



Have
your
say on

Proposed School term and holiday dates from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032

We want to hear your thoughts
on our proposed term dates

Online: leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation

For general enquiries or comments about this consultation
please phone **0116 305 6324** or e-mail admissions@leics.gov.uk

Public consultation: We will be consulting on proposals for a
six week period from **5th May 2026 to midnight 15th June 2026.**

This consultation aims to seek your views on two potential options for school term and holiday dates for Leicestershire schools (from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032).

Why does Leicestershire County Council get involved with this?

School term and holiday dates are determined by school employers. As Leicestershire County Council is the employer for community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire, it determines the term dates for these settings. Following the Deregulation Act 2015 academies have the power to set their own term time dates.

Leicestershire County Council's school term dates are currently set until the end of the 2026-27 academic year.

Do all community, voluntary-controlled, and community special schools in Leicestershire have to adopt the school term & holiday dates set by Leicestershire County Council?

In principle yes, but there is some flexibility to allow schools to amend term time patterns in-line with academies that have moved away from our patterns. In Leicestershire several secondary academies have partially moved away from our model. This can result in siblings in different schools having different term time patterns which causes difficulties with organising care arrangements and planning time off together as a family.

With this in mind, Leicestershire County Council has a recommended process that allows community schools to amend their term time patterns to fall in-line with the local secondary academy. The community school must request permission from Leicestershire County Council's Director of Children and Families to amend their term patterns to align with the local academy's.

Who determines the INSET days?

INSET (In-Service Education and Training) days are now responsibility of the Headteacher to set. Leicestershire County Council no longer proposes or sets these days. The term time patterns we are consulting on allow for 190 school days each year, however headteachers may choose to set inset days during the school year which would impact the individual term date pattern for their school.

What is Leicestershire's current school term pattern?

Traditionally, Leicestershire has always had a different school term pattern compared to surrounding areas and most other parts of the country. Compared to other areas, Leicestershire currently has:

- An early autumn break (October half term holiday)
- An early spring break (February half term holiday)
- An early start to the summer holidays that is around 2 weeks earlier than surrounding local authorities.

Why consult?

To ensure schools and parents have sufficient notice about future school term dates, we now need to consult on term dates for the following five academic years (from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032).

Previous consultations that included opportunities to align school terms with surrounding areas have confirmed Leicestershire's unique pattern is popular with the majority of parents. We are therefore proposing to retain the traditional Leicestershire holiday and term date pattern.

Leicestershire County Council wants to consult parents, teachers and local residents on proposed term dates for 2027 to 2032 to provide an opportunity to shape proposals before they are confirmed.

Working in collaboration with us, Leicester City Council will also be running a consultation on the City term patterns over the same time period as the County Council. This collaboration aims to improve outcomes for all those affected by the school term dates in the area and will seek to align dates across both Council areas where possible. Dates for October half term, Christmas break, February half term, Easter break and May half term are aligned on proposed dates for both Council areas. However, proposed summer holiday dates differ slightly across both Councils. In addition, the City Council does propose inset days as part of their term date pattern and in some cases these may not entirely align with the decisions taken by individual headteachers in Leicestershire on the timing of inset days.

Proposed term dates

We have developed term time proposals for 2027 – 2032 that we welcome your feedback on.

The proposed dates in this consultation are based on the following key principles and aims.

Principles:

- The requirement to have 380 sessions (190 school days) during a school year;
- To ensure school holidays take into consideration Christian religious dates to allow families to observe religious occasions such as Christmas and Easter;
- Where possible, national bank holidays have been incorporated into school holidays;
- Where possible to try and aim for a summer break of more than a minimum of five weeks;
- Where practical, offer a more balanced term length throughout the year compared to the current pattern;
- To consider Leicestershire term times alongside neighbouring local authorities.

Proposal for academic year 2027/28

	Option 1	Option 2
Autumn term	Aug	Schools open Wednesday 18 August until Friday 15 October 2027 (Bank Holiday Monday 30 August)
	Sep	Schools open Wednesday 25 August until Friday 22 October 2027 (Bank Holiday Monday 30 August)
	Oct	Half-term: Monday 25 – Friday 29 October 2027
	Nov	Half-term: Monday 18 – Friday 29 October 2027
Spring term	Dec	Schools open Monday 1 November until Friday 17 December 2027
	Jan	Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December 2027 – Monday 3 January 2028 (Bank Holiday Monday 3 January)
	Feb	Schools open Tuesday 4 January until Friday 18 February 2028
	Mar	Half-term: Monday 21 – Friday 25 February 2028
Summer term	Apr	Schools open Monday 28 February until Friday 7 April 2028
	May	Easter holiday: Monday 10 – Friday 21 April 2028
	Jun	Schools open Monday 24 April until Friday 26 May 2028 (Bank Holiday Monday 1 May)
	Jul	Half-term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2028 (Bank Holiday Monday 29 May)
	Schools open Monday 5 June until Friday 7 July 2028	
	Summer holiday: Monday 10 July – 29 August 2028	
	Summer holiday: Monday 10 July – 18 August 2028	

NOTE: Five inset days need to set by school. The Local Authority no-longer set inset days.

