

## Early Years Entitlement Funding Headcount Timetable

**Term:**

**Spring 2026**

*Term dates: 1 January 2026 - 31 March 2026*



Eligible Children's dates for children from nine months old to 2 year olds	1 January 2024 - 31 March 2025
Eligible Children's Birth dates for 2 year olds	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Eligible Children's Birth dates for 3 year olds and 4 year olds	1 January 2021 - 31 December 2022

HEADCOUNT WEEK	12 - 16 January 2026
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Childcare settings	
Deadline for any claims that will be used to calculate the January monthly payment:	16 December 2025
Deadline for any claims for the February monthly payment	9 January 2026
Deadline for any claims for the March monthly payment	6 February 2026
Deadline for claims for March monthly payment:	27 February 2026

Monthly payments based on actuals to be paid to settings by:
9 January 2026
5 February 2026
5 March 2026
23 March 2026

Key deadlines for funding claims	
All children in the setting on Headcount should have been claimed by:	27 February 2026