

# School Travel Academic Year Calendar 2025-2026

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## September

### Cycle September

Date: September

Cycling campaign Love To Ride is on a mission to get more people cycling. Sign up as an individual, class or school for its Cycle September event, and be in the running for prizes. There's an app to log rides on. Log your participation on TfL Travel for Life using the [Other cycling activity card](#), and change the title to September.

### **European Mobility Week**

Date: 16 - 22 September 2025

Start the term as you mean to go on by participating in European Mobility Week. This year's theme is Mobility For Everyone. Sustainable transport (public transport, walking and cycling) should be available to everyone. Have an assembly promoting active travel, a car free day, a bikers' breakfast or organise a car-sharing scheme. Record your participation using the [European Mobility Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk/european-mobility-week)



## September cont.

### World Car Free Day

Date: 22 September 2025

Leave the cars parked and make your street a hub of fun.

[London Play Streets, World Car Free Day | Cycling UK](#) and [Living Streets](#) have ideas and resources.

Use the [World Car Free Day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card to record your activities.

### National Fitness Day

Date: 24 September 2025

Switch on the children to the health benefits of active travel. By walking or wheeling to school they can get a substantial amount of their daily exercise in. Use this activity card [Health benefits of active travel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to record your participation, amending the title to Health and Fitness benefits of Active Travel.

### Experienced Travel Champions Workshop

Date: 30 September 2025

Time 9.30am -1.00pm

This in-person workshop at Perceval House is for School Travel Champions who've been in the role for more than one academic year, and are working towards Silver or Gold accreditation. You will learn how to make events count, and run a successful Consultation activity. Visit [Experienced Travel Champion Workshop](#) to book your place. You can record your attendance as a TfL activity using [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#), changing the title to LBE training for Experienced Champions.

## October

### International Walk to School Month

Date: October 2025

Encourage families to leave the car and join in a global celebration of walking to school.

[International Walk to School Month | Living Streets](#) has the details.

Use [Walk to School Month - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to make your engagement count.

## **Ealing Autumn Active Travel Challenge**

Date: October 2025

Our 10-day active travel campaign returns. Bookmarks and stickers will be dispatched to participating schools, along with resources for a competition to design the bookmark for the 2025 Challenge, with great prizes up for grabs. Please contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) for more information. Use [Other travel competition - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Autumn Active Travel Challenge.

## New Travel Champions Workshop

Date: 09 October 2025

9.30am to 1pm

Join us at Perceval House to learn how to embed active travel within your school community. We will talk you through the TfL Travel for Life programme, and help you plan a year of engaging activities so your valuable time is being used effectively and efficiently. This workshop is suitable for all newcomers to TfL Travel for Life. Book your place here [New Travel Champion Workshop](#) Use this link to record your Upload your attendance as a TfL Story Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life and amend title to LBE STARS training for New Champions.

## Experienced Travel Champions Workshop

Date: 13 October 2025

Time 9.30am -1.00pm

This in-person workshop at Perceval House is for School Travel Champions who've been in the role for more than one academic year, and are working towards Silver or Gold accreditation. You will learn how to make events count, and run a successful Consultation activity. Visit [Experienced Travel Champion Workshop](#) to book your place. You can record your attendance as a TfL activity using [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#) , changing the title to LBE training for Experienced Champions.

## October cont.

### Cycle to School Week

Date: 13 – 17 October 2025

Get pedalling with the Bikeability Trust's Cycle to School Week. Make a pledge via [Cycle to School Week - Bikeability](#) and they will send you a resource pack. You will also be entered into a prize draw with balance bikes and helmets to be won. Record your involvement using [Bike Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and change the title to Cycle To School Week. Suggested additional activities could be a Biker's Breakfast, a Golden Lock and a Bling Your Bike competition – all of which can be uploaded to TfL as stories.

Explorers Fun Day

Date: 22 October 2025

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm

Join us at Greenford Hall for this year's Fun Day, celebrating the incredible work of Ealing's TfL Explorers. Expect Terri the Tiger and a range of activities to inspire you and your students over the coming year. Details will be emailed to the participating schools. Record your attendance using the [Public transport for school trips - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and [Attend a TfL or Borough school travel event - Travel for Life](#) activity cards.

### Half Term

Date: 27 October 2025 – 31 October 2025

## November

### **Cop30 UN Climate Change Conference**

Date: 10 – 21 November 2025

As world leaders gather in Belem, Brazil to discuss climate change, why not promote and explore the environmental benefits of active travel. You could have a Giant Walk or put up an Active Travel Tree for pupils to record how they travelled to school. Resources are available on our [Ealing Grid for Learning | Ealing Grid for Learning \(egfl.org.uk\)](#) pages. Upload activities using the [Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) card and change the title to COP30 Climate Change Event.

