



14th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all those of you who responded to our consultation around term dates for the 2026/27 academic year.

The majority of the parents and carers who completed our survey responded positively to the proposal. Below are just a few of the comments received:

- “I think it would be a great idea. I know as a parent that the first term back after summer is long and I think it’s the hardest term and children could do with that extended break in October.”
- “I think 2 weeks off in October will be great for the kids as they get to have a break for longer as well as the 2-week break for Christmas, it’ll be a great balance.”
- “Yes, looks great for pupils that will be in the school next year.”
- “I think this is a very good idea for both students and teachers.”

We appreciate concerns were raised around the cost of childcare so close to the summer holiday and the request for the holidays in the spring term to be extended. However, the majority of responses within school and across the trust were positive. The proposed change will therefore go ahead.

Attached to this letter is confirmation of the term dates for next academic year which now include a two-week October half term break whilst retaining the full 190 teaching days during the year. These dates are also available to view on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Carpenter

Mr Paul Carpenter
Headteacher

2026/2027 Term Dates

	INSET Days	Half Term 1 Begins	Half Term 1 Ends	Half Term	Half Term 2 Begins	Half Term 2 Ends	End of Term
Autumn Term	01/09/2026	02/09/2026	16/10/2026	19/10/2026-30/10/2026	02/11/2026	18/12/2026	21/12/2026-01/01/2027
Spring Term	04/01/2027	05/01/2027	12/02/2027	15/02/2027-19/02/2027	22/02/2027	25/03/2027	26/03/2027-09/04/2027
Summer Term	n/a	12/04/2027	28/05/2027	31/05/2027-04/06/2027	07/06/2027	23/07/2027	24/07/2027-TBC

FAQs

During the consultation, there were some frequently asked questions which we have responded to below:

1. Will the summer holiday be shortened to compensate for the extra week in October? / Where will the extra week be compensated?
 - The total number of school days will remain at 190. Adjustments will be made through INSET days and term-end dates. Final details will be shared once confirmed.
2. Could we add the additional week to an alternative half term (e.g., February or May half-term)
 - Unfortunately, due to the national assessments in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 now, it is difficult to schedule a second week in the Spring Term.
3. Will holiday clubs or HAF-funded programs be available during the additional week?
 - We are working with local providers to explore childcare and holiday club options are. An update will be sent when in due course.