

Early Years Education Funding Standard Offer 2025 – 2026

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2025/26

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025							NOVEMBER 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27		M		3	10	17	24	
T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28		T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29		W		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31		F		7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	7	14	21	28			S	5	12	19	26			S	2	9	16	23	30	
DECEMBER 2025							JANUARY 2026							FEBRUARY 2026						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	
T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27		T		3	10	17	24	
W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28		W		4	11	18	25	
T	4	11	18	25			T	1	8	15	22	29		T		5	12	19	26	
F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23	30		F		6	13	20	27	
S	6	13	20	27			S	3	10	17	24	31		S		7	14	21	28	
S	7	14	21	28			S	4	11	18	25			S	1	8	15	22		
MARCH 2026							APRIL 2026							MAY 2026						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27		M			4	11	18	25
T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28		T			5	12	19	26
W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29		W			6	13	20	27
T		5	12	19	26		T	2	9	16	23	30		T			7	14	21	28
F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24			F		1	8	15	22	29
S		7	14	21	28		S	4	11	18	25			S		2	9	16	23	30
S	1	8	15	22	29		S	5	12	19	26			S		3	10	17	24	31
JUNE 2026							JULY 2026							AUGUST 2026						
M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27		M		3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30		T		7	14	21	28		T		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24			W	1	8	15	22	29		W		5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25			T	2	9	16	23	30		T		6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26			F	3	10	17	24	31		F		7	14	21	28	
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Standard funding is 38 weeks across the child's funded year (based on their birth date). Providers need to choose their pattern of claiming, for example they may claim 14 weeks in Autumn, 11 in Spring and 13 in Summer. **The number of weeks claimed must never exceed 38.**

Some providers may be affected by inset or closure days if they are based in a school or community building. Many providers link to several schools whose inset days may vary, so in this case the providers must decide for themselves when they wish to close or not offer funded hours. When making this decision they should consider that a child's funded year will often fall across two school years, so they need to consider and agree with the parents' which days they can offer funded hours and potentially which days children may attend but must be privately paid for.

To help providers with these decisions we have compiled the information below:

In the Autumn funding period 2025 there are a total of 73 possible opening days:

14 x Mondays and Tuesdays
15 x Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

In the Spring funding period 2026 there are a total of 55 possible opening days:

11 x Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

In the Summer funding period 2026 there are a total of 67 possible opening days:

13 x Mondays, Thursday and Fridays
14 x Tuesdays and Wednesdays

It has always been the case that providers must decide, and advise parents, which 190 of the total opening days they will be delivering funded hours. There are a potential 195 days of being open based on the academic year, for children attending 5 days per week, there could be a need for some chargeable hours.

While considering your options for opening days, please also take notice of how many Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays you will be offering funded hours for.

It may be that, for children attending on a Monday, there will be fewer than 38 sessions available over the year. If that is the case providers have 2 options:

- 1) Offer parents the missed hours on an alternative day if you can accommodate this, or
- 2) Advise parents that they will not be able to take up their full funded entitlement.

If you offer option 2 you must make sure that you reduce the total hours claimed in the summer period by the number of missed hours due to the May bank holiday.