

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Report of the Head of Education Development**

**Chris Millis**

**MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED – ALL WARDS**

## **School Terms Dates 2026/2027**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To obtain Cabinet permission to consult the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2026/2027 academic year.

### **Executive Summary**

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools and is required to consult on its proposals prior to determination.

### **Background**

3. 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.
4. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.

5. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2026/2027 by the final working day in August 2024.
6. The 2026/2027 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are the same as other authorities, although INSET days may vary.
7. Permission is sort to consult on the proposed 2026/2027 term dates which are attached as Appendix A.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

9. 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**

10. This Impacts on all areas equally.

### **Workforce Impacts**

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

### **Legal Impacts**

12. The Local Authority has a statutory requirement to consult on proposed school term dates.
13. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2026/2027 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2024.

## **Risk Management**

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

## **Consultation**

15. Permission is sort to consult with governing bodies, trade union representatives and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

## **Recommendations**

16. To approve for consultation the proposed 2026/2027 school terms dates.

## **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **Appendices**

18. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2026/2027.

## **List of Background Papers**

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

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Appendix A: Proposed  
School Term Dates  
2026/2027.



**School Terms and Holiday Dates**  
**2026/2027 Academic Year**

		Mid Term Holiday			
Term	Term	Begins	Ends	Term Ends	Days
Autumn 2026	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>74</b>
Spring 2027	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>54</b>
Summer 2027	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>67</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

**Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027.**

**Bank Holidays**

Good Friday                      Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
Easter Monday                  Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
May Bank Holiday              Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027  
Spring Bank Holiday          Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027