# Higher Walton CE Primary School

# School Term and Holiday Dates 2027-28

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| **Autumn Term 2027** | |
| **INSET day (closed to pupils)** | **Wednesday 1st September 2027** |
| School Reopens | Thursday 2nd September 2027 |
| Mid Term Closure (normal time) | Friday 22nd October 2027 |
| **INSET day (closed to pupils)** | **Monday 1st November 2027** |
| School Reopens | Tuesday 2nd November 2027 |
| Term Closure | Friday 17th December 2027 |
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| **Spring Term 2028** | |
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| **INSET day (closed to pupils)** | **Tuesday 4th January 2028** |
| School Reopens | Wednesday 5th January 2028 |
| Mid Term Closure | Friday 11th February 2028 |
| School Reopens | Monday 21st February 2028 |
| Term Closure | Friday 31st March 2028 |
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| **Summer Term 2028** | |
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| School Reopens | Tuesday 18th April 2028 |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 1st May 2028 |
| Mid Term Closure | Friday 26th May 2028 |
| **INSET day (closed to pupils)** | **Monday 5th June 2028** |
| **INSET day (closed to pupils)** | **Tuesday 6th June 2028** |
| School Reopens | Wednesday 7th June 2028 |
| Term Closure | Friday 21st July 2028 |
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| **Total days in School – 190**<br>**Total INSET days - 5** | |

**Leave requests** - It is a legal requirement for parents/carers to obtain the permission of the Headteacher **before** removing their child from school in order to take any leave in term time. Forms available from the office. Parents do not have an automatic right to take their children out of school for leave during term time without prior arrangement with the Headteacher. The legislation only allows the Headteacher to authorise such leave in exceptional circumstances.

**Penalty Notices -** At Higher Walton C of E Primary School, the governing body have made the decision to issue penalty notices for holidays, periods of unauthorised absence and persistent lateness in line with the government's current guidance.[1]

The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the registers closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

Penalty notices are charged at the rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days. Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.

A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).

Further information about Penalty Notices and prosecution can be found on the Lancashire County Council website.[2]

[1] www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance
[2] www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/pay-an-education-penalty-notice

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