

Early Years Funded Entitlements For Under 5s - Timetable Academic Year 2026/27

(#) by 4pm	Autumn Term 2026/27	Spring Term 2026/27	Summer Term 2026/27
Claim Forms for Headcount Actual Issued (#)	13 July 2026	11 December 2026	22 March 2027
Headcount Actual Task Opens (#)	15 July 2026	16 December 2026	23 March 2027
Eligibility Code Deadline Date	31 August 2026	31 December 2026	31 March 2027
Term Starts	01 September 2026	04 January 2027	12 April 2027
Headcount Actual Task Closes @ 11:59pm	08 September 2026	08 January 2027	16 April 2027
Headcount Actual Payment Released from GCC (*) - 1st Instalment	22 September 2026	22 January 2027	30 April 2027
2nd Instalment Released from GCC	28 September 2026	28 January 2027	28 May 2027
3rd Instalment Released from GCC	28 October 2026	26 February 2027	28 June 2027
4th Instalment Released from GCC	27 November 2026	25 March 2027	28 July 2027
Headcount Actual payment breakdown lists issued (#)	23 September 2026	25 January 2027	04 May 2027
Headcount Amendment Task Opens (#)	02 November 2026	08 February 2027	07 June 2027
Headcount Amendment Task Closes @ 11:59pm	01 December 2026	05 March 2027	02 July 2027
Headcount Amendment Payment Released from GCC (*)	15 December 2026	19 March 2027	16 July 2027
Headcount Amendment payment breakdown lists issued (#)	16 December 2026	22 March 2027	19 July 2027
Number of funded weeks	14 weeks	11 weeks	13 weeks
Term Ends	18 December 2026	25 March 2027	21 July 2027

(*) 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.