

Primary 7-11 Lesson



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: “Is it everyone’s responsibility to end homelessness?”



Yes

69.7%

No

30.3%

“People have to remember it’s not the homeless people’s fault that they’re homeless.”

Glendale Gaelic Primary

“If we ever became homeless, we would want people to help us so we should do the same.”

Starbank School (Hob Moor Road)

“I don’t think we have the ability to stop or help homelessness because I believe that the Government should take care of it instead of us.”

Pheasant Bank Academy

“No because you might not have a lot of money yourself, so how can you give some money when you don’t have enough?”

Kettering Buccleuch Academy

46,093 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your latest results: “Is it everyone’s responsibility to end homelessness?”

“It was great to see young people thinking about this important issue. [...] The reality is that if enough people take what may seem like small actions the overall impact can be significant. Whether that’s an individual act of kindness towards a person who is homeless, or a decision to support a particular politician, or business, or charity that you think might be more likely to act in a way that will help end homelessness, we can all do something, and it will make a difference, even if things don’t change overnight. Just thinking and talking about homelessness for this debate is a great first step, so thanks and well done to everyone involved.”



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**Duncan Lewis, CEO
Emmaus, Hertfordshire**

Your views on “Is it everyone’s responsibility to end homelessness?” were also heard by:



Shelter



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Today's VoteTopic:

Should school holidays be spread out?

UNCRC Article 28:
Access to
education

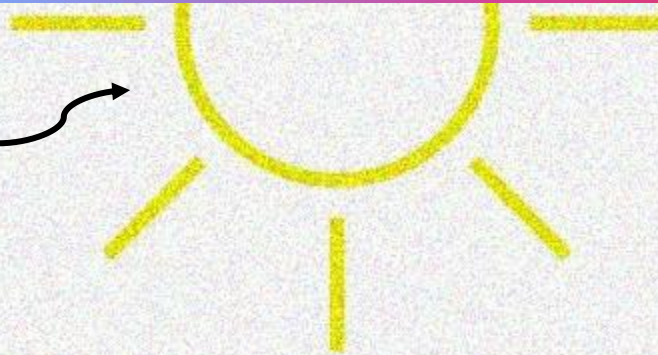
UN SDG 4:
Quality
education

VfS Key Theme 8:
Jobs, economy &
education

1 Starter: Time to unwind...



The weather



Seeing friends and family



Spending time outside



Playing sports



Travelling



**Whole class activity
(2-3 mins)**
Draw a **doodle** of **one thing you enjoy** about the **school holidays**.



2 Why are we talking about this?



As the **autumn term draws to a close**, teachers and pupils are **looking forward to the winter break**.

In recent weeks, people have been discussing **the length of school holidays**.

Challenge (1 min)

How long is your next school holiday?



2 Why are we talking about this?



In **Wales**, politicians are deciding whether to **change the school calendar** so that **breaks are spread out more equally** throughout the year.

This could see **children in Wales** having a **five-week holiday in the summer**. Schools would then get a **two-week break in October** instead.

2 Why are we talking about this?



Did you know?

The Senedd is the home of the Welsh Parliament. Its main building is in Cardiff.





Some people think that **longer breaks** can make it **harder to return to school life** and **affect children's learning**.

Other people think it makes sense to have a **longer break in the summer** because the **weather is warmer** and there is time to **switch off before the new school year begins**.

So, **should school holidays should be spread out?** Let's decide today!





