



OAKWELL RISE  
Primary Academy

18/03/26

**Subject: Exciting News: Enhancing Family Time and Learning with Our New Academic Calendar**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share an exciting update to our school calendar for the upcoming academic year, driven by our commitment to supporting your child's well-being, attendance, and enriching your family life. From next academic year we will be implementing a **two-week half-term break in October**.

This strategic change is designed to benefit our whole community in three key ways:

- **More Affordable Family Holidays:** By offering a longer break, we aim to give families more flexibility when they choose to travel. This can open up more opportunities to take advantage of off-peak travel times and more affordable holiday options, making those crucial family breaks more accessible for everyone. This may be for our families with connections abroad who can choose this period to take extended leave which will be granted.
- **A Focus on Family Time and Well-being:** We deeply value the time you spend together. This extended break provides a much-needed period for rest, rejuvenation, and quality family activities. We believe this dedicated time away from the school routine is vital for recharging and strengthening family bonds, which positively impacts your child's emotional and mental health.
- **Improved Attendance and Engagement:** We anticipate that a longer, well-timed break will help significantly reduce the need for children to miss school during term time for family holidays. Children who are well-rested and have enjoyed quality time with their families return to school re-energised, focused, and ready to learn, leading to improved concentration and overall academic attendance.

We are confident that this change will foster a more supportive and engaging academic environment for our students while giving your family a meaningful break when you need it most. Please find on the second page of this letter the term date overview for the year.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to the next academic year.

Yours Sincerely

*J. Jenkins*

Jessica Jenkins  
Executive Principal

# Oakwell Rise 2026/27

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 Bank Holiday

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 Training Days  
(1 is a WAT Training Day)

Autumn Term = 74 Days

Spring Term = 54 Days

Summer Term = 67 Days

Total = 195

Total 189 School Days