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Dear Families,

We are aware that many of our families will soon be celebrating Diwali, and this is a very exciting time for them. Diwali is a festival celebrated by millions of people around the world, celebrating new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil; a message which is often important to all of us, no matter what our faith or belief.

This year, Diwali falls on **Sunday 8th November 2026**. As Diwali falls on a weekend, we expect students' attendance to largely be unaffected. However, we appreciate that some families may choose to celebrate New Year on Tuesday 10th November.

Please can I remind you that the school will **authorise a single day for religious observance in accordance** with our Trust Attendance Policy**. For a day to be authorised, parents are asked to communicate the request in advance of the leave** to avoid the school having to call to follow up absence during the observance.

Where more than one festival/observance falls within an academic year, we ask that parents consider arrangements carefully to minimise the potential impact upon their child's learning.

We have been celebrating the festival of Diwali all this week with students through our assembly programme**.**

On Tuesday 10th November, all students will be able to claim a free samosa as part of our ongoing celebrations.

We look forward to seeing students back in school in order to hear about their Diwali celebrations.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Aldred
Principal