



Ref: MLA/JWA 0226FHT.LS

9th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

February Half Term / Important Dates and Information

I write to remind you that the Academy will close for the half term break at **2:45pm on Friday 13th February** and will reopen on Monday 23rd February at 8:20am. Students should be prompt and fully prepared for Roll Call at 8:20am, in full school uniform, with all basic equipment for learning.

Considerate and Safe Parking around the Academy

We are aware of the recently introduced 20mph speed restrictions in the Penkhull area, and we welcome this as an important step in helping to keep our children and families safe when travelling to and from school. As always, please could I politely remind you to be considerate of residents living on Thistley Hough, Barnfield, The Croft, and the surrounding areas when picking up or dropping off students at the start and end of the school day. To help reduce congestion and ensure the safety of students and local residents, families are encouraged to use the designated one-way pick-up and drop-off zone located in the main academy car park, accessible from Newcastle Lane. This area has been designed to allow children to enter and leave vehicles safely, while helping to keep local roads clear and minimising disruption for those who live nearby. As ever, your cooperation and courtesy are greatly appreciated in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our community.

Remaining Term Dates / Times of the Day

Finally, for your convenience please find a reminder of the times of the school day and the remaining holiday dates for this academic year attached overleaf.

Thank you for your continued support for Thistley Hough Academy.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Lawrence
Principal



Remaining Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Spring 2026

Academy closes	Friday 13 February
Half Term	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February
Academy opens	Monday 23 February
Academy open to <u>staff only</u> INSET DAY	Friday 20 March (revised/confirmed INSET Day)
Academy closes to students	Friday 27 March
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April

Summer 2026

Academy opens	Monday 13 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 04 May
Academy closes	Friday 22 May
Half Term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Academy opens	Monday 01 June
Academy closes to students	Friday 17 July
Summer Holiday	Monday 20 July to Friday 28 August

Remaining INSET Days (Academy open to staff only)

- Friday 20th March 2026 (*revised/confirmed date*)
- Monday 20th July 2026

Times of the Day

Time	Activity/Period
08:20am	Warning Bell/Whistle
08:25am	Roll Call
8:30am - 8.50am	Tutor Time
8:50am - 9:50am	Period 1
9:50am - 10:50am	Period 2
10:50am – 11:05am	Break
11:05am – 12:05pm	Period 3
12:05pm – 1:05pm	Period 4
1:05pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:40pm	Roll Call
1:45pm – 2:45pm	Period 5