

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 15th March 2025	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3595
TITLE:	School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-27 Academic Year	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix A School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-27 Academic Year		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 To consider the school term and holiday dates for the 2026-27 academic year

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is asked to;

2.1 Recommend to all schools the Council's preferred calendar of school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2026-27, based on the 195 day model.

2.2 To approve the calendar attached at Appendix A, which will maximise consistency of dates for the benefit of children and their parents within Bath & North East Somerset.

2.3 To note that Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), Academies, Foundation, Free School and Voluntary Aided Schools have the power to determine their own term and holiday dates

3 THE REPORT

3.1 Local Authorities are expected to propose a calendar of school term and holiday dates for public consultation.

3.2 There are two ways the dates can be proposed. Option 1 is a 195 day model with 5 in-service days being taken within these dates. Option 2 is a 190 day model with 5 in-service days being taken outside of these dates. Historically the Council has adopted Option 1 but between 2014 and 2016 it set a calendar

based on Option 2. This did not prove popular with schools and the Council has since reverted to Option 1, the 195 day model.

- 3.3 The Council endeavours to set school term and holiday dates in line with neighbouring local authorities where this is practical. In some instances, where authorities propose differing dates, this is not always possible. Council officers consult with colleagues in neighbouring authorities prior to public consultation to align dates as closely as possible.
- 3.4 Following approval of the agreed school term and holiday dates these will be circulated to schools and published on the Council's website in late Spring 2025.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3181) state that in each academic year a school shall be open to receive pupils for not less than 380 sessions or 190 days. These proposed dates satisfy those requirements.
- 4.2 To try and achieve consistency in dates across all schools the Local Authority will recommend a set of dates for approval by individual governing bodies.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The standard academic year is based on 195 school days. Schools are open for 190 days and 5 days are used for in-service training. The Home to School Transport (HTST) budget is based on the financial year and is adjusted annually depending on the number of days which schools are open in the financial year. There will normally be 190 school days when the Council provide transport. However, depending on when the Easter Holiday falls this can vary slightly from year to year. If the Easter holiday means the number of days increase in one year this is usually compensated by a fall in the following year and vice versa.
- 5.2 If as a result of a school adopting their own dates, there is an increase in HTST costs the Council will recover the additional cost from the school.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 No adverse impacts were identified from the Equalities Impact Assessment.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 8.1 Aligning term dates, as closely as possible, between schools and local authorities reduces the need for additional car journeys. Extra journeys can be a consequence where children attend different schools or if parents are employed in educational establishments and term dates do not coincide.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None – to ensure the proposed dates align as closely as possible to neighbouring local authorities

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation took place with all schools between 3rd January 2025 and 14th February 2025.

10.2 Consultation has taken place with neighbouring authorities with most consulting on the same dates to those shown in the Bath & North East Somerset 195 day model.

10.3 The proposed dates were also placed on the consultations page of the Council's website.

10.4 There were no responses received by the Council during the consultation period relating to the 2026-2027 proposed dates. There was one response received from an academy trust, but this related to the 2025-2026 term dates.

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Background papers	None
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PROPOSED SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
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June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
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<u>Bank & Public Holidays 2025/26</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>
Christmas Day – 25 December 2026	Term 1	2 September – 23 October 2026	38
Boxing Day – 28 December 2026	Term 2	2 November – 18 December 2026	35
New Year's Day – 01 January 2027	Term 3	4 January – 12 February 2027	30
Good Friday – 26 March 2027	Term 4	22 February – 25 March 2027	24
Easter Monday – 29 March 2027	Term 5	12 April – 28 May 2027	34
May Day – 3 May 2027	Term 6	7 June – 22 July 2027	34
Spring Bank Holiday – 31 May 2027			
Summer Bank Holiday – 30 August 2027			

An additional 5 days are available for professional training (inset days). These additional closures are set by the Headteacher and Governors of individual schools.

Academy Trusts, Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools can set their own term dates which may be different to those published by Bath & North East Somerset. Please check with individual schools for their dates.