

Shetland Islands School Holidays 2026/27

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

2026/27 dates are Shetland Islands's own published calendar.

Term starts	19 August 2026
Term ends	2 July 2027
Summer holiday	3 July 2027 – 17 August 2027 (46 days)
In-service days	3

2026/27 holidays and in-service days

PERIOD	STARTS	ENDS	DAYS	TYPE
October Holiday	12 October 2026	23 October 2026	12	Holiday
October In-Service Days	26 October 2026	27 October 2026	2	In-service
Christmas Holiday	21 December 2026	4 January 2027	15	Holiday
Occasional Holiday	27 January 2027	27 January 2027	1	Holiday
February Holiday	12 February 2027	15 February 2027	4	Holiday
February In-Service Day	16 February 2027	16 February 2027	1	In-service
Spring Holiday	25 March 2027	6 April 2027	13	Holiday
Occasional Holiday (May)	21 May 2027	21 May 2027	1	Holiday
Summer Holiday	3 July 2027	17 August 2027	46	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	28 October 2026
After the Christmas Holiday	5 January 2027
After the Occasional Holiday	28 January 2027
After the February Holiday	17 February 2027
After the Spring Holiday	7 April 2027
After the Occasional Holiday (May)	24 May 2027

Looking ahead: 2027/28

Confirmed. These 2027/28 dates are taken from Shetland Islands'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
October Holiday	11 October 2027	22 October 2027	12	Holiday
October In-Service Days	25 October 2027	26 October 2027	2	In-service
Christmas Holiday	22 December 2027	4 January 2028	14	Holiday
Occasional Holiday	26 January 2028	26 January 2028	1	Holiday
February Holiday	18 February 2028	18 February 2028	1	Holiday
February In-Service Day	21 February 2028	21 February 2028	1	In-service

Spring Holiday	3 April 2028	17 April 2028	15	Holiday
Occasional Holiday (May)	19 May 2028	19 May 2028	1	Holiday
Summer Holiday	3 July 2028	15 August 2028	44	Holiday

Source

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