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All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Deputy/Assistant Divisional Directors of Education,
All Principal Theros of Pirivenas,
All Principals of Government and Government Approved Private Schools

School Calendar - 2024

01. The School Calendar and related particulars to be followed within the year 2024 are as follows

I. For Sinhala and Tamil Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	First Phase Monday 19 th February 2024 to Wednesday 10 th April 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 11.04.2024 to 23.04.2024)
	Second Phase Wednesday 24 th April 2024 to Friday 03 rd May 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 04.05.2024 to 09.06.2024)
	Third Phase Monday 10 th June 2024 to Tuesday 25 th June 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 26.06.2024 to 30.06.2024)
Second Term	Monday 01 st July 2024 to Friday 13 th September 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 14.09.2024 to 22.09.2024)
Third Term	First Phase Monday 23 rd September 2024 to Friday 22 nd November 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 23.11.2024 to 01.01.2025)
	Second Phase Thursday 02 nd January 2025 to Friday 31 st January 2025 (both-days inclusive)

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II. For Muslim Schools

Term	Duration of the Term
First Term	First Phase Monday 19 th February 2024 to Thursday 07 th March 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 08.03.2024 to 14.04.2024)
	Second Phase Monday 15 th April 2024 to Friday 03 rd May 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 04.05.2024 to 09.06.2024)
	Third Phase Monday 10 th June 2024 to Friday 05 th July 2024 (both days inclusive)
Second Term	Monday 08 th July 2024 to Friday 13 th September 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 14.09.2024 to 22.09.2024)
Third Term	First Phase Monday 23 rd Sept 2024 to Wednesday 11 th December 2024 (both days inclusive) (Vacation will be granted from 12.12.2024 to 01.01.2025)
	Second Phase Thursday 02 nd January 2025 to Friday 31 st January 2025 (both days inclusive)

02. If each Provincial Ministries of Education views that it needs to make changes in the school calendar in accordance with circumstances identical in their respective provinces, this calendar may be amended subject to the following conditions and in compliance with the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- 2.1. As per the Circular No. 97/15 dated 08th August 1997 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education regarding the school calendar, the emphasis has been given that all schools in Sri Lanka should be held for 210 days per year. However, according to the public holidays of the year 2024 and as the school year starts on 19th February 2024, it has been impossible to hold the schools for 210 days. Consequently, for the year 2024, all government and government-approved private schools and approved pirivenas should be held for 170 days.
 - 2.2. Since the G.C.E (A/L) Examination 2024 is to be held in November and the G.C.E (O/L) Examination is scheduled in the first half of the year 2025, the school vacations in November should be granted as scheduled in the calendar.
03. All schools will be closed during public holidays declared by the Government, Sundays and school holidays. However, if the school has to be closed on a day when the school should be held due to a special reason, the sessions in lieu of such day have to be held.
04. The Calendar of Public Holidays for the year 2024 is hereby sent to you (Annex-I) and the calendar of the school activities will be published on the website of the Ministry of Education (www.moe.gov.lk).

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In case of any issues arisen during the implementation of this calendar, please feel free to contact the Director of Education, School Activities Branch

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List of Holidays - 2024

January	15	Monday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
January	25	Thursday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	04	Sunday	National Independence Day	* =
February	23	Friday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	08	Friday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	24	Sunday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	29	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	11	Thursday	Id Ul-Fitr (Ramadan Festival)	* =
April	12	Friday	Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	13	Saturday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	23	Tuesday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	01	Wednesday	May Day	* =
May	23	Thursday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	24	Friday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	17	Monday	Id Ul-Alha (Hajj festival)	* =
June	21	Friday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
July	20	Saturday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	19	Monday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	16	Monday	(Milad un-Nabi) Holy Prophet's Birthday	* =
September	17	Tuesday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	17	Thursday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	31	Thursday	Deepavali	* =
November	15	Friday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	14	Saturday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Wednesday	Christmas Day	* =

* Public Holidays = Bank Holidays