



Cayman Islands Government Schools  
2024-2025 School Calendar with Term 1 and Term 3 adjustments

TERM 1: 28 August – 20 December 2024		Teaching Days: 69 (Less 5 days due to storm closures) Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 8
August	19	❖ Return for Duty: Principals & Deputy Principals ONLY ❖ HR Orientation: New Staff (Principals to attend)
	20	❖ Return for Duty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Support Services Staff Team Leads for: Allied Health, Ed. Pysch., Specialists, Counsellors &amp; Behaviour Support Service Manager</li><li>Team Leads for Music, PE, Spanish &amp; Manager of Career Services</li><li>SENCOs, TLCs, LMs, SPLs, HoDs, Subject Leads (Secondary), TVET Coordinator, Primary ILL, ILN, ILS, MSTs, Coaches</li></ul> ❖ School Orientation: New Staff
	21	❖ Return for Duty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ALL TEACHERS</li><li>ALL SUPPORT STAFF</li></ul> ❖ First Staff Planning Day/Professional Development Day (School Level)
	22	Professional Development Day (System Wide)
	23	Annual Education Professionals' Welcome at JGHS Gym (a.m.); School Level PD (p.m.)
	26	Professional Development Day (System Wide)
	27	❖ New Student Orientation for both primary & high schools (a.m.) ❖ Professional Development Day (School Level; p.m.)
	28	❖ Schools open for Primary & High School Students ❖ CIFEC Class Induction/Registration for Year 12
September	8	International Literacy Day
	11-15	Diagnostic Testing Secondary Schools (DORA, DOMA/ADAM)
October	1-30	❖ CAT4 Testing – Yrs. 4, 6 & 9 ❖ Pupil Attitudes towards Self & School (PASS) – Yrs. 1-11
	TBC	KPMG Brain Bowl (Secondary)
	17	Professional Development Day (System Wide) – Schools closed to students
	18	Professional Development Day (School Level) – Schools closed to students
	21-25	Schools closed for Half-Term Break (Students & Teachers)
November	11	Public Holiday: Remembrance Day
	12-15	Schools' Heritage Week
	26	RBC Royal Bank Primary National Spelling Bee
	27	Lions Club of Grand Cayman Secondary National Spelling Bee
December	6	Professional Development Day (System Wide) – Schools closed to students
	20	Schools close for Christmas Break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students leave at 1:00p.m.</li><li>Teachers/Staff leave at 3:00p.m.</li></ul>
TERM 2: 6 January – 17 April 2025		Teaching Days: 68 Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 0
January	1	Public Holiday: New Year's Day
	6	Schools Reopen
February	27	Public Holiday: National Heroes Day
	24-25	NCFA Adjudications (Cayman Brac Secondary)
March	26-28	NCFA Adjudications (Grand Cayman Secondary)
	3-7	Schools Closed for Half-Term Break (Students & Teachers)
	5	Public Holiday: Ash Wednesday
		The National Pi Day (Mathematics)
	TBC	NCFA Final Concert (Grand Cayman Secondary)
	17-18	Inter-Primary Sports: Preliminaries
	19-20	Inter-Secondary Sports: Preliminaries
	21	Inter-Primary & Secondary Sports: Finals
	27-28	NCFA Adjudications (Cayman Brac Primary)
	31	NCFA Adjudications (Grand Cayman Primary)
April	1-4	NCFA Adjudications (Grand Cayman Primary)
	5	NCFA Final Concerts (Cayman Brac)
	9-11	NCFA Final Concerts (Grand Cayman)
	17	Schools close for Easter Break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students leave at 1:00p.m.</li><li>Teachers/Staff leave at 3:00p.m.</li></ul>
	18	Public Holiday: Good Friday
	21	Public Holiday: Easter Monday
TERM 3: 28 April – 4 July 2025		Teaching Days: 45 (2 days added back – April 28 and July 3) Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 0
April	28	Schools Reopen
	29	Schools close for preparations for Elections
	30	Election Day
May	5	Public Holiday: Emancipation Day
	6-16	Key Stage 1 Examinations
	19	Public Holiday: Discovery Day
	20-22	Key Stage 2 Examinations
June	23	Key Stage 2 Examination Make-up Day
	2-6	Pupil Attitudes towards Self & School (PASS) Yrs. 1-10 (Intervention Students)
	23	Public Holiday: King's Birthday
July	3	School day
	4	Schools close for Summer Break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students leave at 1:00p.m.</li><li>Teachers/Staff leave at 3:00p.m.</li></ul>
	7	Public Holiday: Constitution Day
Total Teaching Days: 182		
The 3 additional days (15 hours of instruction) required to bring the academic year to the mandated 185 days, will be made up by adjusting the times for the school day. Schools will communicate changes to their parents.		
Total Staff Planning/Professional Development Days: 8		



Summary of Instructional/Teaching Days and Staff Planning/Professional Development Days Per Month

TERM 1		
Month	Total Teaching Days	Staff Planning/Professional Development Days
August	3	5 – 3 school organised days; 2 system organised days
September	18 (3 lost to storm closures)	0
October	16	2 – 1 school organised day; 1 system organised day
November	18 (2 lost to storm closures)	0
December	14	1 – 1 system organised day
Total:	69	8 – 5 school organised days; 3 system organised days
End of Term 1: 20 December 2024: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		
TERM 2		
Month	Total Teaching Days	Staff Planning/Professional Development Days
January	19	0
February	20	0
March	16	0
April	13	0
Total:	68	0
End of Term 2: 17 April 2025: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		
TERM 3		
Month	Total Teaching Days	Staff Planning/Professional Development Days
April	1 (2 lost to elections, 1 added as a storm make-up day)	0 – Previous system organised day is now designated as an instructional day
May	20	0
June	20	0
July	4 (1 added as a storm make-up day)	0
Total:	45	0 – Previous system organised day is now designated as an instructional day
End of Term 3: 4 July 2025: Schools close at 1:00p.m. for students and 3:00pm for teachers		

Contingency Storm/Emergency Days	
Month	Total Days
July	0 (assigned day, July 4 2025, allocated as a storm make-up day)

Key for Calendar	
Abbreviation	Meaning
Coaches	Science, Math and Literacy Coaches
Ed.Psychs.	Educational Psychologists
HoDs/SLs (Secondary)	Heads of Department and/or Subject Leads
ILL	Instructional Lead (Literacy)
ILN	Instructional Lead (Numeracy)
ILS	Instructional Lead (Science)
LMs	Learning Mentors
MSTs	Math Specialist Teachers
OTs	Occupational Therapists
SALT	Speech and Language Therapists
SENCO	Special Education Needs Coordinators
SIS	School Inclusion Specialists
SPLs	Student Progress Leader
TLCs	Teaching and Learning Coordinators
TVET Coordinator	Technical and Vocational Education and Training