Summer holiday comparison

July														August						
10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31	1	2	3	4	7
Leicestershire Summer Holiday start 10 July																				
											Lincolnshire Summer holiday starts 24 July									
											Warwickshire Summer holiday starts 24 July									
											North Northants Summer holiday starts 24 July									
											Derbyshire Summer holiday starts 25 July									
													Nottinghamshire Summer holiday starts 27 July							

Proposals for academic year 2028/29

		Option 1	Option 2
Autumn term	Aug	Schools open Tuesday 29 August until Friday 20 October 2028 (Bank Holiday Monday 28 August)	Schools open Monday 21 August until Friday 13 October 2028 (Bank Holiday Monday 28 August)
	Sep		
	Oct		
	Nov	Half-term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2028	
Spring term	Dec	Schools open Monday 30 October until Friday 15 December 2028	Schools open Monday 30 October until Friday 15 December 2028
	Jan	Christmas holiday: Monday 18 December 2028 – Monday 1 January 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 1 January)	
	Feb	Schools open Tuesday 2 January until Friday 9 February 2029	Schools open Tuesday 2 January until Friday 9 February 2029
	Mar	Half-term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February 2029	
Summer term	Apr	Schools open Monday 19 February until Friday 23 March 2029	Schools open Monday 19 February until Friday 23 March 2029
	May	Easter holiday: Monday 26 – Friday 6 April 2029	
	Jun	Schools open Monday 9 April until Friday 25 May 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 7 May)	Schools open Monday 9 April until Friday 25 May 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 7 May)
	Jul	Half-term: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 28 May)	
		Schools open Monday 4 June until Wednesday 11 July 2029	Schools open Monday 4 June until Wednesday 11 July 2029
		Summer holiday: Thursday 12 July – 27 August 2029	Summer holiday: Thursday 12 July – 17 August 2029

NOTE: Five inset days need to set by school. The Local Authority no-longer set inset days.

Summer holiday comparison

July										August										
12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31	1	2	3	6	7	8	9
Leicestershire Summer Holiday start 12 July																				
											Derbyshire Summer holiday starts 26 July									
												Nottinghamshire Summer holiday starts 30 July								

Proposals for academic year 2029/30

		Option 1	Option 2
Autumn term	Aug	Schools open Tuesday 28 August until Friday 19 October 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 27 August)	Schools open Monday 20 August until Friday 12 October 2029 (Bank Holiday Monday 27 August)
	Sep		
	Oct		
	Nov	Half-term: Monday 22 – Friday 26 October 2029	Half-term: Monday 15 – Friday 26 October 2029
	Dec	Schools open Monday 29 October until Friday 21 December 2029	Schools open Monday 29 October until Friday 21 December 2029
	Jan	Christmas holiday: Monday 24 December 2029 – Friday 4 January 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 1 January)	
Spring term	Feb	Schools open Monday 7 January until Friday 15 February 2030	Schools open Monday 7 January until Friday 15 February 2030
	Mar	Half-term: Monday 18 – Friday 22 February 2030	
	Apr	Schools open Monday 25 February until Friday 5 April 2030	Schools open Monday 25 February until Friday 5 April 2030
	May	Easter holiday: Monday 8 – Monday 22 April 2030	
Summer term	May	Schools open Tuesday 23 April until Friday 24 May 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 6 May)	Schools open Tuesday 23 April until Friday 24 May 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 6 May)
	Jun	Half-term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 27 May)	
	Jul	Schools open Monday 3 June until Wednesday 10 July 2030	Schools open Monday 3 June until Wednesday 10 July 2030
		Summer holiday: Thursday 11 July – 26 August 2030	Summer holiday: Thursday 11 July – 16 August 2030

NOTE: Five inset days need to set by school. The Local Authority no-longer set inset days.

Summer holiday comparison

July												August									
11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31	1	2	5	6	7	8	9
Leicestershire Summer Holiday start 11 July																					
												Derbyshire Summer holiday starts 26 July									
												Nottinghamshire Summer holiday starts 29 July									

Proposals for academic year 2030/31

		Option 1	Option 2
Autumn term	Aug	Schools open Tuesday 27 August until Friday 18 October 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 26 August)	Schools open Monday 19 August until Friday 11 October 2030 (Bank Holiday Monday 26 August)
	Sep		
	Oct	Half-term: Monday 21 – Friday 25 October 2030	Half-term: Monday 14 – Friday 25 October 2030
	Nov	Schools open Monday 28 October until Friday 20 December 2030	Schools open Monday 28 October until Friday 20 December 2030
Dec			
Spring term	Jan	Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2030 – Friday 3 January 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 1 January)	
	Feb	Schools open Monday 6 January until Friday 14 February 2031	Schools open Monday 6 January until Friday 14 February 2031
	Mar	Half-term: Monday 17 – Friday 21 February 2031	
	Apr	Schools open Monday 24 February until Friday 4 April 2031	Schools open Monday 24 February until Friday 4 April 2031
Summer term	May	Schools open Monday 21 April until Friday 23 May 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 5 May)	Schools open Monday 21 April until Friday 23 May 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 5 May)
	Jun	Half-term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 26 May)	
	Jul	Schools open Monday 2 June until Tuesday 8 July 2031	Schools open Monday 2 June until Tuesday 8 July 2031
		Summer holiday: Wednesday 9 July – 25 August 2031	Summer holiday: Wednesday 9 July – 15 August 2031

