



4th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE. Term Dates and Term Time Leave**

### **New Term Dates**

Attached to this letter are the term dates for the school year 2026/2027 starting in September 2026. A full copy of the term dates is also available on the school website

### **Term-Time Leave of Absence**

Along with this letter, we have enclosed our **Term-Time Leave Leaflet**, which outlines the current guidance and procedures regarding leave of absence during the school term. We kindly ask all parents and carers to read this carefully. We would like to sincerely thank the many families who make the commitment not to take holidays during term time. Your support helps ensure that your child can fully access their education and make the most of every learning opportunity.

### **Why Attendance Matters**

Children are expected to attend school for **190 days each academic year**. These days are carefully planned to deliver the full curriculum and provide continuity in learning. Regular attendance:

- Helps children make steady academic progress
- Builds positive routines and responsibility
- Supports social development and friendships
- Ensures children do not miss key learning that is difficult to replicate

Even short periods of absence can have a significant impact on a child's learning and confidence, as lessons build on previous knowledge and skills.

For these reasons, and in line with national guidance, leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you should wish to request term time leave for your child, please collect a Parental Request Form for Term Time Leave from the school office then complete and return this at the earliest opportunity for consideration.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and for working in partnership with us to support your child's education. If you have any questions regarding attendance or term dates, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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