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Term time holidays- important information for parents

Dear parents and carers,

At Shoreditch Park Primary School, we are incredibly proud of our pupils and the strong progress they make across all areas of school life. This success is built on excellent teaching, strong partnerships with families and, importantly, pupils attending school every day and being ready to learn.

We are writing to remind families that it is essential that holidays are not taken during term time unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. **Please be aware that the school will not authorise term time holidays.**

In addition, although attendance in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is not compulsory for all pupils, we are committed to establishing strong and healthy attendance habits for our youngest pupils from the very beginning of their school journey. This is in line with the Department for Education, who state that 'the foundations for positive attendance are built in the early years.' Once children are enrolled in school, regular attendance and punctuality are essential in developing positive routines, friendships and early learning skills.

Every day in school matters. Learning is carefully planned so that knowledge and skills build over time, and when pupils miss school, they miss vital teaching, discussions, practice and support from their teachers. Even a short period of absence can make it difficult for children to catch up fully, particularly in key areas such as reading, writing and mathematics. Missing school can also affect pupils' confidence, friendships and routines.

We know that the cost of holidays can be significantly lower outside of peak periods. With this in mind, we have carefully planned our INSET days so that the **autumn term will begin on 7th September.** We hope this will support families by enabling them to take advantage of some of the more affordable holiday options available in late August and early September, without children missing valuable learning time.

To enable you to plan holidays that do not clash with the school terms I will share key dates for the 2026-2027 academic year below.

Inset days	Inset days for the new academic year will be: ● Wednesday 2nd September 2026 ● Thursday 3rd September 2026 ● Friday 4th September 2026 ● Friday 12th February 2027 ● Friday 28th May 2027
Term dates	● Autumn 1- 7th September 2026- 23rd October 2026 ● Autumn 2- 2nd November 2026- 18th December 2026 ● Spring 1- 4th January 2027- 11th February 2027 ● Spring 2- 22nd February 2027- Thursday 25th March 2027 ● Summer 1- 12th April 2027- 27th May 2027 ● Summer 2- 7th June 2027- 22nd July 2027
Early closure dates	School will close at 1.30pm on the last day of each term: ● Friday 18th December 2026 ● Thursday 25th March 2027

	• Thursday 22nd July 2027 School will also close at 1.30pm on the date of each parents' evening: • Thursday 10th December 2026 • Thursday 17th March 2027 • Thursday 8th July 2027

As a school community, we know that our families value Shoreditch Park Primary School and want the very best for the children and the school. We are proud that our school continues to go from strength to strength, and maintaining strong attendance is a key part of ensuring this continues. By avoiding term time holidays wherever possible, families play a vital role in supporting both their child's success and the continued success of the whole school community.

Finally, we would like to thank families for their continued support following the introduction of gates closing promptly at 8.55am. Since this change, we have seen a positive reduction in the number of pupils arriving late to school. This improvement is helping pupils to begin the day calmly, settled and ready to learn as we continue striving towards excellent punctuality across the school.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive.

Yours sincerely



Claire Deegan

Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion