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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final week of the half-term, I just wanted to thank parents, pupils and the wider ARA community for the warm welcome I have received. I have particularly enjoyed getting to know parents in Primary both on the School gate on Friday mornings and at our most recent coffee morning, as well as meeting a number of parents on a Friday afternoon that meet pupils at the Secondary gate.

Staff Training Days

Friday 23rd October 2026 and Monday 2nd November 2026 are both Staff Training Days and the Academy will be closed for all pupils on those days.

The final day of this half-term is **Thursday 22nd October 2026** and pupils will return on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Attendance

Regular attendance and arriving at school on time are essential to every pupil's success. Every day at ARA provides valuable opportunities for learning, developing friendships and building the knowledge, skills and confidence that will prepare our pupils for the future. Even occasional absences or late arrivals can mean pupils miss important learning and the start of their school day.

We ask all parents and carers to continue to support us by ensuring that children attend school every day, unless there is a genuine reason they cannot, and arrive on time, ready to learn. By working together, we can give every pupil the best possible opportunity to thrive and achieve their very best.

School Photos

Vancols the photographers will be coming into the academy on Thursday 12th November to take your child's individual school photograph. We ask that you make every effort to ensure your child is in school on that day and is as presentable as possible in full school uniform. If you have any reason you do not wish for your child to be photographed please ensure you notify the School Reception (of the appropriate phase) before the day.



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Information from Ealing regarding FSM Vouchers

This is a reminder that school holiday vouchers have ended following changes to government funding. The July 2026 voucher was the final voucher issued to families who previously received school holiday vouchers. **No vouchers will be issued for the October half-term break or future school holidays.**

While the voucher scheme has ended, a range of support remains available for families who may be struggling with the cost of living. Information about financial support, food support and other help available during school holidays can be found at: www.ealing.gov.uk/holiday-support. There is also a wide range of advice and support available through the council's cost of living webpages: www.ealing.gov.uk/costofliving.

Kind regards

Matt Hire
Executive Principal