

Parliamentary Bureau – Parliamentary Calendar

Recess dates 2027-2028

Introduction

1. 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. Currently, recess dates up to January 2027 have been agreed by the Parliament. This paper proposes recess dates from February 2027 to January 2028, which take into account planned local authority school holidays.
3. Following the agreement of recess dates, a paper on proposed dates for the Office of the Clerk in 2027-28 will be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.
4. The following observes sitting patterns from previous years.

Proposed recess dates

- **February recess:** 13 February to 21 February 2027 (inclusive). Most Local Authorities are only taking a few days and dates vary but the majority of school mid-term breaks are planned to take place during the week beginning 15 February.
- **Easter recess:** 27 March to 11 April (inclusive) or 3 to 18 April 2027 (inclusive). The Easter weekend falls on Friday 26 /Monday 29 March, there are 16 Local Authorities with holidays scheduled from 26 March to 9 April and 16 with school holidays scheduled from 5 to 16 April.
- **Summer recess:** 26 June to 29 August 2027 (inclusive). All school terms end on or after Monday 28 June. All school holidays, currently published, end by Sunday 22 August.
- **October recess:** 9 to 24 October 2027 (inclusive). Autumn school holidays, currently published, are generally taking place within these two weeks.
- **Christmas recess:** 20 December 2027 to 2 January 2028 (inclusive). Most school holidays start on 22 December and Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 January 2028 are likely to be public holidays.

Recommendation

5. The Bureau is invited to consider the above options **including its preferred option for Easter recess** and agree to lodge a motion recommending the above dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to January 2028 for consideration by the Parliament

Parliamentary Business Team
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