

School holiday planner for 2026/27

For two homes. Fill in the dates from your council or school first, then decide each break together. Fill in one copy each or one shared copy.

Parent A

Parent B

Children

School(s)

Council

Regular pattern in term time

For example, every other weekend with Parent B, Friday after school to Sunday 17:00.

Dates vary by council and school. The shaded rows show Suffolk County Council's 2026/27 dates as an example only. Academies, free schools and voluntary aided schools can set their own, and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland run to different calendars. Find yours at gov.uk/school-term-holiday-dates and write them in the dates column.

Autumn term

In "Who has the children", write A or B. Add the time and place in the handover column.

BREAK	DATES	WHO HAS THE CHILDREN	HANDOVER DAY AND TIME	NOTES
Inset days Ask the school office				
October half term Suffolk example: 26 to 30 Oct 2026				
Christmas holidays, first part Suffolk example: 19 Dec to 3 Jan				
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day				
Christmas holidays, second part				
New Year's Eve				
Bank holidays (Christmas, Boxing Day, New Year's Day)				

Spring term

BREAK	DATES	WHO HAS THE CHILDREN	HANDOVER DAY AND TIME	NOTES
Inset days Ask the school office				
February half term Suffolk example: 15 to 19 Feb 2027				
Easter holidays, first half Suffolk example: 26 Mar to 11 Apr 2027				
Easter holidays, second half				
Easter weekend (Good Friday to Easter Monday) Easter Monday is 29 Mar 2027				

Summer term

BREAK	DATES	WHO HAS THE CHILDREN	HANDOVER DAY AND TIME	NOTES
Inset days Ask the school office				
Early May bank holiday Mon 3 May 2027 in England and Wales				
May half term Suffolk example: 31 May to 4 Jun 2027				
Summer holidays, week 1 Suffolk example: from 22 Jul 2027				
Summer holidays, week 2				
Summer holidays, week 3				
Summer holidays, week 4				
Summer holidays, week 5				
Summer holidays, week 6				
Summer bank holiday Mon 30 Aug 2027 in England and Wales				

Half terms are often nine days counting the weekends either side, and inset days can make them ten. Count where the children sleep each night.

Agreed for this year

Tick each one off once you've both agreed it, and write down what you decided.

- ☐ Next breaks planned by: _____
- ☐ Trips away: what we share before we go: _____
- ☐ Holidays abroad: notice period _____ weeks. Permission letter: yes / no
- ☐ Swaps: ask at least _____ days ahead, and a swapped day is given back
- ☐ Working days covered by: _____
- ☐ Holiday clubs booked by: _____ Cost split: _____
- ☐ Driving for handovers: _____
- ☐ Travels with the children: _____
- ☐ Next year, Christmas Day is with: _____ Easter weekend is with: _____
- ☐ We'll review this plan on: _____

Notes

Parent A, date

Parent B, date

Signing this is just a way to show you both agreed. It isn't a legal agreement.