13th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Term Dates academic year 2025/26

Thank you to all families who took the time to respond to our recent survey about academic year term dates.

There were a range of views expressed from families and we would like to thank everyone for taking the time to give your feedback which has helped to inform our next steps. Specifically, from the 177 responses, 66% of responses indicated a preference for the academic year to change to a 1-week autumn half-term and 2-week Easter break.

Following consideration, our decision is to adopt a school academic year in line with Hertfordshire County Council term dates for academic year 2025/26.

Main reasons
- the vast majority of local primary and secondary schools currently have a 1-week autumn half-term and 2-week Easter break
- safeguarding reasons, with external agencies not always available for us to work with in the week when we are open but other schools are closed
- student attendance is never as high in the week when we are open but other schools are closed
- family logistical reasons, including childcare-related issues
- students with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities can struggle with having to attend school when other siblings are not having to attend

Autumn half-term 2025/26 will be Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025 (1-week)

Easter break 2025/26 will be Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026 (Good Friday is Friday 3rd April 2026 and Easter Monday is Monday 6th April 2026) (2-weeks)

Please note that term dates for 2024/25 are already set and follow the current pattern with a 2-week autumn half-term and 1-week Easter break and can be viewed on the school website: https://haileyburyturnford.com/term-dates/

Detailed term dates for the academic year 2025/26 will be published in due course: we wanted to communicate the change to autumn half-term and Easter holiday dates for 2025/26 as far in advance as possible to support planning for all families.

Yours faithfully

Robin Newman
Principal