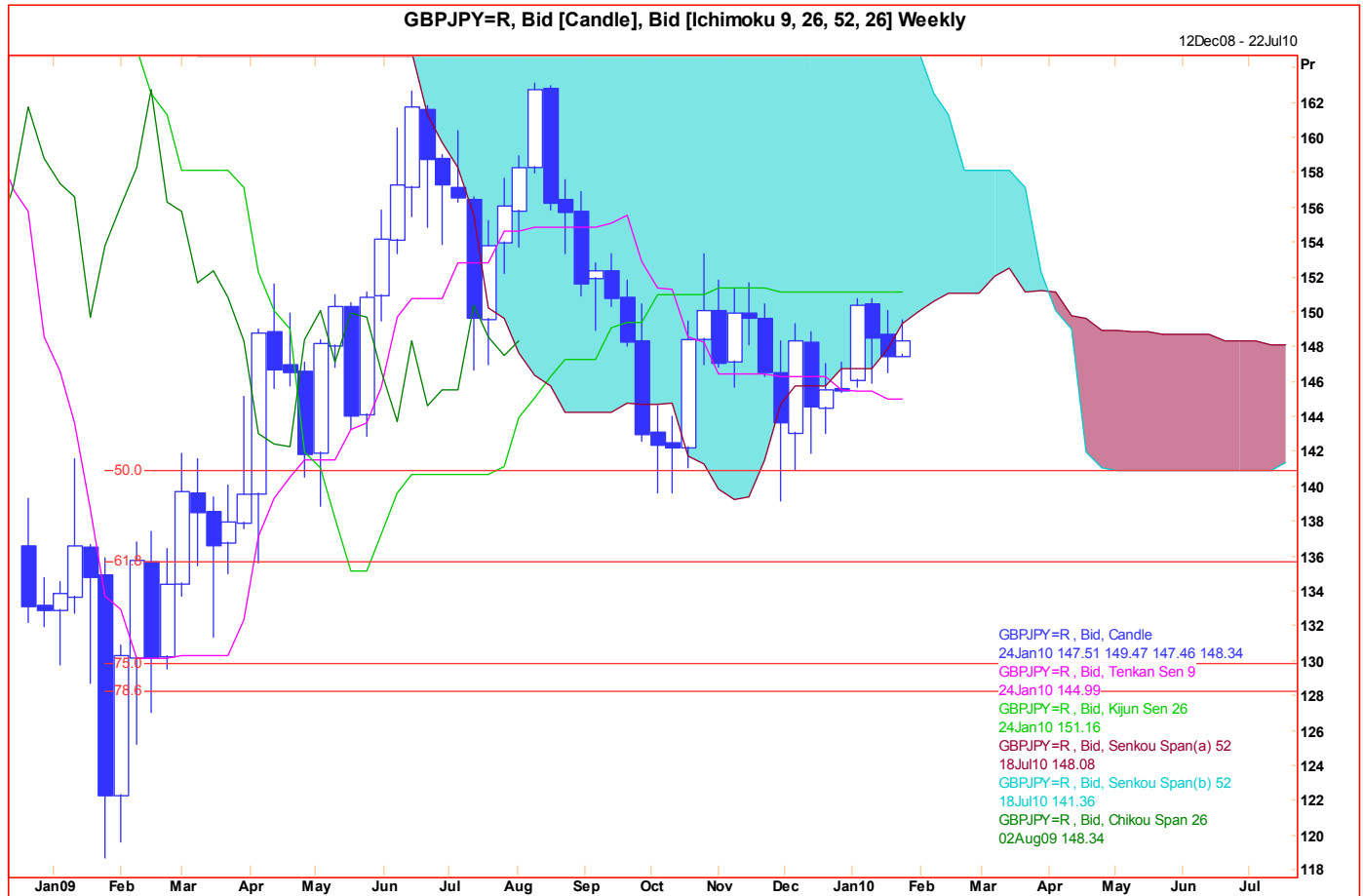


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**Comment:** Moving serenely across the page over the last three months, consolidating at a slightly lower level than last year's 'double top' at 163.00. The pair is now trading below the lower edge of the weekly Ichimoku 'cloud' and the Lagging Span should find resistance from this too, setting up for a drop to the next area of potential consolidation at 135.00 (Fibonacci 61% retracement) Though unlikely until Q2, we shall not rule out a move as low as 130.00 where a very lengthy and tortuous basing process ought to start.

A weekly close above 152.00 forces us to review and postpones any potential downside test significantly..

**Chart Levels:**

Support	Resistance	Direction of Trade
<b>146.50</b>	<b>150.00</b>	
<b>145.75</b>	<b>150.65</b>	
<b>143.00</b>	<b>151.65*</b>	
<b>141.00*</b>	<b>153.25</b>	
<b>139.65/139.25**</b>	<b>157.00</b>	

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