

27th October 2023

RE: Term date 23/24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below the term dates for the 2024/25 academic year.

As a school and trust, we have dedicated a significant amount of time to researching how we can optimize our school year for everyone, and this is the result!

You'll notice the two-week half term in October and the adjusted start date for the Easter holidays. These changes aim to provide opportunities for more affordable holiday options and we anticipate that this will lead to fewer requests for holidays during term time. Moreover, by avoiding 7 or 8-week terms where possible, we expect improved attendance. Extended terms often result in increased illness and fatigue towards the end, which do impact the learning environment for both students and staff.

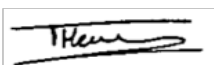
We have been trialling the concept of 'yellow weeks' this year and plan to continue doing so. During these weeks, we introduce larger learning experiences that occupy a significant portion of the curriculum day. We also utilise this period for trips and visits, ensuring that students can tap into a wealth of resources opportunities available across the whole trust. It's important to note that these weeks are essential and are by no means optional.

I hope that when you review these dates, you'll recognise our efforts to accommodate the needs of all stakeholders in the school community. By integrating these enriching activities during the 'yellow weeks', we aim to reduce disruption to regular lessons. We genuinely believe this approach will boost our overall productivity.

We're embracing a new approach, and as always, we're open to reflection and adjustment if necessary in the future. It's clear that the traditional 7 or 8-week term structure isn't just impactful on effective learning, but it's also not ideal for families. The cost of living tends to spike during holiday periods, making it challenging for many families to manage expenses effectively.

Thank you for your unwavering support and collaboration in all our endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas Henesey

Headteacher

**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2024/25**



SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	

DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur		6	13	20	27
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	

MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		4	11	18	25		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur		6	13	20	27		Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25	

JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	
Yellow Weeks			

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2024
	26 th December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2025
Good Friday	18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	21 st April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5 th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 th August 2025

We are experimenting with a change in term dates for 2024/25.
Our trips/visits and off timetable activities will aim to move into what we call 'yellow weeks' and they fall in the seventh week of a half term.