

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. At its meeting on 27 August, the Bureau agreed to the proposed dates for February recess, summer recess, October recess and Christmas recess and agreed to return to discussion of dates for Easter recess to today's meeting. The proposed recess dates for Easter are outlined below.
3. A copy of Easter recess dates for individual local authorities is attached at Annexe A.

Proposed recess dates

- **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.

Recommendation

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

Parliamentary Business Team
September 2026

Local Authority dates

Local Authority	Easter
Aberdeen City Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
Aberdeenshire Council	29 Mar to 9 Apr
Angus Council	29 Mar to 9 Apr
Argyll and Bute Council	2 to 16 Apr
City of Edinburgh Council	5 to 19 Apr
Clackmannanshire Council	2 to 16 Apr
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	26 Mar to 9 Apr
Dumfries and Galloway Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
Dundee City Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
East Ayrshire Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
East Dunbartonshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
East Lothian Council	5 to 19 Apr
East Renfrewshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
Falkirk Council	5 to 16 Apr
Fife Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
Glasgow City Council	5 to 16 Apr
Highland Council	29 Mar to 9 Apr
Inverclyde Council	5 to 16 Apr
Midlothian Council	5 to 21 Apr
Moray Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
North Ayrshire Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
North Lanarkshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
Orkney Islands Council	29 Mar to 9 Apr
Perth and Kinross Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
Renfrewshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
Scottish Borders Council	5 to 16 Apr
Shetland Islands Council	25 Mar to 6 Apr
South Ayrshire Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr
South Lanarkshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
Stirling Council	5 to 16 Apr
West Dunbartonshire Council	5 to 16 Apr
West Lothian Council	26 Mar to 9 Apr