



School Terms and Holidays 2025-2026

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Autumn Term 2025

Month		School Days
August	(12-15 August: Teachers' Planning days) Monday 18 August: First day of School Monday 25 August: National Bank Holiday	9
September		22
October	27-31 October: Autumn Break	18
November		20
December	Thursday 18 December: Last day before Christmas, ends 14.30 (Friday 19 December Teachers' Planning Day)	14
	Total	83

Spring Term 2026

Month		School Days
January	Monday 5 January: First day of School in 2026	20
February	16-20 February: Winter Break	15
March	Friday 27 March: Last day before Easter	20
April	Monday 13 April: First day after Easter Saturday 25 April : Open Day/ Compulsory School Day	15
May	Monday 4 May: National Bank Holiday Sunday 17 May : Norwegian Constitution Day/ Compulsory School Day Monday 25 May: National Bank Holiday (Tuesday 26 May: Teachers' planning day)	18
June	Thursday 18 June: Last Day of School, ends 14.30	14
	Total	102

Excursions et cetera

Month		School Days
All months	Excursions and overnight school trips	5
	Total	5

	Total number of School Days 2025-2026	190
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First Day of School 2026-2027: Mid-August 2026 (Subject to Change)

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Appendix

As an Independent School the school enjoys freedom to determine its own school terms and holidays. Typically UK schools will have up to 38 weeks per academic year and the number of lessons will be considerably higher than in primary and secondary schools in Norway.

The Head Teacher has the authority to determine the School Terms and Holidays following consultations with Staff and Parents' Representatives.

According to Norwegian school regulations the required minimum number of school weeks is 38 for maintained schools. For private schools there is no set number of weeks. However all schools are required to provide the same minimum annual number of lessons. Hence there is a tradition to have 38 weeks also for private schools. In addition there will be allocated Inset days for Staff. These days will not influence the School Terms and Holidays for pupils as laid out above.

Traditionally The Norwegian School in London has followed these guidelines for School Terms and Holidays:

- A total of 38 School Weeks
- First Day of School: mid or late August according to Norwegian tradition
- Autumn Break: the last week of October (this year week 43)
- Christmas Holidays: two weeks (Our last school day in Dec is traditionally earlier than most places in Norway)
- Winter Break: one week mid or late February (This year week 7)
- Easter Holidays: two weeks including the week ending with Good Friday and the week commencing with Easter Monday
- Because of Easter this year the Open Day is on the last Saturday in April: Compulsory School Day
- 17 May: Compulsory School Day (this year on a Sunday)
- Last Day of School: around Mid-Summer according to Norwegian tradition
- National Bank Holidays
- Norwegian Holidays Labour Day 1 May, 17 May, Ascension Day and White Monday have *not* been observed

The following information and documents have been taken into consideration when preparing this draft for School Terms and Holidays for the academic year 2025-2026:

- Traditions of The Norwegian School in London as laid out above
- National Bank Holidays
- School Terms and Holidays 2025-2026 for Merton Council
- School Terms and Holidays for Norway 2025-2026
- Norwegian School Regulations
- Employee Handbook

The required minimum number of school lessons according to Norwegian school regulations has been observed in this plan for 2025-2026.

- First Day of School, Christmas Holidays and Easter Holidays correspond with the School Traditions.
- Autumn Break and Winter Break correspond with the School Traditions and School Terms and Holidays 2025-2026 for Merton Council.
- Last Day of School corresponds with the School Traditions and more or less with School Terms and Holidays for Norway.
- All National Bank Holidays have been observed.

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