

Highland School Holidays 2026/27

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

2026/27 dates are Highland's own published calendar.

Term starts	19 August 2026
Term ends	1 July 2027
Summer holiday	2 July 2027 – 17 August 2027 (47 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 In-Service Day	14 September 2026	14 September 2026	1	In-service
October Holiday	12 October 2026	23 October 2026	12	Holiday
Christmas Holiday	23 December 2026	5 January 2027	14	Holiday
February Break	15 February 2027	16 February 2027	2	Holiday
February In-Service Day	17 February 2027	17 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	6 May 2027	6 May 2027	1	In-service
Summer Holiday	2 July 2027	17 August 2027	47	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 October Holiday	26 October 2026
After the Christmas Holiday	6 January 2027
After the February Break	18 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 Highland'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 29 June 2028.

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August In-Service Days	16 August 2027	17 August 2027	2	In-service
September In-Service Day	13 September 2027	13 September 2027	1	In-service
October Holiday	11 October 2027	22 October 2027	12	Holiday
Christmas Holiday	22 December 2027	4 January 2028	14	Holiday
February Break	14 February 2028	15 February 2028	2	Holiday
February In-Service Day	16 February 2028	16 February 2028	1	In-service

Easter Holiday	3 April 2028	17 April 2028	15	Holiday
May Day	1 May 2028	1 May 2028	1	Holiday
June In-Service Day	5 June 2028	5 June 2028	1	In-service
Summer Holiday	30 June 2028	15 August 2028	47	Holiday

Source

Free from EduSCOT, Scotland's education guide for parents. The live page at <https://eduscot.co.uk/school-holidays/highland> 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.highland.gov.uk>