

Cyprus public holidays 2026 and school year 2026-27

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January

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 Public services, banks and most shops closed / Public services closed Banks closed Public schools closed

° computed from a fixed rule or the Orthodox Easter date † not yet in an official circular

Public holidays 2026

DATE	HOLIDAY	WHO CLOSES
Thu 1 Jan	New Year's Day	All closed
Tue 6 Jan	Epiphany (Theophania)	All closed
Mon 23 Feb	Green Monday · first day of Orthodox Lent; movable	All closed
Wed 25 Mar	Greek Independence Day · national day; many shops open	Public services Banks
Wed 1 Apr	Cyprus National Day (EOKA)	All closed
Fri 10 Apr	Orthodox Good Friday · movable	All closed
Mon 13 Apr	Orthodox Easter Monday · movable	All closed
Tue 14 Apr	Easter Tuesday · banks only, instead of Christmas Eve	Banks
Fri 1 May	Labour Day	All closed
Mon 1 Jun	Whit Monday (Kataklysmos) · movable	All closed
Sat 15 Aug	Assumption of the Virgin Mary · falls on a Saturday; no substitute day	All closed
Thu 1 Oct	Cyprus Independence Day · national day; many shops open	Public services Banks
Wed 28 Oct	Ochi Day · national day; many shops open	Public services Banks
Thu 24 Dec	Christmas Eve · offices close or close early; banks open; shops shut by 18:00	Public services
Fri 25 Dec	Christmas Day	All closed
Sat 26 Dec	Boxing Day · falls on a Saturday; no substitute day	All closed

Sources: Central Bank of Cyprus bank holidays 2026 (circular of 14 August 2025), CySEC public holidays 2026-2027, Deputy Ministry of Tourism movable-holidays table 2023-2027, MLSI Employment Guide (Shops Law closures). The Shops Law obliges general shops to close fully on nine days only, including 2 January, which is not a public holiday for anyone else.

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Public-school year 2026-27

PERIOD	DATES	APPLIES TO
First day of school, secondary	Mon 7 Sep 2026	Gymnasium, lyceum, TESEK
First day of school, primary	Mon 14 Sep 2026	Primary (dimotiko) and pre-primary
Teacher Day, school closed	Tue 8 Dec 2026	Secondary only
Christmas break	23 or 24 Dec 2026 to Wed 6 Jan 2027	Primary from 23 Dec; secondary from 24 Dec
Teacher Day, school closed	Wed 10 Feb 2027	Secondary only
Green Monday, school holiday	Mon 15 Mar 2027	All levels
Easter break	Mon 26 Apr to Sun 9 May 2027	All levels; both return Mon 10 May
Last regular lessons, lyceum and TESEK	Mon 10 May 2027	Written exams follow to about 22 Jun; retakes 23-25 Jun
Last regular lessons, gymnasium	Fri 21 May 2027	Exams and results to about 10 Jun; retakes 23-25 Jun
Ascension and Apostle Barnabas, school holiday	Thu 10 to Fri 11 Jun 2027	School holidays only, not public holidays
Last day of school, primary	Wed 16 Jun 2027	Primary; summer break 17 Jun to 10 Sep 2027

Sources: Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth circular ypp20307 (secondary, 18 August 2026); Directorate of Primary Education school-holidays table (2026-27). Private and international schools set their own calendars; check the school.

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Movable dates for 2027 (Green Monday 15 March, Good Friday 30 April, Easter Monday 3 May, Whit Monday 21 June) appear in the Ministry of Education circular ypp20307 of 18 August 2026 and in the Deputy Ministry of Tourism table. This section is refreshed when the Central Bank publishes its 2027 list, normally in August.

Who can help with the rest of the year

- Choosing a school: newtocyprus.com/schools
- Free permit document check, optional review by Koufettas Law (partner law firm): newtocyprus.com/services/permits/document-checklist
- Relocation concierge for utilities, car registration and school placement (operated by New to Cyprus): newtocyprus.com/services/relocation
- Car hire for the long weekends: newtocyprus.com/car-rental (Rentals in Cyprus is our sister company)

Republic of Cyprus only. Dates are verified against the sources listed on 20 September 2026 and refreshed when a new circular is published; the 2027 public-service list is expected in August 2027. Employment entitlements depend on your contract; this is general information, not legal advice.

Six rules newcomers get wrong

- A weekend holiday is not moved.** If 15 August falls on a Saturday, the day is simply gone. The MLSI Employment Guide says a public holiday that coincides with a Saturday may not be observed; the Central Bank lists no substitute day either.
- Banks keep their own list.** They close on Easter Tuesday and stay open on Christmas Eve, by explicit design. Plan cash and transfers around 14 April 2026, not 24 December.
- Christmas Eve is not a full holiday.** Government offices close or close early, banks work, and general shops may open but must shut by 18:00.
- Shops close on nine days, not fourteen.** The Shops Regulation Law obliges general shops to close fully on 1 and 2 January, 6 January, 1 April, Easter Monday, 1 May, Whit Monday, 15 August and 25-26 December. On the three national days many shops trade.
- Your paid day off depends on your contract.** There is no single Cyprus law giving every private-sector employee every public holiday paid. Shops, recreation centres and hotels have dedicated laws; everyone else relies on the employment contract or a collective agreement. In practice nearly all employers observe the fourteen days, but read the contract.
- Kataklysmos is Whit Monday.** The Festival of the Flood in Larnaca and the coastal towns is the long weekend around Pentecost Monday, 1 June 2026 and 21 June 2027.

Legend  Public services, banks and most shops closed

 Public services closed  Banks closed  Public schools closed

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