

Appendix 1 - Summary of Important Dates 2025/2026

Term	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026
Funding period dates	1 April – 31 August 2025	1 September – 31 December 2025	1 January – 31 March 2026
Funded weeks	13 – 22	14 – 18	11 - 13
Max number of funded hours in funding period	195 hours (entitlement no code needed) 195 hours (entitlement code needed)	210 hours (entitlement no code needed) 210 hours (entitlement code needed)	165 hours (entitlement no code needed) 165 hours (entitlement code needed)
Monthly payments	21 April 2025 23 May 2025 20 June 2025 21 July 2025 22 August 2025	22 September 2025 20 October 2025 21 November 2025 22 December 2025	23 January 2026 20 February 2026 20 March 2026
Estimated Hours - submission window opens in Establishment Portal	1 April 2025	1 September 2025	2 January 2026
Estimated Hours - submission window closes in Establishment Portal	6 April 2025	7 September 2025	8 January 2026
Headcount week	12 – 16 May 2025	1 – 7 October 2025	12 – 16 January 2026
Headcount - submission window opens in Establishment Portal	12 May 2025	1 October 2025	12 January 2026
Headcount - submission window closes in Establishment Portal	16 May 2025	7 October 2025	16 January 2026
Financial Statement - emailed out to early years providers	Week commencing 16 June 2025	Week commencing 10 November 2025	Week commencing 9 February 2026
Financial Statement – closing date for amendments to be emailed to Early Years inbox	4 July 2025	28 November 2025	25 February 2026
EYPP and DAF lump sum payments made	21 July 2025	22 December 2025	20 March 2026
Mid-term changes – submission window closes in Establishment Portal	31 August 2025	31 December 2025	31 March 2026
Mid-term change payments made by	30 September 2025	30 January 2026	30 April 2026