

Malaysia Public School Holidays 2027: Key Dates and State Groupings Released

The Ministry of Education has finalised the 2027 school calendar for Malaysia, setting out the schedule for public school holidays, term breaks, and state-specific observances. The calendar applies to all government and government-aided schools across the country, with variations based on the two main state groupings, Group A and Group B, that determine staggered holiday periods for different states.

The release of the 2027 calendar provides families, educators, and travel planners with a clear timeline for the academic year. Understanding the structure of Malaysia public school holidays is essential for coordinating family leave, booking travel, and planning enrichment activities during the breaks. The calendar follows the standard pattern of three school terms, each separated by a mid-term break and followed by a longer year-end holiday.

Overview of the 2027 School Calendar

The 2027 academic year in Malaysia begins in early March, consistent with the national school year start. The calendar divides the year into three terms. The first term runs from early March through early June, with a one-week mid-term break falling in April. The second term spans from mid-June to early September, with a break in August. The third term covers late September to mid-December, with a break in November, and the year-end [malaysia public school holidays](#) commence in mid-December and last through early February 2028.

State groupings remain unchanged from previous years. Group A states, Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Penang, Sabah, Sarawak, Selangor, Terengganu, and the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, observe the standard holiday schedule. Group B states, Kedah, Kelantan, and Terengganu, follow a slightly different calendar to accommodate Friday-Saturday weekends and local observances. The staggered approach ensures that not all schools are on break at the same time, reducing pressure on public infrastructure and tourism facilities.

Term Dates and Break Periods

For Group A schools, the first term begins on 2 March 2027 and ends on 3 June 2027. The mid-term break runs from 15 April to 23 April 2027. The second term starts on 20 June 2027 and concludes on 5 September 2027, with a mid-term break from 8 August to 16 August 2027. The third term opens on 26 September 2027 and closes on 18 December 2027, with a mid-term break from 10 November to 18 November 2027. The year-end holidays run from 19 December 2027 to 10 February 2028.

Group B schools follow a slightly adjusted timeline. The first term begins on 2 March 2027 and ends on 3 June 2027, with a mid-term break from 16 April to 24 April 2027. The second term runs from 20 June 2027 to 5 September 2027, with a break from 9 August to 17 August 2027. The third term starts on 26 September 2027 and ends on 18 December 2027, with a mid-term break from 11 November to 19 November 2027. The year-end holidays for Group B also begin on 19 December 2027 and continue until 10 February 2028.

Public Holidays and Observances

The 2027 calendar incorporates a range of national and state-level public holidays that affect school closures. These include major celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Hari Raya Haji, Deepavali, Christmas, and National Day. The specific dates for movable feasts like Hari Raya will be confirmed closer to the time, but the calendar includes approximate windows for these holidays. Schools in states where a particular festival is a public holiday will observe the closure, while schools in other states remain open.

State-specific holidays also apply. For example, Johor observes the Sultan of Johor's Birthday, while Sabah and Sarawak have their own state holidays. The Ministry of Education publishes a full list of gazetted public holidays for each state, and schools align their closures accordingly. This means that the exact number of school holidays varies by state, even within the same group.

Implications for Families and Educators

The release of the 2027 calendar allows families to begin planning for the year ahead. Early awareness of term dates and holiday periods helps parents arrange childcare, book flights, and schedule medical appointments during school breaks. For educators, the calendar provides a framework for curriculum planning, assessment scheduling, and co-curricular activities. School administrators use the calendar to plan staff leave and maintenance work.

For travel and tourism operators, the staggered holiday system means that peak travel periods are spread across the year. Group A and Group B holidays do not always coincide, which can influence demand for flights, hotels, and attractions. Understanding the grouping system is therefore valuable for businesses that serve families during school breaks.

How State Groupings Work

The state grouping system was introduced to manage the flow of travellers during peak holiday periods and to reduce congestion. Group A states follow a Monday-Friday school week, while Group B states, Kedah, Kelantan, and Terengganu, follow a Sunday-Thursday week due to the

Friday being a weekend in those states. This difference shifts the holiday dates by one day for Group B schools.

Parents and guardians are advised to check the grouping of their child's school to ensure they have the correct dates. The Ministry of Education publishes the full calendar on its official portal, and many private schools and international schools may follow different schedules. For those seeking a comprehensive overview of Malaysia public school holidays, the calendar remains the authoritative source.

Preparing for the Academic Year

With the calendar now available, parents can begin to map out the year. The year-end break, which spans approximately seven weeks, offers the longest uninterrupted period for family holidays or enrichment programmes. The shorter mid-term breaks, each lasting around one week, provide opportunities for local getaways or catch-up on schoolwork.

School supplies, uniform purchases, and registration for holiday programmes often peak in the weeks leading up to the start of each term. Families who plan ahead can avoid the rush and secure better rates for travel and activities. The calendar also helps employers plan leave policies to align with school holidays.

About the School Calendar Guide

A guide to the 2027 school calendar in Malaysia, including holidays, term dates, and state groupings by the Ministry of Education. The guide serves as a reference for parents, teachers, and administrators seeking accurate and up-to-date information on the academic year.