

# Parliamentary Bureau – Parliamentary Calendar Recess Dates

## Introduction

1. This paper outlines possible recess dates for 2026-27. Under *Standing Orders*, the Parliament shall decide, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau the dates of any Parliamentary recess (Rule 2.3.1).
2. The following observes sitting patterns from previous years.

Proposed recess dates:

- **Summer recess:** 27 June to 30 August 2026 (inclusive). The majority of school terms end on Friday 26 June.
  - **October recess:** 10 to 25 October 2026 (inclusive). Autumn school holidays are generally taking place within these two weeks.
3. **Christmas recess:** 19 December 2026 to 3 January 2027 (inclusive). This recess mirrors most school holidays and encompasses public and privilege holidays. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Friday. [Note 4 January is a public holiday].

## Recommendation

4. The Bureau is invited to lodge a motion recommending dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to and including Christmas recess 2026 for consideration by the Parliament.

Parliamentary Business Team

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