

School term and holiday dates Academic Year 2026/2027

Governing bodies are responsible for setting the term and holiday dates for their schools. This calendar provides a framework to support governing bodies in determining those dates. Individual school dates may vary, so parents and carers should check the relevant school's website for confirmed dates.

Autumn term 2026

Date	Details
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Autumn term starts
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026	Half-term holiday
Friday 18 December 2026	Autumn term ends
Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027	Christmas holiday (includes Christmas Day and New Year's Day)

Religious festivals

Festival	Date
Vikram New Year (Gujarati)	Wednesday 21 October 2026
Diwali	Sunday 8 November 2026
Guru Nanak's Birthday	Tuesday 24 November 2026

Spring term 2027

Date	Details
Monday 4 January 2027	Spring term starts
Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027	Half-term holiday
Thursday 25 March 2027	Spring term ends
Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027	Spring holiday

Religious festivals

Festival	Date
Ramadan	Predicted to begin on the evening of Tuesday 9 February 2027
Eid ul-Fitr	Predicted to begin on the evening of Tuesday 9 March 2027
Easter Sunday	Sunday 28 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Date	Details
Monday 12 April 2027	Summer term starts
Monday 3 May 2027	Early May bank holiday
Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Half-term holiday
Thursday 22 July 2027	Summer term ends
From Friday 23 July 2027	Summer holiday (end date to be confirmed)

Religious festivals

Festival	Date
Eid ul-Adha	Predicted to begin on the evening of Wednesday 27 May 2027

Note: Islamic dates are predicted and may vary depending on moon sightings.

Additional information

- Maintained schools must be open for 190 teaching days (380 sessions) each academic year in accordance with the Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations 1999.
- This proposed calendar provides for 195 school days, with flexibility for governing boards to designate up to two additional school days (up to a maximum of 197 school days).
- This flexibility may be used to accommodate religious observance or to extend the Christmas or summer holiday period.
- Five days should be identified for staff training (INSET). Pupils do not attend school on these days. INSET may be delivered as full days or through an equivalent number of twilight sessions.