CUMBERLAND COUNCIL EARLY YEARS FUNDED ENTITLEMENTS KEY INFORMATION 2026-2027

Early Years Funding Term dates and funded hours for 2026-2027

	Term dates funding period	School term dates	Number of funded weeks	Maximum number of funded hours per term	How to make a full claim
Summer 2026	01.04.26 to 31.08.26	13.04.26 to 17.07.26 School holidays 25.05.26 to 29.05.26 Bank Hol 04.05.26	12.8 weeks	12.8 wks x 15 hrs = **192 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 12.8 weeks x 15 hrs = 192 hrs**
			12.8 weeks	12.8 wks x 30 hrs = **384 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 12.8 weeks x 15 hrs = 384 hrs**
Autumn 2026	01.09.26 to 31.12.26	02.09.26 to 18.12.26 School holidays 26.10.26 to 30.10.26	14.6 weeks	14.6 wks x 15 hrs = **219 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 14.6 weeks x 15 hrs = 219 hrs**
			14.6 weeks	14.6 wks x 30 hrs = **438 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 14.6 weeks x 15 hrs = 438 hrs**
Spring 2027	01.01.27 to 31.03.27	05.01.27 to 25.03.27 School Holidays 15.02.27 to 19.02.27	10.6 weeks	10.6 wks x 15hrs = **159 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 10.6 weeks x 15 hrs = 159 hrs**
			10.6 weeks	10.6 wks x 30hrs = **318 hrs**	If claiming the full entitlement **claim 10.6 weeks x 15 hrs = 318 hrs**
TOTAL			38 weeks	38 wks x 15hrs = **570 hrs**	
				38 wks x 30hrs = **1140 hrs**	

Early Years Portal Funding Headcount Task Dates 2026-2027

	Interim Headcount this is count of children and their hrs that you registered to attend		**Actual Headcount** this is count of children and their hrs that were attending on or by the Department for Education headcount/census date		**Amendment Headcount** this is count of changes to children and their hrs since the actual headcount	
Term	EY Portal Headcount Task issued	EY Portal Headcount Task deadline	EY Portal Headcount Task issued	EY Portal Headcount Task deadline	EY Portal Headcount Task issued	EY Portal Headcount Task deadline
Summer 2026	09.03.26	18.03.26	11.05.26	22.05.26	29.06.26	03.07.26
Autumn 2026	06.07.26	15.07.26	21.09.26	02.10.26	23.11.26	27.11.26
Spring 2027	30.11.26	09.12.26	11.01.27	22.01.27	08.03.27	12.03.27

**Please note these are expected dates for each task and are subject for unforeseen issues, providers will be informed via email of any date changes*

Department for Education Headcount/Census dates 2026-2027

Term	**Dates**
Summer 2026	- Summer 2026 EY 'census date' is 21st May 2026 - Summer 2026 EY 'census week' is week commencing 18th May 2026
Autumn 2026	- Autumn 2026 EY 'census date' is 1st October 2026 - Autumn 2026 EY 'census week' is week commencing 28th September 2026
Spring 2027	**Spring EY census date is the third Thursday in January** - Spring 2027 EY 'census date' is 21st January 2027 - Spring 2027 EY 'census week' is week commencing 18th January 2027

Payment Schedule for Private Voluntary, Independent Providers and Academy Schools 2026-2027

Term	**Term Payment 1** based on 70% of the submitted and verified interim headcount data	**Term Payment 2** balancing payment based the submitted and verified actual headcount data	**Early Years Pupil Premium** Based on the actual termly headcount	**Disability Access Funding**
Summer 2026	Week commencing 20.04.26	Week commencing 29.06.26	Week commencing 29.06.26	Payments will be made on an individually application basis following a successful application and verification of the child hrs on the actual census.
Autumn 2026	Week commencing 07.09.26	Week commencing 09.11.26	Week commencing 09.11.26	Payments will be made on an individually application basis following a successful application and verification of the child hrs on the actual census.
Spring 2027	Week commencing 11.01.27	Week commencing 01.03.27	Week commencing 01.03.27	Payments will be made on an individually application basis following a successful application and verification of the child hrs on the actual census.

Maintained Schools Payment Schedules will remain the same as 2025-2026.

Termly Funding Adjustments
Funding adjustments to payments will be calculated using the termly amendment headcount. Any funding owed or receivable will be made as part of the Term 1 Payment for the following term.

Early Years Entitlement Funded Rates April 2026 – March 2027

Entitlement Type	Hourly Rate
Under 2s - Working Families For children from the start of the term following their 9 month birthday until the term after their 2nd birthday, with a valid HMRC working families eligibility code.	£10.25
2 year olds - Working Families For children from the start of the term following their 2nd birthday until the term after their 3rd birthday, with a valid HMRC working families eligibility code.	£7.50
2 year olds - Eary Learning for Two Year Olds (for those receiving additional support) For children from the start of the term following their 2nd birthday until the term after their 3rd birthday, with a valid Cumberland Council TYF code.	£7.50
3 & 4 year olds - Universal Entitlement For children from the start of the term following their 3rd birthday until their school reception place or are of compulsory school age.	£5.68
3 & 4 year olds - Working Families For children from the start of the term following their 3rd birthday until their school reception place or are of compulsory school age, with a valid HMRC working families eligibility code.	£5.68

Additional funding	Rate
Deprivation Supplement For all children receiving any early years funded entitlement and living in the most deprived areas as identified using the national Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) 2025.	£0.24 per hour
Early Years Pupil Premium For all children receiving any early years funded entitlement that meet the government eligibility criteria. Funding is for the first 15 hrs of entitlement hours and subject to a positive eligibility check using parent carers details provided via the Early Years Portal termly actual headcount.	£1.15 per hour
Disability Access Funding For all children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, who are accessing any of the early years funded entitlement. An annual payment of the full value to the provider the parent nominates, and subject to a positive application.	Annual payment £975

Early Years Provider Portal

The Early Year Portal is an online system which Cumberland Council use to

- Submit termly headcount data to claim government funding for children early years entitlement funded hours
- Check eligibility and verify HMRC code for children for the Working Families Entitlement
- Manage application and placement for Early Learning for Two Year Olds
- Apply for Disability Access Funding
- Update key information about your provision – Self Update

Provider Portal - Log In

For further information, support and guidance email EYFunding@cumberland.gov.uk