

Friday 23rd May 2025

Agreed Term Dates for 2026/27, 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30

Executive Summary:

For several years, many multi-academy trusts (MATs) and single academy trusts in Sutton, Elmbridge & Runnymede, Mole Valley and Reigate & Banstead, have adopted a two-week Autumn half-term holiday. More recently, in October 2024, Surrey County Council also concluded a [consultation](#) on introducing a similar change for its maintained schools.

The LEO Academy Trust Board of Trustees previously considered this adjustment in the Summer Term of 2021. At that time, amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the decision was made not to proceed, primarily due to concerns about potential disruption for parents. Consequently, term dates for the 2023/24 through to 2026/27 academic years were set following the traditional model for schools in England.

Given the increasing number of trusts adopting the two-week Autumn break and following Surrey County Council's consultation, LEO Academy Trust revisited this matter. After seeking the opinions of our school leaders, the Board of Trustees has now agreed on a new approach for future term dates.

Outcome:

LEO Academy Trust will implement a two-week half-term holiday during the Autumn Term for the academic years:

- 2026/27
- 2027/28 • 2028/29
- 2029/30

To accommodate this change, the previously published term dates for the 2026/27 academic year have been revised to include this two-week Autumn half-term.

All of these agreed term dates can be found on our school websites; an example is [here](#).

Rationale:

- Moving to a two week half term holiday during the Autumn Term will bring the Trust's schools in-line with the majority of their neighbouring schools, both primary and secondary.

- The proposed term dates see the removal of four INSET days, leaving just one. INSET days can be disruptive for parents, with fixed holiday periods easier to plan for.
- The Autumn term often comprises one 8 week half-term; the end of this term becomes less useful as students and staff become very tired and illness is higher as a result.
- We believe using this “week” at other times will be better for students’ learning and progress.
- A two week Autumn half term holiday will ensure a maximum of 7 weeks before and after the Autumn half term.
- Moving four out of five of our INSET days and staff training to outside term time will give the potential for a two week holiday in the middle of the long Autumn Term for all children and many staff.
- To support parents, our schools will no longer close early on the last day of a school term. This will typically save 5-6 hours across the school year.
- In our model, all other holiday periods remain protected in their current form: Christmas - 2 weeks, Easter - 2 weeks and Summer - 6 weeks. A one week half term holiday will be held in the Spring and Summer Terms.

FAQ:

Does this mean that my child will get less teaching?

No. The number of teaching hours / days for children will stay the same. School days usually used for staff training (INSET days) are now included in the two week Autumn half term. All LEO schools follow the DfE non statutory guidance for an extended minimum school week of 32.5 hours.

Will this mean that the school year will start earlier or later than other schools?

Maybe. The start dates of schools always vary, depending on when they take INSET days. Our intention would be to start each academic year in-line with term dates published by Surrey County Council and Sutton LA. Other schools may start a day or so later, or may start the same day.

Will the school still have INSET days and training time?

Yes. There will be one day, immediately before children return to school in September, which will be used as an INSET day.

Teachers will complete a minimum of a further 20 hours of training or other activities outside of the main school day / year, as directed by their principal.

Term Dates 2026/27

Previously Agreed Term Dates, 2026/27

Last Day of Term in Summer 2027: Friday 16 July 2027

Summer Holidays: Monday 19 July 2027 - Tuesday 31 August 2027
(6 weeks & 2 days)



Revised Term Dates, 2026/27

Autumn 2026

INSET Day: Tuesday 1 September 2026

First Day of Term: Wednesday 2 September 2026

Half Term: Monday 19 October - Friday 30 October 2026

End of Term: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas Holiday: 21 December 2026 - 1 January 2027

Summer Term 2027

First Day of Term: Monday 4 January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15 February- Friday 19 February 2027

End of Term: Thursday 25 March 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26 March - Friday 9 April 2027

Summer Term 2027

First Day of Term: Monday 12 April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2027 - Friday 4 June 2027

End of Term: Tuesday 20 July 2027

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 21 July 2027 - Tuesday 31 August 2027

Term Dates, 2027/28

Autumn Term 2027

INSET Day: Wednesday 1 September 2027

First Day of Term: Thursday 2 September 2027

Half Term: Monday 18 October - Friday 29 October 2027

End of Term: Friday 17 December 2027

Christmas Holiday: 20 December 2027 - 3 January 2028

Spring Term 2028

New Year Bank Holiday: Monday 3 January 2028

First Day of Term: Tuesday 4 January 2028

Half Term: Monday 14 February- Friday 18 February 2028

End of Term: Friday 31 March 2028

Easter Holiday: Monday 3 April - Monday 17 April 2028

Summer Term 2028

First Day of Term: Tuesday 18 April 2028

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2028

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2028 - Friday 2 June 2028

End of Term: Friday 21 July 2028

Summer Holiday: Monday 24 July 2028 - Friday 1 September 2028

Term Dates, 2028/29

Autumn Term 2028

INSET Day: Monday 4 September 2028

First Day of Term: Tuesday 5 September 2028

Half Term: Monday 23 October - Friday 3 November 2028

End of Term: Friday 22 December 2028

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25 December 2028 - Friday 5 January 2029

Spring Term 2029

First Day of Term: Monday 8 January 2029

Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2029

End of Term: Friday 30 March 2029

Easter Holiday: Monday 2 April - Friday 13 April 2029

Summer Term 2029

First Day of Term: Monday 16 April 2029

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May 2029

Half Term: Monday 28 May 2029 - Friday 1 June 2029

End of Term: Friday 20 July 2029

Summer Holiday: Monday 23 July 2029 - Friday 31 August 2029



Term Dates, 2029/30

Autumn Term 2029

INSET Day: Monday 3 September 2029

First Day of Term: Tuesday 4 September 2029

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Friday 2 November 2029

End of Term: Friday 21 December 2029

Christmas Holiday: Monday 24 December 2029 - Friday 4 January 2030

Spring Term 2030

First Day of Term: Monday 7 January 2030

Half Term: Monday 18 February- Friday 22 February 2030

End of Term: Friday 5 April 2030

Easter Holiday: Monday 8 April - Monday 22 April 2030

Summer Term 2030

First Day of Term: Tuesday 23 April 2030

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2030

Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2030

End of Term: Tuesday 23 July 2030

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 24 July 2030 - Tuesday 3 September 2030

Term Dates, 2030/31

Autumn Term 2030

INSET Day: Tuesday 3 September 2030

First Day of Term: Wednesday 4 September 2030