

Early Years Funded Free Entitlement For Under 5s - Timetable Academic Year 2025/26

(#) by 4pm	Autumn Term 2025/26	Spring Term 2025/26	Summer Term 2025/26
Claim Forms for Headcount Actual Issued (#)	10 July 2025	08 December 2025	16 March 2026
Headcount Actual Task Opens (#)	30 July 2025	15 December 2025	23 March 2026
Eligibility Code Deadline Date	31 August 2025	31 December 2025	31 March 2026
Term Starts	01 September 2025	05 January 2026	13 April 2026
Headcount Actual Task Closes @ 11:59pm	05 September 2025	09 January 2026	17 April 2026
Headcount Actual Payment Released from GCC (*) - 1st Instalment	19 September 2025	23 January 2026	01 May 2026
2nd Instalment received by	28 September 2024	28 January 2026	28 May 2026
3rd Instalment received by	28 October 2025	28 February 2026	28 June 2026
4th Instalment received by	28 November 2025	28 March 2026	28 July 2026
Headcount Actual payment breakdown lists issued (#)	22 September 2025	26 January 2026	05 May 2025
Headcount Amendment Task Opens (#)	03 November 2025	02 February 2026	01 June 2026
Headcount Amendment Task Closes @ 11:59pm	28 November 2025	06 March 2026	26 June 2026
Headcount Amendment Payment Released from GCC (*)	12 December 2025	20 March 2026	10 July 2026
Headcount Amendment payment breakdown lists issued (#)	15 December 2025	23 March 2026	13 July 2026
Number of funded weeks	14 weeks	11 or 12 (TBC)	12 or 13 (TBC)
Term Ends	19 December 2025	27 March 2026	09 August 1900

(*) We do endeavour to meet the published payment dates for the 1st Instalment and the Amendment payment, but they are not guaranteed due to IT issues out of our control. The payment dates are when the funds leave Gloucestershire County Councils bank account and it can then take up to **3 working days** to reach your bank account. Please ensure that you have adequate funds to avoid any cash flow problems should we, for some reason, be unable to make the payments on the scheduled dates.