

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026



CABINET MEMBER BRIEFING

School term and holiday dates are set by the local authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools and maintained nursery schools. Own admission authority schools may not follow the term dates set by the local authority. As in previous years, we are proposing to consult on and publicise term dates for 2025-2026 and recommend that all the schools in Plymouth adopt them. Both Devon and Cornwall Councils are proposing to take the same approach. The dates for 2024-2025 have already been agreed and are available on the PCC website.

As with the 2024-2025 dates, the proposed 2025-2026 dates for Plymouth schools closely match those proposed by Devon County Council and Cornwall Council, variations are due to Plymouth working on a 200 day calendar, Devon on 197 days and Cornwall on 195 days.

The proposed dates for Plymouth schools continue to support the City Council's aims of setting school terms of more or less equal length and reducing the number of part weeks at the beginning and end of terms.

The tables below compare the proposed dates for Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall Councils.

2025-2026

TERM	Plymouth	Devon	Cornwall
1	3 Sept – 24 Oct 2025	2 Sept – 24 Oct 2025	TBC
2	3 Nov – 19 Dec 2025	3 Nov – 19 Dec 2025	
3	5 Jan – 13 Feb 2026	5 Jan – 13 Feb 2026	
4	23 Feb – 2 Apr 2026	23 Feb – 2 Apr 2026	
5	20 Apr- 22 May 2026	20 Apr – 22 May 2026	
6	1 June – 23 July 2026	1 June – 24 July 2026	

* Governing bodies can choose to use three of their Occasional Days to make the February holiday a full week.

We undertook a consultation with stakeholders to ascertain the views of all interested parties on the proposed school term and holiday dates. There were no negative responses.