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C.E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a change to the school term dates for Highfield CE Primary School, beginning with the 2026–27 academic year. These arrangements will run as a two-year trial.

The revised dates are based on the Southampton Local Authority school calendar for 2026–27:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-information/school-term-dates/school-year-calendar-2026-27/>

However, with the following agreed amendments:

October 2026 – Two-Week Half Term

- The last day of school will be Friday 16 October 2026.
- Pupils will then have two weeks off, returning to school on Monday 2 November 2026.
- This includes the usual half-term week plus the preceding week.
- During this period, three INSET days will take place. These are staff training days and pupils will not be in school.

To support families during the additional week, Team Spirit will be running a club, providing childcare provision for those who wish to use it.

July 2027 – Extended End of Term

- In July 2027, pupils will attend school for two additional days.
- The school year will therefore finish on Friday 23 July 2027, which is two days later than most other Southampton schools.

Consultation and Approval

These changes have been carefully considered and formally approved:



- Over 75% of parents voted in favour of the proposal
- 100% of staff voted in favour
- The changes were approved by the Governing Body on 21 January 2026

As noted above, this will be a two-year trial, after which the arrangements will be reviewed.

We would like to thank parents, carers, and staff for their engagement and feedback throughout the consultation process. We believe these changes will support staff wellbeing, improve attendance in term time, sustain high-quality teaching, and continue to benefit our pupils and families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@highfieldschool.co.uk.

Kind regards,

Rosie Walford
Headteacher

