

ADDENDUM NOTICE
SITTINGS AND VACATIONS OF THE COURT OF APPEAL AND HIGH COURT: 2026 - 2027

As part of her ongoing commitment to support family friendly initiatives, the Lady Chief Justice directed in 2025, on a pilot basis, that there is to be a period of one week during Hilary Term when no business, other than emergency matters, is to be listed in the Court of Appeal and the High Court.

The pilot will continue in 2027, when it will operate on the following dates¹:

Legal Year 2026/27

Monday 8th February 2027 to

Friday 12th February 2027 inclusive

In due course a targeted engagement exercise will be undertaken and consideration given to establishing a Hilary Term recess on a permanent basis which may include making adjustments to the current statutory term dates.

¹ Revised on 27/02/2026 following Education Authority confirmation