdrawn)</i>		
107	Margate or Dartford	v	Sheppey United
108	Chislehurst Glebe	v	AFC Greenwich Borough
109	Crowborough Athletic	v	Welling United
110	Ramsgate	v	Rusthall
111	Dulwich Hamlet or Sevenoaks Town	v	Erith Town
112	Whitstable Town	v	Sutton Athletic
113	Erith & Belvedere	v	Phoenix Sports
114	Herne Bay	v	Cray Valley (PM)
115	Deal Town	v	Faversham Town or AFC Croydon Athletic
116	Chatham Town	v	Hollands & Blair

117	Punjab United	v	Cray Wanderers
118	Chipstead	v	Sheerwater
119	Balham	v	Cobham
120	Horley Town or Eastbourne Town	v	Hastings United or Lingfield
121	Chichester City	v	Kingstonian
122	Seaford Town	v	Camberley Town
123	Horsham YM or Roffey	v	Corinthian Casuals
124	Steyning Town	v	Three Bridges or Chertsey Town
125	Ascot United	v	Badshot Lea
126	Redhill	v	Jersey Bulls
127	Sutton Common Rovers	v	Lewes
128	Tooting & Mitcham United or Merstham	v	Newhaven
129	Lancing	v	Broadbridge Heath
130	South Park (Reigate)	v	Burgess Hill Town
131	Knaphill or Haywards Heath Town	v	Abbey Rangers
132	Bognor Regis Town	v	Billingshurst
133	East Grinstead Town	v	Metropolitan Police
134	AFC Whyteleafe	v	Carshalton Athletic or Littlehampton Town
135	Crawley Down Gatwick	v	Leatherhead
136	Peacehaven & Telscombe	v	Eastbourne Borough
137	Pagham	v	Westfield
138	Binfield	v	Abingdon United
139	Holyport	v	Easington Sports
140	Risborough Rangers	v	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos or Kidlington
141	Eversley & California	v	Wokingham Town
142	Fleet Town or Reading City	v	Bracknell Town
143	Basingstoke Town	v	Ardley United
144	Windsor & Eton	v	Didcot Town
145	Marlow	v	Thatcham Town
146	Hartley Wintney	v	Banbury United
147	Yateley United	v	Wallingford & Crowmarsh
148	Portland United	v	Hamble Club
149	Winchester City	v	Moneyfields
150	Gosport Borough	v	Fareham Town
151	Alton	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
152	Bashley	v	AFC Portchester
153	Shaftesbury	v	Bournemouth Poppies
154	Hamworthy Recreation	v	Millbrook (Hampshire)
155	Weymouth or Sholing	v	Christchurch
156	Wimborne Town	v	Petersfield Town
157	Dorchester Town	v	Havant & Waterlooville
158	Poole Town	v	AFC Stoneham
159	Longlevens	v	Hallen
	<i>(walkover for Longlevens – Hallen withdrawn)</i>		
160	Yate Town	v	Gloucester City or Larkhall Athletic
161	Bristol Manor Farm	v	Bishop's Cleeve
162	Portishead Town	v	Fairford Town
163	Chippenham Town	v	Cinderford Town
164	Cribbs	v	Mangotsfield United
165	Paulton Rovers	v	Street
166	Swindon Supermarine	v	Bath City
167	Slimbridge	v	Brislington
168	Thornbury Town	v	Tuffley Rovers
169	Cirencester Town	v	Hartpury
170	Frome Town	v	Melksham Town
171	Malmesbury Victoria	v	Clevedon Town
172	Willand Rovers	v	Taunton Town
173	St Blazey	v	Tiverton Town
174	Saltash United	v	Falmouth Town
175	Buckland Athletic	v	Barnstaple Town

MATCH DATES

All ties must be played in week commencing Monday 31 August 2026, kick-off 7.00pm, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

When a match is drawn after 90 minutes, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

Matches in The FA Youth Cup Competition take priority over all other matches with the only exception being home first team commitments.

The Home Club in each match must nominate two dates for when it is proposed that the match should be played within the designated week for the round and inform the visiting Club of these dates.

MATCH ARRANGEMENT FORM – DO NOT POST

Home clubs must ensure that the Match Arrangement Form is completed and received by The FA Competitions Department by Friday 10 July 2026 by emailing to competition.matcharrangements@thefa.com

Match Arrangement forms are available on TheFA.com under the following link:-

<http://www.thefa.com/TheFACup/More/match-forms>

PLAYER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Player Registration Deadline is **12 noon on the day previous to the date fixed for playing the match**, this includes postponements.

AGE GROUP BRACKETS

Only those players are eligible to take part who have reached the age of 15 years by midnight on 31 August of the current season and not reached the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season. (For season 2026-2027, a player must have been born on or after 1 September 2008 and before 1 September 2011).

Qualifying Competition – Ties must only be played in the week commencing:-

First Round Qualifying	Monday 14 September 2026
Second Round Qualifying	Monday 28 September 2026
Third Round Qualifying	Monday 12 October 2026

Competition Proper – Ties to be played by the closing date:-

First Round Proper	Saturday 31 October 2026
Second Round Proper	Saturday 21 November 2026
Third Round Proper	Saturday 12 December 2026
Fourth Round Proper	Saturday 23 January 2027
Fifth Round Proper	Saturday 20 February 2027
Sixth Round Proper	Saturday 13 March 2027
Semi Final	Saturday 10 April 2027
Final	Saturday 8 May 2027