

East Ayrshire School Holidays 2026/27

Term dates, holidays, in-service days and pupil return dates for every East Ayrshire council school.

2026/27 dates are East Ayrshire's own published calendar.

Term starts	19 August 2026
Term ends	29 June 2027
Summer holiday	30 June 2027 – 13 August 2027 (45 days)
In-service days	5

2026/27 holidays and in-service days

PERIOD	STARTS	ENDS	DAYS	TYPE
August In-Service Days	17 August 2026	18 August 2026	2	In-service
September Weekend	18 September 2026	21 September 2026	4	Holiday
October Holiday	12 October 2026	16 October 2026	5	Holiday
October In-Service Day	19 October 2026	19 October 2026	1	In-service
Christmas Holiday	21 December 2026	4 January 2027	15	Holiday
February Holiday	12 February 2027	15 February 2027	4	Holiday
February In-Service Day	16 February 2027	16 February 2027	1	In-service
Easter Holiday	26 March 2027	9 April 2027	15	Holiday
May Day	3 May 2027	3 May 2027	1	Holiday
May In-Service Day	24 May 2027	24 May 2027	1	In-service
Summer Holiday	30 June 2027	13 August 2027	45	Holiday

When do pupils go back?

The first day pupils are back in class after each break, with weekends and any in-service day on the return already skipped.

After the September Weekend	22 September 2026
After the October Holiday	20 October 2026
After the Christmas Holiday	5 January 2027
After the February Holiday	17 February 2027
After the Easter Holiday	12 April 2027
After the May Day	4 May 2027

Looking ahead: 2027/28

Confirmed. These 2027/28 dates are taken from East Ayrshire's own published calendar. Where the council has not yet published the following August's return date, the end of the summer holiday is estimated from the usual pattern.

Term starts 18 August 2027 and ends 30 June 2028.

PERIOD	STARTS	ENDS	DAYS	TYPE
August In-Service Days	16 August 2027	17 August 2027	2	In-service
September Weekend	17 September 2027	20 September 2027	4	Holiday
October Holiday	11 October 2027	22 October 2027	12	Holiday
October In-Service Day	25 October 2027	25 October 2027	1	In-service
Christmas Holiday	22 December 2027	4 January 2028	14	Holiday

February Holiday	21 February 2028	21 February 2028	1	Holiday
February In-Service Day	22 February 2028	22 February 2028	1	In-service
Easter Holiday	3 April 2028	17 April 2028	15	Holiday
April In-Service Day	18 April 2028	18 April 2028	1	In-service
May Day	1 May 2028	1 May 2028	1	Holiday
Summer Holiday	3 July 2028	11 August 2028	40	Holiday

Source

Free from EduSCOT, Scotland's education guide for parents. The live page at <https://eduscot.co.uk/school-holidays/east-ayrshire> carries the same dates plus a calendar (.ics) download, a comparison with any other council and the council's clothing grant and placing-request deadline. Official source: <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk>