

# EARLY YEARS CALENDAR 2026-27 - PVI's

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	PAID WEEKS
SUMMER 2026	01/04/2026	18/07/2026	13
AUTUMN 2026	01/09/2026	19/12/2026	14
SPRING 2027	04/01/2027	29/03/2027	11
			<b>38 weeks</b>

FUNDED WEEKS	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
INITIAL HEADCOUNTS	
HEADCOUNT AMENDMENTS	



Apr-26							May							June							July						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
<b>Headcount Open Weds 11th March. Deadline Wed 25th March.</b>																											
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		
3 FUNDED WEEKS							3 FUNDED WEEKS							4 FUNDED WEEKS							3 FUNDED WEEKS						
August							September							October							November						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
							<b>Headcount Open Mon 20th July. Deadline Wed 26th August.</b>																				
					1	2	31	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
0 FUNDED WEEKS							3.5 FUNDED WEEKS							4 FUNDED WEEKS							4 FUNDED WEEKS						
December							January							February							Mar-27						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
							<b>Headcount Open Mon 1st December. Deadline Fri 19th December.</b>																				
										1	2	3															
30	1	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
28	29	30	31											29							30	31					
2.5 FUNDED WEEKS							4 FUNDED WEEKS							3 FUNDED WEEKS							4 FUNDED WEEKS						

## EARLY YEARS CALENDAR 2026-27 - PVI's

### NEW HEADCOUNT DATES

Please make yourselves aware of the below headcount deadlines. Initial Headcount dates have continued to be earlier to enable us to make payments a week earlier.  
**Please ensure you submit on time, if you have any concerns or want to check that we have received your submittal please contact [earlyyearsfinance@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsfinance@bolton.gov.uk)**

Summer Term 2026	Open	Closed
<b>Initial Summer 2026</b>	<b>Weds 11th March</b>	<b>Wed 25th March</b>
May 2026 Amendment	Fri 10th April	Wed 22nd April
June 2026 Amendment	Weds 6th May	Weds 20th May
July 2026 Amendment	Weds 10th June	Weds 24th June
August 2026 Amendment	Weds 8th July	Mon 22nd July
<b>Final Summer 2026</b>	<b>Mon 3rd Aug</b>	<b>Fri 7th Aug</b>

Autumn Term 2026	Open	Closed
<b>Initial Autumn 2026</b>	<b>Mon 20th July</b>	<b>Fri 28th August</b>
October 2026 Amendment	Weds 9th September	Weds 23rd September
November 2026 Amendment	Weds 7th October	Weds 21st October
December 2026 Amendment	Weds 11th November	Weds 25th November
<b>Final Autumn 2026</b>	<b>Weds 9th December</b>	<b>Fri 18th December</b>

Spring Term 2027	Open	Closed
<b>Initial Spring 2027</b>	<b>Tues 1st December</b>	<b>Fri 18th December</b>
February 2027 Amendment	Weds 13th January	Weds 27th January
March 2027 Amendment	Weds 10th February	Weds 24th February
<b>Final Spring 2027</b>	<b>Weds 10th March</b>	<b>Weds 24th March</b>

### FINAL HEADCOUNTS

Final headcount tasks will continue in 2026-27 to give providers the opportunity to finalise their claim and ensure that shared funding queries have been resolved.

**Please be aware at some points in the year two tasks may be open (Final & Initial for the following term)**

Payments are made the second and third Thursday of the month		
Payment Dates	3&4 Year Olds & Under 2s	2 Year Olds (FRAS & Working)
April 2026	Thurs 9th April	Thurs 16th April
May 2026	Thurs 14th May	Thurs 21st May
June 2026	Thurs 11th June	Thurs 18th June
July 2026	Thurs 9th July	Thurs 16th July
August 2026	Thurs 13th August	Thurs 20th August

Payment Dates	3&4 Year Olds & Under 2s	2 Year Olds (FRAS & Working)
September 2026	Thurs 10th September	Thurs 17th September
October 2026	Thurs 8th October	Thurs 15th October
November 2026	Thurs 12th November	Thurs 19th November
December 2026	Thurs 10th December	Thurs 17th December

Payment Dates	3&4 Year Olds & Under 2s	2 Year Olds (FRAS & Working)
January 2027	Thurs 14th January	Thurs 21st January
February 2027	Thurs 11th February	Thurs 18th February
March 2027	Thurs 11th March	Thurs 18th March

### NON SUBMITTAL OF INITIAL HEADCOUNTS.

Please can we remind you of the importance of submitting your initial term headcount by the deadline. If we do not receive your data at the beginning of the term we cannot make payment.

**From April 2025, we will no longer be able to process additional/interim payments due to non-submittal.**

**Please get in touch with Early Years Finance before the final deadline date if there are unforeseen circumstances - 01204 334161 / 01204 337169**

Initial Headcount Task	Deadline Date
Summer 2026	Wed 25th March
Autumn 2026	Friday 28th August
Spring 2027	Friday 18th December