

2026 HOLIDAY PLANNER

United Kingdom - Wales

Schools

3 school calendar periods across 3 dates | 0 estimated / awaiting confirmation
3 stored date rows. Separate holidays sharing a date retain their own entries.

Published school periods overlapping 2026. Full period boundaries are retained. Terms, breaks and student-free days remain distinct; division and local school arrangements can differ. Long weekends below use full-day public holidays for this jurisdiction, not school terms or break periods.

Selected Cardiff council periods only, not all Wales. Coverage starts September 2026 and runs through July 2028. Later periods and voluntary aided school arrangements require the relevant school calendar.

DATE / WEEKDAY	SCHOOL TERMS, BREAKS AND STUDENT-FREE DAYS
1 Sep 2026 Tuesday Through 18 Dec 2026	Autumn term Confirmed — source checked Cardiff Term. Cardiff council calendar only; other authorities and individual schools may differ. Voluntary aided schools and school-specific INSET days may differ. Term spans include the separately listed half-term break.
26 Oct 2026 Monday Through 30 Oct 2026	Autumn half-term Confirmed — source checked Cardiff Break. Cardiff council calendar only; other authorities and individual schools may differ. Voluntary aided schools and school-specific INSET days may differ. Term spans include the separately listed half-term break.
19 Dec 2026 Saturday Through 3 Jan 2027	Christmas break Confirmed — source checked Cardiff Break. Cardiff council calendar only; other authorities and individual schools may differ. Inclusive non-term interval derived from the council-published term end and next term start; includes weekends and bank holidays. Check school INSET arrangements.

TIME OFF & PLANNING NOTES

Long weekends

Listed days can include closure periods, not just a festival's observance date. Follow the holiday links for the reviewed date roles. Estimated dates may change.

Assumed weekend: **Saturday and Sunday**, plus the listed public holidays. This is a planning assumption, not a universal legal workweek. Employer schedules may differ. Jurisdictions are calculated independently. Local, sector-only and part-day entries are excluded.

BREAK	HOLIDAY / PLANNING STATUS
4 consecutive days 3 Apr 2026 – 6 Apr 2026	Wales: Good Friday, Wales: Easter Monday Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 2 May 2026 – 4 May 2026	Wales: May Day Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 23 May 2026 – 25 May 2026	Wales: Spring Bank Holiday Source review may be pending
3 consecutive days 29 Aug 2026 – 31 Aug 2026	Wales: Summer Bank Holiday Source review may be pending
4 consecutive days 25 Dec 2026 – 28 Dec 2026	Wales: Christmas Day, Wales: Boxing Day Source review may be pending

Check before booking

Bank, office and school coverage is incomplete; an unmarked institution is not necessarily open. Optional-holiday coverage has not been established. Confirm the applicable notice and your employer's schedule before arranging leave.

Your planning notes

Calendar and individual holiday guides:
<https://officepublicholidays.com/united-kingdom/wales-school-holidays-2026/>

Official sources and date status

Recorded confirmation and independent source review are shown separately. An institution-specific notice does not establish closure for every employer or school.

nidirect (Northern Ireland Government)

Bank holidays and coverage

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Northern Ireland bank holiday coverage and employment arrangements.

Scottish Government

Bank holidays and coverage

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Scottish bank holiday calendar, including the one-off 15 June 2026 World Cup bank holiday. Local public holidays and employer arrangements can differ.

UK Government (GOV.UK)

Bank holidays and coverage 2026

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Overview uses the England and Wales calendar. This date is shared by all four UK countries. Substitute bank holiday; distinct from the original occasion date.

UK Government (GOV.UK)

Bank holidays and coverage 2026

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Overview uses the England and Wales calendar. This date is shared by all four UK countries. Check the region before planning closure or leave.

UK Government (GOV.UK)

Bank holidays and coverage 2026

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Overview uses the England and Wales calendar. This date is not a bank holiday throughout the UK; use the regional calendar. Check the region before planning closure or leave.

UK Government (GOV.UK)

Bank holidays and coverage 2026

Confirmed · Scope: public · Checked 2026-09-13

Published england-and-wales calendar. Bank holiday status does not guarantee paid leave or universal workplace closure.

Cardiff Council

School calendar 2026

Awaiting Confirmation · Scope: school · Checked 2026-09-13

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This planner preserves the calendar's recorded statuses. Historical context and institution-specific evidence do not independently confirm every public-holiday date. A checked date below a source is the evidence review date, not a new verification performed when downloading.

Generated 5 October 2026. Check the online calendar for subsequent updates.
<https://officepublicholidays.com/united-kingdom/wales-school-holidays-2026/>