

Free Early Education and Care Funding: Funded Weeks 2025-2026

Term time only claims

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Note: Children will be funded from the start of term providing they start their place on or before headcount/census day. For children starting after headcount/census day, the number of weeks remaining in the term can be claimed.

Summer Term 2025 - [22 April – 22 July]

Table 1 Summer Term 2025

Child Start Date Week Commencing	Number of Funded Weeks	Maximum Termly Hours [based on 15/30 hours per week]
22 April	12	180/360
28 April	12	180/360
5 May	12	180/360
12 May -15 May [Headcount/Census: Thursday 15 May]	12	180/360
16 May (Friday)	9	135/270
19 May	8	120/240
26 May	Half Term	
2 June	7	105/210
9 June	6	90/180
16 June	5	75/150
23 June	4	60/120
30 June	3	45/90

Final date for claims for children starting after Headcount/Census Day is 4 July 2025

Claiming for children who have not claimed at another provider in the summer term – providers that are open and offering funded hours during the final term-time week (week commencing 21st July) can adjust the number of weeks by 1, for example: for a child starting week commencing 2nd June providers could claim 8 weeks.

Autumn Term 2025 - [1 September – 19 December]

Child Start Date Week Commencing	Number of Funded Weeks	Maximum Termly Hours [based on 15/30 hours per week]
1 September	14	210/420
8 September	14	210/420
15 September	14	210/420
22 September	14	210/420
29 September to 2 October [Headcount/Census: Thursday 2 October]	14	210/420
3 October (Friday)	11	165/330
6 October	10	150/300
13 October	9	135/270
20 October	8	120/240
27 October	Half Term	
3 Nov	7	105/210
10 Nov	6	90/180
17 Nov	5	75/150
24 Nov	4	60/120
1 Dec	3	45/90

Note: Final date for claims for children starting after Headcount/Census Day is 5 December 2025

Spring Term 2026 - [5 January – 27 March]

Child Start Date Week Commencing	Number of Funded Weeks	Maximum Termly Hours [based on 15/30 hours per week]
5 January	12	180/360
12- 15 January [Headcount/Census: Thursday 15 January]	12	180/360
16 January (Friday)	10	150/300
19 January	9	135/270
26 January	8	120/240
2 February	7	105/210
9 February	6	90/180
16 February	Half term	
23 February	5	75/150
2 March	4	60/120
9 March	3	45/90

Note: Final date for claims for children starting after Headcount/Census Day is 13 March 2026