

## 2025-2026 school calendar – regional comparison

How the Leeds school calendar compares against our neighbouring authorities:									
	Start of year	Half-term	Christmas holiday		Half-term	Easter holiday		Half-term	End of year
<b>WEST YORKS</b>									
Leeds <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	2 April	20 April	25-29 May	21 July
Bradford <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
Calderdale <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
Kirklees <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
Wakefield <i>Draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
<b>EAST &amp; NORTH YORKS</b>									
East Riding <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
Hull									
North Yorks									
York <i>draft</i>	1 Sept	27 – 31 Oct	19 Dec	5 Jan	16 - 20 Feb	27 March	13 April	25-29 May	20 July
	All match	All match	All match	All match	All match	All match except for Leeds	All match except for Leeds	All match	All match

- September start date matches across the region
- October, February and May half terms match across the region
- Christmas holiday dates match across the region
- Due to the fixed Easter arrangement, the Easter break in Leeds starts one week later than all other LAs. The Easter bank holiday weekend falls at the beginning of the two-week break
- July finish date matches across the region (Leeds breaks up one day later than other authorities)

### Summer holiday in 2026

This is likely to be 5 weeks and 3 days. Some schools will take Mon 20<sup>th</sup> & Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July as training days to make the summer break up to 6 weeks.

### Start of the new school year in 2026

Our regional principles state that the first day of the new school year should be the *first Monday in September*, which in 2026 would be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. However, this is very late and would make the 2026 summer holiday 6 weeks and 3 days long. There would also be implications for the 2026-27 academic year as schools would not break up until around the 28 July which is very late.

It will be another year before LAs consult on their 2026-27 dates, but early indications are that LAs in our region would favour the start of the school year being Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (immediately after the August Bank Holiday)