

DRAFT Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2025-2026

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026						
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- = Schooldays/Weekends
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Open Evening
- ◇ = Staff Development Days/Faculty Conference (SDD)
(Teaching staff only – 5 Jan and 20 July Teaching staff off in lieu of Twilight sessions)

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 Monday 1 st September 2025 – SDD1 (Non-Pupil Day) Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 – Year 7 and Year 11 selected Prefects Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 – All Year Groups in School Thursday 25 th September 2025 – Open Evening Friday 26 th September 2025 – SDD2 (Non-Pupil Day/Staff Appraisal Day) <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i> <i>Monday 22nd December – School Closed (Christmas Holidays 22 Dec – 2 Jan)</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 Monday 5 th January 2026 – SDD3 (Non-Pupil Day) Tuesday 6 th January 2026 – All Year Groups in School <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i> <i>Easter Holidays – Monday 31st March – Friday 10th April inclusive</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i> Friday 3 rd July 2026 – SDD4 Planning Day (Non-Pupil Day) Monday 20 th July 2026 – SDD5 (Non-Pupil Day)	65 days
		195 days