

We aspire for every pupil and adult to 'experience life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust (ODBST)

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views as part of our recent consultation regarding the proposal to introduce a two-week October half-term break.

Following careful consideration of the feedback received, we can confirm that the ODBST will be moving forward with the introduction of a Trust-wide two-week October half-term, beginning in the 2026/2027 academic year.

We are grateful for the thoughtful responses and engagement shown throughout the consultation process. Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us make an informed decision that supports pupil wellbeing, attendance, and staff sustainability.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and the ODBST.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bennett".

Lisa Bennett
Headteacher, St Mary's School

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Piesse".

Mrs Sulina Piesse,
Chief Executive Officer, the ODBST