

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR: RECESS DATES 2022

Introduction

1. This paper outlines possible recess dates for 2022. Under *Standing Orders*, the Parliament shall decide, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau the dates of any Parliamentary recess (Rule 2.3.1).
2. The following observes sitting patterns from previous years.

Proposed recess dates

- **February recess:** 12 to 20 February 2022 (inclusive). The majority of school mid-term breaks are planned to take place during the week beginning 14 February.
- **Easter recess:** 2 to 17 April 2022 (inclusive). The Easter weekend falls on Friday 15 April/Monday 18 April and most school holidays are taking place between 4 and 18 April.
- **Summer recess:** 2 July to 4 September 2022 (inclusive). A very small number of school terms end before Friday 24 June; the majority end after Monday 27 June. All school holidays currently published end by Sunday 21 August.
- **October recess:** 8 to 23 October 2022 (inclusive). Autumn school holidays (some local authority areas have not yet published proposed autumn term dates for 2022) are generally taking place within these two weeks.
- **Christmas recess:** 24 December 2022 to 8 January 2023 (inclusive). This recess mirrors most school holidays and encompasses public and privilege holidays. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday.

Additional public holiday

3. The Bureau may wish to note, as a result of the Platinum Jubilee, there is an extra public holiday in June 2022, meaning both Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June will be public holidays. A paper will be brought to a future Bureau meeting setting out the planned parliamentary business for that week.

Recommendation

4. The Bureau is invited to lodge a motion recommending dates of the Parliamentary recesses beyond 9 January 2022 for consideration by the Parliament.

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