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Cayman Islands Government Schools
2025-2026 School Calendar

TERM 1: **28 August – 20 December 2025**	**Teaching Days: 74** **Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 8**	
August	18	❖ **Return for Duty:** Principals & Deputy Principals ONLY ❖ HR Orientation: New Staff (Principals to attend)
	19	❖ **Return for Duty:** ▪ All Support Services Staff Team Leads for: Allied Health, Ed. Pysch., Specialists, Counsellors & Behaviour Support Service Manager ▪ Team Leads for Music, PE, Spanish & Manager of Career Services ▪ SENCOs, TLCs, LMs, HoDs, Subject Leads (Secondary), TVET Coordinator, Primary ILL, ILN, ILS, MSTs, Coaches ❖ School Orientation: New Staff
	20	❖ **Return for Duty:** ▪ ALL TEACHERS ▪ ALL SUPPORT STAFF ❖ **First Staff Planning Day/Professional Development Day (School Level)**
	21	**Professional Development Day (System Wide)**
	22	**Annual Education Professionals' Welcome at JGHS Gym (a.m.)**
	25	**Professional Development Day (System Wide - TBC)**
	26	❖ New Student Orientation for both primary & high schools (a.m.) ❖ **Professional Development Day (School Level; p.m. - TBC)**
	27	❖ **Schools Open for Primary & High School Students** ❖ CIFEC Class Induction/Registration for Year 12
September	8-12	Diagnostic Testing Primary & Secondary Schools
October	1-31	❖ CAT4 Testing – Yrs. 4, 6 & 9 ❖ Pupil Attitudes towards Self & School (PASS) – Yrs. 1-11
	TBC	KPMG Brain Bowl (Secondary)
	16	**Professional Development Day (School Level) – Schools closed to students**
	17	**Professional Development Day (System Wide) – Schools closed to students**
	20-24	**Schools Closed for Half-Term Break (Students & Teachers)**
November	10	**Public Holiday: Remembrance Day**
	11-14	Schools' Heritage Week
	25	RBC Royal Bank Primary National Spelling Bee
	26	Lions Club of Grand Cayman Secondary National Spelling Bee
December	5	**Professional Development Day (System Wide) – Schools closed to students**
	19	**Schools close for Christmas Break:** ❖ **Students leave at 1:00p.m.** ❖ **Teachers/Staff leave at 3:00p.m.**
TERM 2: **5 January – 2 April 2026**	**Teaching Days: 57** **Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 1**	
January	1	**Public Holiday: New Year's Day**
	5	**Schools Reopen**
	26	**Public Holiday: National Heroes Day**
February	9-12	NCFA Secondary Adjudications (Grand Cayman)
	13	NCFA Secondary Adjudications (Cayman Brac)
	18	**Public Holiday: Ash Wednesday**
	16-20	**Schools Closed for Half-Term Break (Students & Teachers)**
	25	NCFA Secondary Final Concert (Grand Cayman)
	27	Butterfield Young Musician of the Year (TENTATIVE)
	28	Amin Mohammad Memorial Steel Pan Competition (TENTATIVE)
March	9-13	Inter-Primary & Inter-Secondary Sports: Preliminaries
	16-20	Inter-Primary & Secondary Sports: Finals
April	1	**Schools close for Easter Break:** ❖ **Students leave at 1:00p.m. (only)**
	2	**Professional Development Day (System Wide) – Schools closed to students; Schools close for Easter Break for Teachers/Staff at 3:00p.m.**
	3	**Public Holiday: Good Friday**
	7	**Public Holiday: Easter Monday**
TERM 3: **13 April – 30 June 2026**	**Teaching Days: 54** **Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 0**	
April	13	**Schools Reopen**
	17	NCFA Primary Adjudications (Cayman Brac)
	20-24	NCFA Primary Adjudications (Grand Cayman
May	2	NCFA Primary & Secondary Final Concert (Cayman Brac)
	4	**Public Holiday: Emancipation Day**
	7-8	NCFA Primary Final Concerts (Grand Cayman)
		Key Stage 1 Examinations
	18	**Public Holiday: Discovery Day**
		Key Stage 2 Examinations
		Key Stage 2 Examination Make-up Day
June	2-6	Pupil Attitudes towards Self & School (PASS) Yrs. 1-10 (Intervention Students)
	TBC	**Public Holiday: King's Birthday**
	30	**Schools close for Summer Break:** ❖ **Students leave at 1:00p.m.** **Teachers/Staff leave at 3:00p.m.**
July	1-3	Contingency Storm/Emergency Days
	6	**Public Holiday: Constitution Day**

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Summary of Instructional/Teaching Days and Staff Planning/Professional Development Days Per Month

TERM 1		
Month	**Total Teaching Days**	**Staff Planning/Professional Development Days**
August	3	5 (2 school organised; 3 system organised)
September	22	0
October	16	2
November	19	0
December	14	1
Total:	**74**	**8**
End of Term 1: 20 December 2024: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		
TERM 2		
Month	**Total Teaching Days**	**Staff Planning/Professional Development Days**
January	19	0
February	15	0
March	22	0
April	1	1 (system organised)
Total:	**57**	**1**
End of Term 2: 2 April 2025: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		
TERM 3		
Month	**Total Teaching Days**	**Staff Planning/Professional Development Days**
April	14	0
May	19	0
June	21	0
July	0	0
Total:	**54**	**0**
End of Term 3: 30 June 2025: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		

Contingency Storm/Emergency Days	
Month	**Total Days**
July	3

Key for Calendar	
Abbreviation	**Meaning**
Coaches	Science, Math and Literacy Coaches
Ed.Psychs.	Educational Psychologists
HoDs/SLs (Secondary)	Heads of Department/Subject Leads
ILL	Instructional Leader (Literacy)
ILN	Instructional Leader (Numeracy)
ILS	Instructional Leader (Science)
LMs	Learning Mentors
MSTs	Math Specialist Teachers
OTs	Occupational Therapists
SALTs	Speech and Language Therapists
SIS	School Inclusion Specialists
SENCO	Special Education Needs Coordinators
SIS	School Inclusion Specialists
SPLs	Student Progress Leader
TLCs	Teaching and Learning Coordinators
TVET Coordinator	Technical and Vocational Education and Training

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