

16 December 2025

Dear Families,

13 February 2026 – Additional Closure Day

I am writing to give you advance notice of a forthcoming change to the calendar at Silver Springs Primary Academy this academic year.

As you will already be aware Great Academies Education Trust will be merging with Dixons Academies Trust. This is a positive step that will strengthen Silver Springs Primary Academy by joining with a wider network of schools and providing more opportunities for both children and staff.

As part of Dixons Academies Trust, all schools across the trust have an additional annual closure day to support staff collaboration and professional development. This additional closure day will take place on **Friday 13 February 2026** and as result Silver Springs Primary Academy will therefore be closed to children on this day.

This day will provide a valuable opportunity for colleagues to work together across the trust, share best practice and collaborate as part of our network of schools.

We wanted to provide families with advance notice of this additional closure day, to allow you time to make any necessary childcare arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours faithfully

Jason Patterson
School and College Trust Leader