

South Africa Public School Holidays – 2025

Term 1:

- **Start:** 15 January 2025
- **End:** 28 March 2025
- **Public Holidays:** Human Rights Day (21 March)
- **School Holidays:** 29 March – 7 April

Term 2:

- **Start:** 8 April 2025
- **End:** 17 June 2025
- **Public Holidays:** Good Friday (18 April), Family Day (21 April), Freedom Day (27 April), Workers' Day (1 May), Youth Day (16 June)
- **Special School Holidays:** 29 April – 2 May
- **School Holidays:** 18 June – 8 July

Term 3:

- **Start:** 22 July 2025
- **End:** 3 October 2025
- **Public Holidays:** National Women's Day (9 August), Heritage Day (24 September)
- **School Holidays:** 6 – 10 October

Term 4:

- **Start:** 13 October 2025
- **End:** 10 December 2025
- **Public Holidays:** Day of Reconciliation (16 December), Christmas Day (25 December), Day of Goodwill (26 December)

Note: The 2025 school year includes an additional "special holiday week" from 29 April to 2 May, due to the observance of public holidays falling on consecutive days.

ZA South Africa Public School Holidays – 2026

Term 1:

- **Start:** 14 January 2026
- **End:** 27 March 2026
- **Public Holidays:** None

Term 2:

- **Start:** 8 April 2026
- **End:** 26 June 2026
- **Public Holidays:** Good Friday (3 April), Family Day (6 April), Freedom Day (27 April), Workers' Day (1 May), Youth Day (16 June)
- **Special School Holidays:** 15 June
- **School Holidays:** 27 June – 8 July

Term 3:

- **Start:** 21 July 2026
- **End:** 2 October 2026
- **Public Holidays:** National Women's Day (9 August), Heritage Day (24 September)
- **Special School Holidays:** 25 September
- **School Holidays:** 3 – 9 October

Term 4:

- **Start:** 13 October 2026
- **End:** 9 December 2026
- **Public Holidays:** Day of Reconciliation (16 December), Christmas Day (25 December), Day of Goodwill (26 December)
- *Note: The 2026 school year includes special school holidays on 15 June and 25 September, as per the Department of Basic Education's calendar.*