# ARENA PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## RE: Term One – Notice 01 – 2026

We trust that you have had a safe and restful festive season. We look forward to having our learners back with us shortly. Please ensure that your child/ward is made aware of the following:

1. **Start date for the academic year 2026 – Term One:**
   - Learners will return to school on Wednesday, 14 January 2026.
   - Term one consists of 53 school days for learners and will end on 27 March 2026.

2. **Procedure for day one:**
   - Learners to arrive punctually by 7.30am latest and be dressed in full school uniform.
   - Principal to address all learners at assembly.
   - Learners will move to new form classes with their educators.
   - Learners must only carry an Exam Pad and Writing materials for the first day.
   - Learners will receive a copy of their Class Timetable. This must be followed for the remainder of the term.
   - Form Educators will require the following documents from learners on the day:
     - Copy of Learner ID / Birth Certificate x 3
     - Proof of payment for Paper Reams (R150-00)
     - Personal particulars of biological parents/guardians (contact numbers, addresses, etc.)
     - Special Health Cases (letter from Doctor/Specialist)

3. **Attendance, Punctuality and Leave-taking:**
   - It is imperative that all learners are at school on a daily basis.
   - Trivial reasons for absence and leave-taking will not be tolerated.
   - Learner attendance is tracked daily and parents of learners with chronic absenteeism will be required to meet with the principal and school governing body to explain.
   - School starts promptly at 7.30am and learners need to be in school no later 7.20am.
   - Educators and Prefects are on duty at the two main entrances and record learners who are late.
   - Learners with chronic punctuality issues will serve detention and perform community service (within the school) as per the code of conduct.

4. **Uniform Code:**
   - Parents/Guardians, please ensure that your child/ward is properly attired for school.
   - It has become quite clear that many parents/guardians have not familiarised themselves with the School's Code of Conduct regarding uniform.
   - It was disappointing to note that some learners had defaulted with regards to uniform during the previous year. Learners are warned against using fancy coloured jackets, having long unkempt hair, beards, use of white socks (boys), dress length and multiple ear-rings (girls).
   - Grade inspections will be carried out as soon as learners return to school. All defaulting learners will be sanctioned as per the Code of Conduct. ***Offending learners will be sent home to rectify issues.***

5. **Release of 2025 NSC Matric Results:**
   - The Department of Basic Education has set the date for the release of matric results for Tuesday, 13 January 2026.
   - Learners can collect their statement of results from school from 09.00am on the day.
   - Just a reminder that all outstanding school fees **must** be fully paid, prior to collecting your NSC Statement of Results and Testimonials.

As we embark on this 2026 academic year, I am filled with optimism for the milestones our students will achieve. Our success as an educational institution relies on the strong partnership between parents/guardians, learners, educators and the school community, and I look forward to building a collaborative relationship with each of you.

Together, we can create an environment where every child feels supported and inspired to reach their full potential.

I wish you and your families a productive and fulfilling year ahead. Thank you for your continued trust and commitment to our school.

Yours in educational advancement

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L.R. Mudley – Principal

** Please find attached a copy of the 2026 Calendar for Public Schools.

# 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## January 2026

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## May 2026

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## June 2026

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## July 2026

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## September 2026

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## November 2026

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## December 2026

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## Public and School Holidays 2026

| Date | Holiday |
|------|---------|
| 01 January | New Year's Day |
| 21 March | Human Rights Day |
| 03 April | Good Friday |
| 06 April | Family Day |
| 27 April | Freedom Day |
| 01 May | Workers' Day |
| 15 June | Special School Holiday |
| 16 June | Youth Day |
| 09 August | National Women's Day |
| 10 August | Public Holiday |
| 24 September | Heritage Day |
| 16 December | Day of Reconciliation |
| 25 December | Christmas Day |
| 26 December | Day of Goodwill |

**Legend:**
- Weekends
- Days for administration
- School days
- Public holidays
- Special school holidays
- School holidays

## SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

| Term | Duration | No. of weeks | No. of days | No. of public holidays | Actual no. of school days |
|------|----------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | (12) 14 January – 27 March | 11 | 53 (55) | 0 | 53 (55) |
| 2 | 08 April – 26 June | 12 | 58 | 3+1 | 54 |
| 3 | 21 July – 23 September | 10 | 47 | 1 | 46 |
| 4 | 06 October – 09 (11) December | 10 | 47 (49) | 0 | 47(49) |
| **Total** |  | 43 | 205 (209) | 4+1 | 200 (204) |