

**THE FA YOUTH CUP  
EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND  
TIES TO BE PLAYED IN WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026**

1	Cheadle Town	v	Runcorn Linnets
2	Sheffield	v	Grimsby Borough
3	Guiseley	v	Emley
4	Gresley Rovers	v	Retford
5	Lincoln United	v	Ashby Ivanhoe
6	Stourport Swifts	v	Dudley Town
7	Racing Club Warwick	v	Malvern Town
8	Shifnal Town	v	Coton Green
9	Stafford Rangers	v	Halesowen Town
10	Desborough Town	v	Histon
11	Harwich & Parkeston	v	Fakenham Town
12	Ely City	v	Heacham
13	Lakenheath	v	Newmarket Town
14	Heybridge Swifts	v	Hackney Wick
15	Brentwood Town	v	Hertford Town
16	Grays Athletic	v	Saffron Walden Town
17	Frenford	v	Concord Rangers
18	Tring Athletic	v	Leverstock Green
19	Dulwich Hamlet	v	Sevenoaks Town
20	Faversham Town	v	AFC Croydon Athletic
21	Margate	v	Dartford
22	Tooting & Mitcham United	v	Merstham
23	Knaphill	v	Haywards Heath Town
24	Hastings United	v	Lingfield
25	Three Bridges	v	Chertsey Town
26	Horsham YM	v	Roffey
27	Carshalton Athletic	v	Littlehampton Town
28	Horley Town	v	Eastbourne Town
29	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	v	Kidlington
30	Fleet Town	v	Reading City
31	Weymouth	v	Sholing
32	Gloucester City	v	Larkhall Athletic

**MATCH DATES**

All ties must be played in week commencing Monday 17 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](mailto: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:-**

Preliminary Round	Monday 31 August 2026
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