

**THE FA YOUTH CUP
THIRD ROUND QUALIFYING
TIES TO BE PLAYED IN WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026**

1	Hartlepool United	v	Marine
2	Blyth Spartans	v	Stockton Town
3	AFC Fylde	v	Cheadle Town
4	Chorley	v	Hyde United or Altrincham
5	Pontefract Collieries or Handsworth	v	Newcastle Blue Star
6	Dearne & District or Guiseley	v	FC Halifax Town
7	Gateshead	v	Irlam
8	Milton Keynes Irish	v	Grantham Town
9	Hednesford Town	v	Ilkeston Town
10	Racing Club Warwick	v	Boston United
11	AFC Telford United	v	Solihull Moors
12	Newcastle Town	v	Anstey Nomads
13	St Ives Town	v	Moulton
14	Easington Sports	v	Hereford
15	Aveley or Ilford	v	Leiston
16	Southend United	v	Needham Market
17	Hertford Town	v	Hemel Hempstead Town or Boreham Wood
18	Woodbridge Town	v	AFC Sudbury
19	Chelmsford City or Hornchurch	v	Leverstock Green
20	Walthamstow or Barking	v	Cockfosters
21	Worthing	v	Deal Town
22	Slough Town	v	Camberley Town
23	Cobham	v	Tonbridge Angels
24	Carshalton Athletic or Woking	v	Hayes & Yeading United
25	AFC Greenwich Borough	v	Merstham or Bognor Regis Town
26	Whitstable Town	v	Aldershot Town
27	Maidenhead United	v	Chatham Town
28	Kingstonian	v	Stevington Town or Dorking Wanderers
29	Forest Green Rovers	v	Slimbridge
30	Sholing or Fareham Town	v	Eastleigh
31	Mangotsfield United	v	Torquay United
32	Thatcham Town	v	Chippenham Town
33	Street	v	AFC Stoneham or AFC Totton

MATCH DATES

All ties must be played in week commencing Monday 12 October 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 9 October 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).

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