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Circular No: 30/2025

All Chief Secretaries to the Provincial Councils,
All Secretaries to the Provincial Ministries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Deputy/Assistant Divisional Directors of Education,
All Principal Theros of Pirivenas,
All Principals of Government and Government Approved Private Schools

School Calendar - 2026

01. The School Calendar and related particulars to be followed within the year 2026 are as follows

I. For Sinhala and Tamil Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	First Phase Thursday 01 st January 2026 to Friday 13 th February 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 14.02.2026 to 02.03.2026)
	Second Phase Tuesday 03 rd March 2026 to Friday 10 th April 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 11.04.2026 to 19.04.2026)
Second Term	Monday 20 th April 2026 to Friday 24 th July 2026 (both days inclusive)
Third Term	First Phase Monday 27 th July 2026 to Friday 07 th August 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 08.08.2026 to 06.09.2026)
	Second Phase Monday 07 th September 2026 to Friday 04 th December 2026 (both days inclusive)

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II. For Muslim Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	First Phase Thursday 01 st January 2026 to Friday 13 th February 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 14.02.2026 to 22.03.2026)
	Second Phase Monday 23 rd March 2026 to Friday 10 th April 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 11.04.2026 to 19.04.2026)
	Third Phase Monday 20 th April 2026 to Thursday 30 th April 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 01.05.2026 to 03.05.2026)
Second Term	First Phase Monday 04 th May 2026 to Tuesday 26 th May 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 27.05.2026 to 31.05.2026)
	Second Phase Monday 01 st June 2026 to Friday 31 st July 2026 (both days inclusive)
Third Term	First Phase Monday 03 rd August 2026 to Wednesday 02 nd September 2026 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 03.09.2026 to 06.09.2026)
	Second Phase Monday 07 th September 2026 to Friday 04 th December 2026 (both days inclusive)

02. If each Provincial Ministries of Education views that it needs to make changes in the school calendar in accordance with circumstances identical in their respective provinces, this calendar may be amended subject to the following conditions and in compliance with the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education.

- 2.1. As per the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education regarding the school calendar, the emphasis has been given that all schools in Sri Lanka should be held for 210 days per year. However, according to the public holidays of the year 2026, it has been impossible to hold the schools for 210 days. Consequently, for the year 2026, all government and government-approved private schools and approved pirivenas should be held for 197 days.
- 2.2. Since the G.C.E (A/L) Examination 2026 is scheduled to be held in August and the G.C.E (O/L) Examination – 2025 (2026) is scheduled in the February of the year 2026, and G.C.E (O/L) Examination-2026 is scheduled in the December, the school vacations should be granted as scheduled in the calendar.

03. All schools will be closed during public holidays declared by the Government, Sundays and school holidays. However, if the school has to be closed on a day when the school should be held due to a special reason, the sessions in lieu of such day have to be held.

04. The Calendar of Public Holidays for the year 2026 is hereby sent to you (Annex-I) and the calendar of the school activities will be published on the website of this Ministry (www.moe.gov.lk).

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In case of any issues arisen during the implementation of this calendar, please feel free to contact the Director of Education, School Activities Branch.

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7. Chairman, Sri Lanka Transport Board

List of Public Holidays - 2026

January	03	Saturday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
January	15	Thursday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
February	01	Sunday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	04	Wednesday	Independence Day	* =
February	15	Sunday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	02	Monday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	21	Saturday	Id Ul-Fitr (Ramadan Festival)	* =
April	01	Wednesday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	03	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	13	Monday	Prior date to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	14	Tuesday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day Special	=
May	01	Friday	Vesak Poyaday	* =
May	01	Friday	World Mayday	
May	02	Saturday	Following day of the Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	28	Thursday	Ed Ul Alha (Hajji festival day)	* =
May	30	Saturday	Adi Poson Full Moon Poya Day	
June	29	Monday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
July	29	Wednesday	Asala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	26	Wednesday	(Milad un-Nabi) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
August	27	Thursday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	26	Saturday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	25	Sunday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
November	08	Sunday	Deepavali	* =
November	24	Tuesday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	23	Wednesday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Friday	Christmas Day	* =

* Public Holidays = Bank Holidays