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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Change to holiday dates from Academic Year 2025/26 and 2026/27

As you are aware, we recently conducted a consultation during the summer term with both parents and staff on extending the October half term by five days. We had a very high response to the consultation – thank you to everyone who took part in this.

At our Full Governing Body meeting on Monday 30th September, the responses were studied in detail and following this the decision was made to move to a two-week October break for the Academic Years 2025/26 and 2026/27.

Governors felt that this model was valuable for the school primarily to improve outcomes during the second Autumn half term where illness and absence rates have historically been higher than schools in areas where this school holiday pattern is in place.

Additional benefits cited by parents and staff are:

- By having a two-week October half term, families can take advantage of cheaper holiday prices should they wish and avoid the risk of a fine under the new government attendance framework.
- Over a six-week summer holiday, many families find it difficult to provide sufficient childcare. This proposed model would mean a five-week summer holiday meaning less need for childcare cover during this time.
- Some children take time to settle back into a routine for learning after a six-week break. By having a five-week summer holiday, it will be easier for our students to re-establish their routines at the start of the new school year.

During the next two years, we will continue to look at the impact of this holiday pattern and use this to plan for future years. The Zone holiday club will be in operation during the holidays as on previous occasions.

Thank you again for all your comments and feedback during our consultation. The next two academic years' holiday patterns are attached.

Yours faithfully

Mr Nick Hollis (Chair of Governors). Mr Grant Chaplin (Vice-Chair of Governors)



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Chellaston Infant and Junior Schools - Term Dates 2025-2026.

July 2025						
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