BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL - FUNDING TIMETABLE – 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025 – 1 September 2025 to 31 December 2025

Term Time Offer – 14 weeks (Max) of 15 or 30 hours per week depending on funding stream Stretched Offer – 16 weeks (Max) – hours per week dependent on funding stream and the stretched offer you operate

Eligible Birthdate Range

3&4 Year Olds 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2022 2 Year Olds 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 9 month+ 1 September 2023 – 30 November 2024

Provisional Claim forms to be sent out w/c Monday, 2 June 2025

Provisional Claim forms to be returned by Friday, 27 June 2025

1st Provisional Payment in your bank account by Friday, 29 August 2025

2nd Provisional Payment in your bank account by Tuesday, 30 September 2025

Final Claim Forms sent out w/c Monday, 1 September 2025
Final Claim Forms to be returned by Friday, 12 September 2025
1st Final Payment in your bank account by Friday, 31 October 2025
2nd Final Payment in your bank account by Friday, 28 November 2025

For the purposes of children transferring funding between providers during the term, the 27th October to 31st October will be used as Buckinghamshire's half term week.

Spring Term 2026 – 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026

Term Time Offer – 11 weeks (Max) of 15 or 30 hours per week depending on funding stream

Stretched Offer – 13 weeks (Max) – hours per week dependent on funding stream and the stretched offer you operate

Eligible Birthdate Range

3&4 Year Olds 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2022 2 Year Olds 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023 9 month+ 1 January 2024 – 31 March 2025

Provisional Claim forms to be sent out w/c Monday, 3 November 2025
Provisional Claim forms to be returned by Wednesday, 12 November 2025
1st Provisional Payment in your bank account by Wednesday, 31 December 2025
2nd Provisional Payment in your bank account by Friday, 30 January 2025

Final Claim Forms sent out w/c Monday, 5 January 2026
Final Claim Forms to be returned by Wednesday, 14 January 2026
1st Final Payment in your bank account by Friday, 27 February 2026
2nd Final Payment in your bank account by Tuesday, 31 March 2026

For the purposes of children transferring funding between providers during the term, the 16th February to 20th February will be used as Buckinghamshire's half term week.

Summer Term 2026 – 1 April 2026 to 31 August 2026

Term Time Offer – 13 weeks (Max) of 15 or 30 hours per week depending on funding stream

Stretched Offer – 22 weeks (Max) – hours per week dependent on funding stream and the stretched offer you operate

Eligible Birthdate Range

3&4 Year Olds 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2023 2 Year Olds 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 9 month+ 1 April 2024 – 30 June 2025

Provisional Claim forms to be sent out w/c Monday, 23 February 2026
Provisional Claim forms to be returned by Wednesday, 4 March 2026
1st Provisional Payment in your bank account by Tuesday, 28 April 2026
2nd Provisional Payment in your bank account by Friday, 29th May 2026

Final Claim Forms sent out w/c Monday, 13 April 2026
Final Claim Forms to be returned by Wednesday, 22 April 2026
1st Final Payment in your bank account by Tuesday, 30 June 2026
2nd Final Payment in your bank account by Friday, 31st July 2026

For the purposes of children transferring funding between providers during the term, the 25th May to 29th May will be used as Buckinghamshire's half term week.