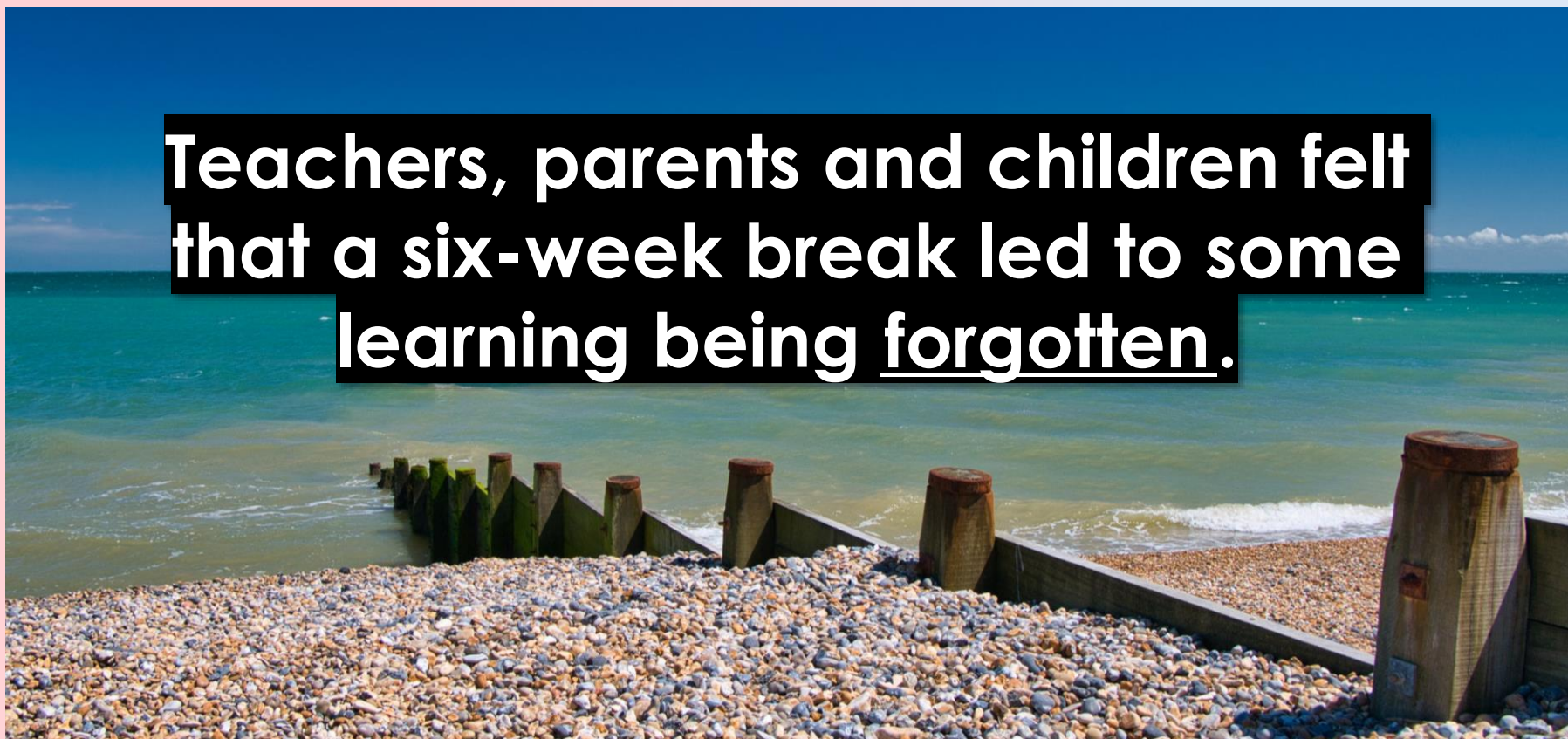
Recently, some **research** was carried out in **Wales** to find out **people's thoughts on spreading the school holidays out more equally** throughout the year.

Whole class activity (5-10 mins)

Over the next few slides, you will read about some **results from the research**. For each one, **point to the correct answer to fill in the gap** in the sentence.



Teachers, parents and children felt that a six-week break led to some learning being forgotten.



remembered

that
the s

Point to the
answer.

remember
term.

forgotten



Most new information is taught in the autumn term because it is the longest.

autumn

Point to the answer.

spring



Learners said that the autumn term made them feel tired.

tired
How are you feeling as

Point to the answer.

alert
d of the autumn term?



Teachers see the summer holiday as an important break between school years for learners.



Parents
A study of 100 parentkindergarten spread school holidays

Point to the answer.

Teachers
parents in 100 schools to across the year.



Individual activity (4-8 mins)

Not everyone wants to **relax during school holidays**. Look at some ideas over the next few slides. For each one, **use your fingers** to show **how important it is to you and your break**.

1

Not
important

2

Quite
important

3

Very
important





Warm weather





Length of time off





Clubs and activities





Time with family and friends





Going on holiday





Resting and relaxing



4 Holiday, celebrate



Individual activity (2-3 mins)

Look at the ideas we've just looked at. On a scrap piece of paper or whiteboard, **pick three** that are **most important** to you.

Warm
weather

Time with family
and friends

Length of
time off

Going on
holiday

Clubs and
activities

Resting and
relaxing



Individual activity (5-10 mins)

Over the next few slides, you are going to read some **people's opinions on spreading out the school holidays**. For each one, decide whether you agree or disagree. If you **agree**, walk to the left. If you **disagree**, walk to the right.



5 Take a break



We should have longer holidays in the summer when the weather is nicest!



I enjoy going to clubs because I get to see my friends in the holidays.

Challenge (1 min)
Have you been to any free holiday clubs in your local area?

5 Take a break



I feel exhausted in the autumn term. I'd like an extra week of holiday to rest and relax.

5 Take a break



I like having lots of time off over Christmas and New Year to spend time with my friends and family.



5 Take a break



I find it difficult to remember things I've learned after a break from school.

5 Take a break



Mum has to work in the holidays. She must be so busy looking after us and doing her work!



5 Take a break



I don't need the holidays to be spread out. I think longer breaktimes in the school day would be more helpful!

Curriculum link – PE
What happens to our bodies when we exercise?

5 Take a break



All schools should have the same holidays so I can see my friends and family.



Now's your chance to vote on: "Should school holidays be spread out?"

Yes

There's too much time off for Christmas when it's cold and you're stuck inside.

A shorter summer holiday would help because I find it difficult to remember the things I've learned after a break from school.

The autumn term is very long. I'd like an extra week of holiday to rest and relax.

I like having lots of time to meet with family at Christmas and New Year.

We need to make sure children at different schools have the same time off so families and friends can come together.

We should keep all the time off in the summer when the weather is warmer.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with Simon Calder, Jeremy Miles MS, Hays Travel, Parentkind and National Association Primary Education.

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