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17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for the support, enthusiasm and commitment shown throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see our children embody our ASPIRE values every day, growing in confidence, kindness and achievement. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

As many of you begin preparing for September, I would like to share some important dates and information for the new academic year.

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 (Hackney Education)	**Autumn Term 2026:** 2 September 2026 – 18 December 2026 (Half term: 26–30 October 2026) Shoreditch Park opens for children on Monday 7th September 2026 **Spring Term 2027:** 4 January 2027 – 25 March 2027 (Half term: 15–19 February 2027) **Summer Term 2027:** 12 April 2027 – 22 July 2027 (Half term: 31 May – 4 June 2027)
Parents' Evenings	• Thursday 10th December 2026 • Thursday 18th March 2027 • Thursday 8th July 2027 **School will close at 1.30pm on these dates. There will be no After School Club (ASC) or enrichment clubs.**
Photography dates	• Wednesday 16th of September - Individual and sibling photos

	• Wednesday the 23rd of September - Class and any remaining photos
Whole school events	• Winter Fest-26th November 2026 (3.30pm-5.15pm) • Spring Celebration- 22rd April 2027 (3.30pm-5.15pm) • Summer Festival-24th June 2027 (3.30-5.15pm) **School will close at 1.30pm on these dates. There will be no After School Club (ASC) or enrichment clubs.**
Autumn 1 curriculum meetings	• 7th September: Year 4 (3.45-4.15pm) Year 2 (3.45-4.15pm) • 8th September: Year 1 (3.45-4.15pm) Year 6 (3.45-4.15pm) • 9th September: Year 5 (3.45-4.15pm) Year 3 (3.45-4.15pm) • 14th September- Reception (3.45-4.15pm) • 15th September- Nursery (3.45-4.15pm)
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 close at 1.30pm on these dates. There will be no After School Club (ASC) or enrichment clubs.**
Educational visits	Details of educational visits planned for the autumn term will be shared with families during September.
Sports Days Autumn term (rescheduled)	• Year 1, 2 and 3-Thursday 17th September 2026 • Year 4,5 and 6- Thursday 24th September 2026

School Uniform

Many families will already be preparing for September by purchasing school uniform. As part of our ASPIRE values, we expect all pupils to take pride in their appearance by wearing the correct school uniform.

Our uniform expectations can be viewed on the school website: https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/parents/uniform

Whilst pupils may wear black trainers, these must be entirely black, including logos, soles and laces.

Children should not wear jewellery to school other than small stud earrings. Any other jewellery will be asked to be removed, and the school cannot accept responsibility for valuables brought onto the school site.

Mobile Phones

In line with recent national guidance and our commitment to providing a safe, calm and focused learning environment, children should not bring mobile phones to school.

Where exceptional circumstances mean a child needs a phone for travelling to and from school, only basic (non-smart) mobile phones will be permitted. These must be handed into the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the school day. If you believe your child requires this arrangement, please contact Ms Keady or Ms Deegan to discuss your individual circumstances.

We also remind parents and visitors that mobile phones should not be used anywhere on the school site. School performances and assemblies will be professionally recorded and shared with families, allowing everyone to enjoy these special moments without the distraction of filming. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining a safe, respectful and focused environment for all members of our school community.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals can access a wide range of exciting holiday activities, together with a healthy meal, through the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme during the school holidays.

Further information can be found on the Hackney Education website:
https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

We wish all of our children and families a restful, happy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7 September 2026.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Smith

Penny Smith

Headteacher