

**Free Entitlement to Early Education**

**Number of weeks 2025-2026**

**Providers can adopt the West Berkshire Council standard number of weeks or set their own in accordance with their own opening times. Providers can claim funding for a maximum of 38 weeks between the periods 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026**

**The entitlement is split into 3 funding periods per year as detailed below:**

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| **Term** | **Funding Period** |
| **Summer** | **1 April 2025– 31 August 2025** |
| **Autumn** | **1 September 2025 – 31 December 2025** |
| **Spring** | **1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026** |

**Children become eligible for funding from the term following their qualifying age (including those qualifying at 9 months) on the dates set out below.**

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| **Qualifying age met between:** | **Earliest funded start date/ term** |
| 1 April - 31 August | 1 September (Autumn Term) |
| 1 September - 31 December | 1 January (Spring Term) |
| 1 January - 31 March | 1 April (Summer Term) |

**Please return your form to** [**earlyyearsservice@westberks.gov.uk**](mailto:earlyyearsservice@westberks.gov.uk) **by 11th March 2025**

**Providers that do not return their completed form by this date will be assigned the West Berkshire Council standard number of weeks.**

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| **Name of Provider** |  |

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Opening times** |  |  |  |  |  |

*West Berkshire’s Standard number of weeks in each term are detailed below. If you do not want to follow these, please use the boxes provided to set your own. You do not need to tell us specific dates so long as you keep your own records for audit purposes.*

**Funding Period: Summer**

1st – 4th April 2025 0.8 weeks

23rd April 2025 – 23rd May 2025 (Bank Holiday 5th May) 4.4 weeks

2nd June 2025 – 23rd July 2025 7.6 weeks

**Number of Weeks in Term (excluding Holidays): 12.8 weeks**

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**Funding Period: Autumn**

4th September 2025 – 24th October 2025 7.4 weeks

3rd November 2025 – 18th December 2025 6.8 weeks

**Number of Weeks in Term (excluding Holidays): 14.2 weeks**

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**Funding Period: Spring**

5th January 2026 – 13th February 2026 6 weeks

23rd February 2026 – 27th March 2026 5 weeks

**Number of Weeks in Term (excluding Holidays): 11 weeks**

**Total number of weeks for the 2025-2026 financial year: 38**

**DECLARATION**

Provider is adopting the West Berkshire Council standard number of weeks 2025/26. Please indicate **Y/N** – If no please use the boxes provided to set your own number of weeks

**Completed By: Signed:**

**Position: Date:**

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