

Dear Parents,

I write to inform you that the school will remain closed to pupils but not staff on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September. This means that the first day back for pupils after the summer break will now be **Monday 7th September**.

All pupils will now return to school after the summer break on Monday 7th September.

This closure has been necessary to accommodate heating and engineering works across the whole school site which will take place during the summer holidays. The governors of St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust have approved these days of closure as it is deemed necessary for heating engineers to complete works across the entire site. School is receiving well over £828,000 worth of works from the Department For Education improvement fund which will replace all heating pipes, radiators, heaters and pumps across the site. As you are well aware these are works that the school desperately needs as we do not want to be in a position where the heating continually fails and bursts during the winter season.

Due to the closure of school on Thursday 3rd of September and Friday 4th September. It has been necessary to make some amendments to the school calendar for 2026-2027 in order to ensure that pupils do not miss any days of their education. These changes are highlighted below:

Academic Year 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM – 2026

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1st September
Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Wednesday 2nd September
EXTRA INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE:	Thursday 3rd September
EXTRA INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE:	Friday 4th September
School opens to ALL pupils	Monday 7th September
INSET Day	Friday 23rd October
Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	
INSET Day (School closed to pupils)	Monday 2nd November
School opens to pupils	Monday 2nd November
School closes	Friday 18th December
Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	

SPRING TERM - 2027

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils) Monday 4th January 2027*

~~INSET DAY (School closed to pupils) Tuesday 5th January 2027~~

School opens to pupils Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

School opens to all Monday 22nd February

School closes Thursday 25th March

Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

SUMMER TERM – 2027

School opens to all Monday 12th April

May Day – **school closed** Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

School opens to all Monday 7th June

School closes Wednesday 21st July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Friday 3rd September

I apologise for the inconvenience this might cause you and your family. I am sure you will agree that the safety of staff and students needs to be paramount in any decisions we take. The extensive works will benefit all pupils on our return to school in September and will aid and add to the outstanding education that we provide here at OLSB.

Thanking you once again for your continued support,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal