
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	21 January 2025
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Subject:	School Term Dates – Session 2026 / 2027		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Committee for setting the school term dates for the session 2026/27.
- 1.3 The teachers' working year consists of 195 days. 190 days coincide with the school year for pupils and the remaining 5 days are set for the purpose of teacher in-service days.
- 1.4 The proposed term dates take account of the joint agreement to standardise school holidays within the West Partnership. Consultation has taken place with Trade Unions and Parent Council Chairs on the proposed term dates and in-service days with no adverse comments received.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to approve the term dates for 2026/27 as set out in appendix 1 and appendix 2.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 None

4.0 PROPOSALS

4.1 To seek the approval of the Committee for setting the school term dates for the session 2026/27.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 Legal/Risk

None

5.4 Human Resources

None

5.5 Strategic

None

5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

None

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

(c) Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

5.7 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
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X

NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.8 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

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YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

X

NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation has taken place with Trade Unions and Parent Council Chairs on the proposed term dates and in-service days with no adverse comments received.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

Inverclyde School Holiday and Term Dates 2026/2027

August 2026

- Friday, 14 August 2026 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Monday, 17 August 2026 (In-service day)
- Tuesday, 18 August 2026 (Return date for pupils)

September 2026

- Schools close at the end of the day on Thursday, 24 September 2026
- Friday, 25 September 2026 & Monday, 28 September 2026 (September weekend)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 29 September 2026

October 2026

- Schools close at the end of the day on Friday, 09 October 2026
- Monday, 12 October 2026 to Friday, 16 October 2026 (October week)
- Monday, 19 October 2026 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Tuesday, 20 October 2026 (Return date for pupils)

December 2026

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 18 December 2026
- Monday, 21 December 2026 to Friday, 1 January 2027 (Christmas & New Year)

January 2027

- Schools return on Monday, 4 January 2027

February 2027

- Schools close at the end of the day on Friday, 12 February 2027
- Monday, 15 February 2027 & Tuesday, 16 February 2027 (Mid-term break)
- Wednesday, 17 February 2027 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Thursday, 18 February 2027 (Return date for pupils)

March 2027

- Schools close at the end of the day on Thursday, 25 March 2027
- Friday, 26 March 2027 & Monday, 29 March 2027 (Good Friday/Easter Monday)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 30 March 2027

April 2027

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 2 April 2027
- Monday, 5 April 2027 to Friday, 16 April 2027 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 19 April 2027
- Schools close at the end of the school day on Friday, 30 April 2027

May 2027

- Monday, 3 May 2027 (May Day)
- Tuesday, 4 May 2027 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Wednesday, 5 May 2027 (Return date for pupils)
- Schools close at the end of the day on Thursday, 20 May 2027
- Friday, 21 May 2027 & Monday, 24 May 2027 (May weekend)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 25 May 2027

June 2027

- Schools close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 30 June 2027

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2026-2027 School Calendar (DRAFT)

August 2026						
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September 2026						
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June 2027						
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July 2027						
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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



School Open

In-service days – 5
 Teacher days – 195
 Pupil days – 190