



Hayle Academy

January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term dates for 2025-26

I wish to take this opportunity to share with you the term dates for 2025-26. These are outlined below:

Autumn Term 2025-26:

- 1st September 2025 – 19th December 2025
- Half term: 20th – 31st October 2025

Spring Term 2025-26:

- 5th January 2026 – 2nd April 2026
- Half term: 16th – 20th February 2026

Summer Term 2025-26:

- 20th April 2026 – 24th July 2026
- Half term: 25th – 29th May 2026

You will see that Truro and Penwith Academy Trust (TPAT) is using a different pattern of dates next year, which creates a two week break over the October half term.

This has been achieved by returning to school in September two days early and adding an additional day to the end of the Summer Term. We are also using two training days, which staff will work as 'twilight' training across the year. Overall, the number of days the school is open to children has not changed.

We feel this pattern has a number of advantages for children and families:

The Autumn Term felt very long this year. We found children were tired and flagging for the final week before half term and noticed that across our Trust, pupil absence increased. We think it will be helpful, therefore, to lengthen the holiday in this term, ensuring children get a good opportunity to recuperate mid-way through.

We know that families are increasingly asking us for term time holidays. In line with Department for Education guidance, we cannot authorise absence for term time holidays.

We have noticed how expensive holidays are during school term times, and how much cheaper they are in other weeks. We also know that some parents find it difficult to take time off during school holiday periods. We hope that the additional week in the October half term will help families have a chance to take a more affordable holiday, and reduce the time children miss from school.

By having all our TPAT schools using the same term dates, we hope this will help families who have children in both our primary and secondary schools. This pattern of term dates has been used really successfully by a number of primary and secondary schools in Cornwall and we hope it will bring similar benefits to our students and families. We will review this at the end of the Autumn Term in 2025 before deciding on our dates for the following year.

At the current time, we are finalising the dates for the training days for the next academic year. At this point, I can confirm that the 1st September 2025, 20th – 21st October 2025 and 24th November 2025 will be training days. I will confirm the other INSET days at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Melissa Lock
Headteacher