

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR: RECESS DATES 2024-25

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 2024 have been agreed by the Parliament. This paper proposes recess dates from February 2024 to the January 2025, which take into account planned local authority school holidays.
3. A paper on proposed dates for the Office of the Clerk in 2024-25 will be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.
4. The following observes sitting patterns from previous years.

Proposed recess dates

- 2024 February recess: Saturday 10 February to Sunday 18 February (inclusive). The majority of schools hold in-service days or are on holiday w/c Monday 12 February.
- 2024 Easter recess: Saturday 30 March to Sunday 14 April 2023 (inclusive). Almost every local authority has school holidays planned for these two weeks. The Easter public holidays falls at the start of this period (Friday 29 March and Monday 1 April).
- 2024 Summer recess: Saturday 29 June to Sunday 31 August (inclusive). Most school holidays begin in the final week of June or first week of July.
- 2024 October recess: Saturday 12 October to Sunday 27 October (inclusive). Not all schools have published term dates for 2024/25, but of those who have, six have holidays starting in the week commencing 7 October and eight starting in the week commencing 14 October (lasting either one or two weeks).
- 2024-25 Christmas recess: Saturday 21 December to Sunday 5 January 2025 (inclusive). This recess mirrors most of the published school holiday dates and encompasses public and privilege holidays. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Monday.

Recommendation

5. The Bureau is invited to lodge a motion recommending the above dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to January 2025 for consideration by the Parliament.

Parliamentary Business Team
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