

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

6th July 2023

Report of the Head of Education Development

Chris Millis

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS

School Terms Dates 2025/2026

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Cabinet permission to approve the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2025/2026 academic year.

Executive Summary

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools.
3. The proposed school term dates 2025/2026 have been consulted upon. Consultation took place between 17th April 2023 and 2nd June 2023. No adverse comments were received.

Background

4. To ensure harmonisation of school term dates across Wales, the Welsh Government have issued legislation which gives the Welsh Ministers power to direct authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools on the school term dates that they set.
5. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
6. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2025/2026 by the final working day in August 2023.
7. The 2025/2026 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
8. Permission is sought to approve the proposed 2025/2026 term dates which are attached as Appendix A and for them to be submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

Consultation

9. Consultation has taken place and no adverse comments were received.

Financial Impact

10. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Integrated Impact Assessment

11. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this Policy does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Valleys Communities Impacts

12. No Implications

Workforce Impacts

13. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

14. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2025/2026 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2023.

Risk Management

15. There are requirements placed on the Local Authority to consult and determine the school term dates prior to submission to the Welsh Ministers.

Recommendations

16. To approve for submission to the Welsh Ministers the proposed 2025/2026 school term dates.

Implementation of Decision

17. To enable the Authority to meet its statutory duties.

Appendices

18. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2025/2026.
19. Appendix B: Consultation Report.

List of Background Papers

20. The Education (Notification of School Term Dates)(Wales) Regulations 2014
21. School Standards and Framework Act, 1998

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Appendix A:
Proposed School Term
Dates 2025/2026.



School Terms and Holiday Dates
2025/2026 Academic Year

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 st September	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October	Friday 19 th December	75
Spring 2026	Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March	55
Summer 2026	Monday 13 th April	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May	Monday 20 th July	65
				Total	195

Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on six days between Monday 1st September 2025 and Monday 20th July 2026.

Bank Holidays

Good Friday Friday 3rd April 2026
Easter Monday Monday 6th April 2026
May Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2026