NOTE: Five inset days need to set by school. The Local Authority no-longer set inset days.

Proposals for academic year 2031/32

		Option 1	Option 2
Autumn term	Aug	Schools open Tuesday 26 August until Friday 17 October 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 25 August)	Schools open Monday 18 August until Friday 10 October 2031 (Bank Holiday Monday 25 August)
	Sep		
	Oct	Half-term: Monday 20 – Friday 24 October 2031	Half-term: Monday 13 – Friday 24 October 2031
	Nov	Schools open Monday 27 October until Friday 19 December 2031	Schools open Monday 27 October until Friday 19 December 2031
Dec			
Spring term	Jan	Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December 2031– Friday 2 January 2032 (Bank Holiday Monday 1 January)	
	Feb	Schools open Monday 5 January until Friday 13 February 2032	Schools open Monday 5 January until Friday 13 February 2032
	Mar	Half-term: Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2032	
	Mar	Schools open Monday 23 February until Thursday 25 March 2032	Schools open Monday 23 February until Thursday 25 March 2032
	Apr	Easter holiday: Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2032	
	May	Schools open Monday 12 April until Friday 28 May 2032 (Bank Holiday Monday 3 May)	Schools open Monday 12 April until Friday 28 May 2032 (Bank Holiday Monday 3 May)
Summer term	Jun	Half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2032 (Bank Holiday Monday 31 May)	
	Jun	Schools open Monday 7 June until Wednesday 7 July 2032	Schools open Monday 7 June until Wednesday 7 July 2032
	Jul	Summer holiday: Thursday 8 July 2032	

NOTE: Five inset days need to set by school. The Local Authority no-longer set inset days.

Days per term Summary

		Number of School Days	
		HALF TERM	FULL TERM
Autumn 2027 to Summer 2028	1	42 days	Autumn
	2	35 days	77 days
	3	34 days	Spring
	4	30 days	64 days
	5	24 days	Summer
	6	25 days	49 days
		TOTAL 190	TOTAL 190

		Number of School Days	
		HALF TERM	FULL TERM
Autumn 2028 to Summer 2029	1	42 days	Autumn
	2	35 days	77 days
	3	29 days	Spring
	4	25 days	54 days
	5	34 days	Summer
	6	25 days	59 days
		TOTAL 190	TOTAL 190

		Number of School Days	
		HALF TERM	FULL TERM
Autumn 2029 to Summer 2030	1	42 days	Autumn
	2	40 days	82 days
	3	30 days	Spring
	4	30 days	60 days
	5	23 days	Summer
	6	25 days	48 days
		TOTAL 190	TOTAL 190

		Number of School Days	
		HALF TERM	FULL TERM
Autumn 2030 to Summer 2031	1	41 days	Autumn
	2	40 days	81 days
	3	30 days	Spring
	4	30 days	60 days
	5	24 days	Summer
	6	25 days	49 days
		TOTAL 190	TOTAL 190

		Number of School Days	
		HALF TERM	FULL TERM
Autumn 2031 to Summer 2032	1	42 days	Autumn
	2	40 days	82 days
	3	30 days	Spring
	4	24 days	54 days
	5	34 days	Summer
	6	20 days	54 days
		TOTAL 190	TOTAL 190

How the consultation will work

The consultation will run from **Tuesday 5th May to midnight on 15th June 2026**.

To submit your views, please fill out the consultation survey and make sure it reaches us by **midnight on 15th June** at the latest. The survey is available online at **www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation**.

Paper copies of the survey are available on request by calling **0116 305 6324**.

What happens next?

Following the consultation, we will consider all the responses received and a report, including a recommendation for a final proposed school term & holiday pattern will be taken to the council's Cabinet for their consideration in September 2026.

The pattern that is decided upon by the Cabinet will come into effect from Autumn 2027.

The decision will be published on our school admissions pages

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions and on our consultation pages www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/previous-consultations

The Cabinet report will also be publicly available.

You can view the latest information in a number of ways

Visit us online at leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation
Our web pages will be kept up-to-date with the latest information and developments. You'll also be able to access the survey here.

Send an email to admissions@leics.gov.uk to register for the latest news and updates.

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Alternatively, you can telephone **0116 305 6324** to ask for information in printed or alternative formats.

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