Monday 9th March 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 at Thomas Harding Junior School.

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,

Samantha Ruddell
Headteacher

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Sulina Piesse,
Chief Executive Officer, the ODBST