

**Early Years Funding in North Yorkshire
Funded term dates and Stretched Provision dates April 2025 to March 2026**

		Financial Year 2025/26		
		Summer Term 2025	Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026
1	Eligible Dates of Birth for 9mth-23mth olds	1/4/2023 - 30/6/2024	1/9/2023 - 30/11/2024	1/1/2024-31/03/2025
1a	Eligible Dates of Birth for 2 year olds	1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023	1/9/2022 to 31/8/2023	1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023
1b	Eligible Dates of Birth for 3&4 year olds	1/4/2020 to 31/3/2022	1/9/2020 to 31/8/2022	1/1/2021 to 31/12/2022
2	School Term Dates	22/4/2025 to 21/7/2025	2/9/2025 to 19/12/2025	6/1/2026 to 27/3/2026
3	Half Term Dates	26/5/2025 to 30/5/2025	27/10/2025 to 31/10/2025	16/2/2026 to 20/2/2026
4	Number of term time funded weeks (determined by DfE)	13	14	11
5	Number of universal funded hours per term	195	210	165
6	Number of funded hours per term(working family)	195	210	165
7	Maximum stretched provision dates and weeks - to be determined by the provider **	7/4/2025 to 29/8/2025 21 weeks	1/9/2025 to 02/01/2026 18 weeks	05/1/2026 to 10/4/2026 14 weeks
8	Synergy FIS Provider Portal opens - subject to change	24th March 2025*	16th July 2025*	10th December 2025*
9	Headcount week	12th to 16th May 2025	29th September- 3rd October 2025	12th to 16th January 2026

Explanation of the points 1-9 in the table above	
1,1a &1b	Eligible dates of birth are set by government. Children will be eligible from the beginning of the term after they have reached the required age. For example; children born in the period 1st January to 31st March will become eligible for a funded place on 1st April.
2	School term dates are the dates when maintained schools are open. Schools will identify the nominated training days within these dates.
3	Half Term Dates are the dates when maintained schools will be closed.
4	Number of funded weeks - The Department for Education gives the local authority funding for 38 weeks in a financial year. The funded year is April to March. Where a provider is open for longer than the termly funded weeks - the provider should use their discretion on what they do, for example; parents can be invoiced for anything over and above the funded entitlement. Term time only providers are expected to decide how to manage the difference between term time weeks and funded weeks. A shortfall in hours can be managed by stretching the funded hours and invoicing the parent for the additional hours, or close on the non-funded weeks. Please make parents aware of your decision well in advance of each term starting.
5	Number of universal funded hours per term that all eligible children can access in the term - these can be taken during the school term or stretched*.
6	Number of working family funded hours per term, these can be taken during the school term or stretched. A code must have a valid date to enable a claim to be made.
7	**Stretched provision dates and weeks; these are the absolute maximum dates and number of weeks that a child's termly funded hours can be stretched within each term and may include part weeks where the term starts mid week. Each provider determines whether to offer stretched funding and chooses the number of weeks they are stretching the funding within the prescribed dates. The stretched dates from one term to the next should not overlap. Please contact the Early Years Funding Team if you decide to offer stretched funding.
8	Synergy FIS provider portal opens to submit the termly headcount, the portal will be available to submit headcounts until the week of headcount in each term. You will have the opportunity to check and amend your submission following the processing of headcount - date to be confirmed each term.
9	Headcount week - claims can be made and funding will be paid for children who are registered and attending the provision during this week, valid parental agreement must be in place.