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THIRD TERM 2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAYS	DATES	ACTIVITIES
APRIL 2026		
Sunday	26.04.2026	GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY World Day of Prayers for Vocation Boarders return for Third Term 2025/2026 Academic Session
Monday	27.04.2026	Schools Resume for Third Term 2025/2026 Academic Year Resumption Test
Tuesday to Friday	28.04.2026 to 01.05.2026	Resumption Test Opening Mass for Staff, Students/Pupils
MAY 2026		
Friday	01.05.2026	St. Joseph the Worker. (Workers' Day Celebration) Public Holiday MAY DEVOTION BEGINS.
Sunday	03.05.2026	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Tuesday	12.05.2026	Meeting of the Diocesan Education Secretary with the Regional Education Secretaries at the Diocesan Education Office, Awka @ 10am

Wednesday	13.05.2026	13 th Congress for school children. OUR LADY OF FATIMA Meeting of Head Teachers of both Parochial and Returned Primary Schools in Awka Diocese at St. Matthew Catholic Parish Podium, Amawbia at 10am . NB: Come with 3rd Term Exam Statistics.
Thursday	14.05.2026	ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION). Public Holiday for all Catholic Mission Schools.
Friday	15.05.2026	NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS
Tuesday	19.05.2026	Clinical Supervision of Diocesan Secondary Schools begins
Saturday	23.05.2026	Novena to the Holy Spirit Ends
Sunday	24.05.2026	PENTECOST SUNDAY END OF EASTER SEASON
Monday	25.05.2026	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	26.05.2026	Meeting of Managers&Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools in Awka Diocese at John-Angel College, Umuawulu. NB: Come with 3rd Term Exam Statistics.
Wednesday	27.05.2026	Children' s Day Celebration. School free Day
Sunday	31.05.2026	THE SOLEMNITY OF MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY DEVOTION ENDS Rosary Procession in all Schools&Benediction for boarders
JUNE 2026		
Wednesday	03.06.2026	BECE Starts
Sunday	07.06.2026	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Friday	12.06.2026	SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY) National Democracy Day World Day Against Child Labour Public Holiday
Saturday	13.06.2026	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. 13 th Congress
Monday	15.06.2026	MID-TERM BREAK BEGINS
Tuesday	16.06.2026	International Day of African Child.
Sunday	21.06.2026	Boarders return from Mid-term Break
Monday	22.06.2026	Mid-Term Break Ends Classes resume for second part of Third Term
JULY 2026		
Wednesday	01.07.2026	PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMS
Thursday	02.07.2026	PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEGINS
Friday	10.07.2026	PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS BEGINS
Monday	13.07.2026	13 th Congress
Friday	17.07.2026	END OF PROMOTION EXAMS FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. Marking and Collation of results
Monday to Thursday	20.07.2026 to 23.07.2026	Graduation/Send-off parties for Primary 6 pupils and S.S 3 students Marking and Collation of results End of the Academic Year Mass

Wednesday	22.07.2026	POST LITERACY, ADULT AND NON-FORMAL CERTIFICATE EXAM
Friday	24.07.2026	SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR LONG VACATION
SEPTEMBER 2026		
Monday	14.09.2026	Schools Reopen for 2026/2027 session

NB:

1. Kindly adhere strictly to the academic calendar. In time of confusion, take recourse to the Education Secretariat.
2. School supervision is a key component of quality assurance. Schools (Primary and Secondary) yet to be supervised within the year are advised to prepare very well for the exercise this term.
3. **As regards public holidays, only the statutory ones are to be observed and they have been adequately highlighted in the calendar.**
4. Third term examination is to be conducted by the Anambra State Catholic Education Commission. Kindly adhere to the timetable for the examination and ensure that maximum examination ethics is upheld. Please, do not give any room for examination malpractice by taking any paper before the stipulated date or time.
5. To our Final Year Students/Pupils, Awka Diocesan Education Department prays for you and wishes you success in your final exams.
6. A graduation ceremony for final year students/pupils (Primary 6 pupils and S. S 3 students only) is highly recommended. Bear in mind that graduation is only meant for the exiting classes and not for the entire school population. Parents must not be subjected to pocket-tearing expenses in order to achieve this.
7. Books (Novels) for Basic Schools for 3rd term are meant to be procured from your respective Regional Education Secretariats. Secondary Schools are to procure theirs from the Diocesan Education Secretariat. It is advisable that you carry these books early enough.
8. Once more, take keen note of every date for important events within the term and abide by them.
9. **Resumption date for 2026/2027 session remains MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2026. Boarding schools are to resume the weekend before the date.**

Wishing you a hitch-free term and assurance of my prayers, with the warmest regards of the Diocesan Bishop.

Rev. Fr. Maximus C. Okonkwo

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