

14 January 2025

Dear parent/carer

Term Dates 2025-2026

Please find attached the term dates for 2025-2026. We are providing these to you earlier than usual so that hopefully families have sufficient notice to organise childcare and plan any holidays outside of term time.

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As you are aware we belong to Truro and Penwith Academy Trust ("TPAT") and they have advised us that the schools within the Trust are using a different pattern of dates next year. The change will create a two-week break over the October half-term and this will be done by adjusting some of the training that the teachers undertake (completing it after school rather than during an INSET day), and by starting the autumn term a little earlier. The overall number of days the school is open to students has not changed.

One of the reasons the Trust made this decision is because the first term of the academic year is extremely long and during the autumn term in 2024 students were tired and flagging for the final week before half-term and it was noticed that the absence of students increased. It is hoped that by lengthening the holiday in this term, students will get a good opportunity to recuperate midway through.

TPAT have confirmed that they will review this at the end of the Autumn Term in 2025 before deciding on our dates for the following year, 2026/2027.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Lingard Headteacher

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