

Scottish Borders School Holidays 2026/27

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

2026/27 dates are Scottish Borders'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	3

2026/27 holidays and in-service days

PERIOD	STARTS	ENDS	DAYS	TYPE
October Holiday	12 October 2026	16 October 2026	5	Holiday
October In-Service Day	19 October 2026	19 October 2026	1	In-service
St Andrew's Day Holiday	30 November 2026	30 November 2026	1	Holiday
Christmas Holiday	23 December 2026	5 January 2027	14	Holiday
February Holiday	8 February 2027	12 February 2027	5	Holiday
February In-Service Day	15 February 2027	15 February 2027	1	In-service
Good Friday	26 March 2027	26 March 2027	1	Holiday
Easter Holiday	5 April 2027	16 April 2027	12	Holiday
May Day	3 May 2027	3 May 2027	1	Holiday
May In-Service Day	4 May 2027	4 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	20 October 2026
After the St Andrew's Day Holiday	1 December 2026
After the Christmas Holiday	6 January 2027
After the February Holiday	16 February 2027
After the Good Friday	29 March 2027
After the Easter Holiday	19 April 2027
After the May Day	5 May 2027

Looking ahead: 2027/28

Confirmed. These 2027/28 dates are taken from Scottish Borders'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.

PERIOD	STARTS	ENDS	DAYS	TYPE
August In-Service Days	16 August 2027	17 August 2027	2	In-service
October Holiday	11 October 2027	15 October 2027	5	Holiday
October In-Service Day	18 October 2027	18 October 2027	1	In-service
St Andrew's Day Holiday	29 November 2027	29 November 2027	1	Holiday

Christmas Holiday	22 December 2027	5 January 2028	15	Holiday
February Holiday	14 February 2028	18 February 2028	5	Holiday
February In-Service Day	21 February 2028	21 February 2028	1	In-service
Easter Holiday	3 April 2028	14 April 2028	12	Holiday
May Day	1 May 2028	1 May 2028	1	Holiday
May In-Service Day	2 May 2028	2 May 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/scottish-borders> 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.scotborders.gov.uk/schools>