

4th November 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TERM DATES 2025/2026 - INCLUDING ARRANGEMENT FOR A TWO-WEEK OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share term dates 2025-26 with you including the arrangement for a two week half term in October 2025.

The decision to extend the October half term to two weeks has been made with careful consideration for the well-being of our staff and pupils. By providing teachers and children with additional time for rest and rejuvenation during the longest school term, we aim to improve morale, reduce absenteeism, and ultimately enhance the quality of education.

This is a change that many Trusts across the country have put in place and some of our schools already had this arrangement in place.

Importantly for your child, the number of days on which children are taught across the year will not change as we have ensured that those days are made up at another time in the year. The dates of the school calendar have simply been amended to accommodate a two week break in October whilst ensuring that the number of teaching days children receive is equitable to previous years.

The confirmed term dates for the 2025/26 school year are attached.

We understand that for some of our schools, this change will be new to parents and carers. For further information FAQs will be published on our school website or do not hesitate to contact the school office directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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