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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking part in our recent survey about the October half term. We asked whether this break should be extended to two weeks, and we are grateful for the time you took to share your views.

We received 1,288 responses. 45% of you said yes to the change, 41% said no, and 14% were not sure.

Many of you said the idea could help reduce pupil absence during the long autumn term and that it could improve your family's wellbeing. However, a strong theme in your feedback was the importance of matching (as well as possible) holiday dates with nearby schools. Where families have children at more than one school, different term dates were seen as a real challenge.

Because of this, we have decided **not** to go ahead with the two-week October half term in the 2026/27 school year.

However, we are not the only education provider thinking about this idea. Other schools and trusts are also looking at ways to support pupils and families. We will work closely with neighbouring schools and multi-academy trusts to explore this further and consider if it's something that could be implemented at some point in future years. Our aim is to find a solution that works better for everyone. We will keep you informed, and consulted, as these conversations continue.

Thank you again for your support.
Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Boak
Head of Governance