## November cont.

### **Be Bright Be Seen**

Date: November 2025

Promote being visible after the clocks change on 26 October, and it becomes darker on the way to and from school. Use Travel for Life activity cards [Be bright be seen](#) and/or [Brighten your bag](#)

Road Safety body Think! also has some useful resources [Explore education resources – THINK!](#)

### Road Safety Week

Date: 16 November - 22 November 2025

Road Safety charity Brake's annual campaign puts the spotlight on the victims and what can be done to improve safety. Sign up here [Road Safety Week 2025 / Brake](#) to show your solidarity and receive free resources. Use this activity to record your engagement [Road Safety Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Date: tbc November 2025

This annual event remembers the victims of road traffic accidents. Mark your participation using activity card [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and retitle World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims Event

## December

### **Festive/Santa Stroll**

Date: Any day in December 2025

Keep the active travel momentum going with a festive giant walk. Use the [Other walking activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card and amend the title to Winter Walk/Santa Stroll as appropriate. You could organise an Enormous Walking Bus to encourage families to walk to school [Walking bus - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

## December cont.

### **Active Travel December**

Date: Every school day in December 2025

Join in the social media campaign where we work with other areas of the UK to promote pupils being active during the lead up to the winter break. Use our special song to start assemblies in December, maybe even write your own lyrics for extra verses. The calendar will be updated once the resources are ready. Use the [Working with other schools - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk) activity card and change the title to Active Travel December.

### Christmas Holidays

Date: 22 December 2025 – 02 January 2026

## January

### **Winter Walk**

Date: Any day in January 2026

It may be cold outside but a winter stroll on a crisp day can still be good for the body and mind, with plenty to see before spring returns. You could organise an Enormous Walking Bus to encourage families to walk to school. Use this [Walking bus - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk) activity card and amend the title to Winter Walk.

### Experienced School Travel Champions Workshop

Date: 14 January 2026

Time: 9.30am to 1pm

Improve or maintain your TfL status with this workshop at Perceval House. New TfL activity cards, in particular Consultations, plus completing requirements such as the Hands Up Survey and refreshing Issues and Targets will all be covered during the session. We will also inform you about the latest TfL Travel for Life website updates. Book your ticket at Eventbrite using the above link. Refreshments will be available.

## January cont.

### New Travel Champions Workshop

Date: 21 January 2026

Time: 9.30am to 1pm

Join us at Perceval House if you are new to the role or would like a refresher. This workshop will give you the information you need to encourage active and sustainable travel in a manageable and effective way, and achieve, maintain or improve your TfL Travel for Life (STARS) Accreditation status. [Click here to register](#)

## February

### **Valentines Day ‘Love your heart’ active travel day**

Date: 14 February 2026

Organise events and an assembly to promote the health benefits of active travel. This date is in half term so why not do something before the break. Use the activity card [Health benefits of active travel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### Half Term

Date: 17 February – 21 February 2026

Half-term cycling courses are available in the borough. Contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) to find out more.

## March

### **March in March**

Date: March 2025

A month to promote walking and observe the first signs of spring. The [Walk to School Month - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) activity card can be used, along with its suggested activities. Amend the title to March in March. Also remind families of the local Park and Stride areas by promoting your school's Active Travel Map [Active travel maps | Ealing Grid for Learning \(egfl.org.uk\)](#) in your newsletter or on your website.

### **World Book Day**

Date: 5 March 2026

Why not promote books about active travel? For a list of recommended active-travel themed titles including Chris Hoy's children's book series [Flying Fergus](#) and Quentin Blakes' [Mrs Armitage on Wheels](#) contact [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk) or on [EGFL](#) Use [Other curriculum activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to 'World Book Day'

### **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2026**

Date: 24 March – 4 April 2026 tbc

Be a contender in this national event where schools aim to record the most active travel journeys in one week. [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025](#) has all the details and resources to engage pupils. We have also produced an event guide [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel](#) on EGFL. To upload your story use activity card [The Big Walk and Wheel - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### **British Science Week 2026**

Date: 6 March – 15 March 2026

A wealth of activities will be available as part of the annual British Science Association event. For KS1, resources include lessons investigating reflective material which can be linked a Be Bright Be Seen campaign. And for KS2, why not do a lesson on gears and ratios in relation to a bicycle? Try these lesson plans:

- [Riding uphill](#)
- [Pulling a piano uphill using bicycles](#)

Use [Other curriculum activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to British Science Week



## March cont.

### [Beep Beep! Day | Brake](#) (EYFS)

Date: 18 March 2026, but can be held any day

Road safety charity Brake has produced a resource set to teach young children about road safety, and educate parents and carers about how to keep them safe when out and about.

Use [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Beep Beep Day

## April

### [Easter Holidays](#)

Date: 30 March – 10 April 2026

### [Earth Day 2025 - Earth Day](#)

Date: 22 April 2026 tbc

Teach the children about air quality or have a Car-free Day.

[Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) – Amend the title to Earth Day – Clean Air

[World Car Free Day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

## May

### [Bank Holiday](#)

Date: 4 May 2026

May cont.

### Ealing Park Ride

Date: tbc

Families (children aged 6 and over) and adults of all abilities are invited to join the [Ealing Park Ride](#) at 11am on Saturday, 24 May 2025. There are two rides setting off at the same time:

- [Pitshanger Park to Churchfields Recreation Ground and back](#)
- [Churchfields Recreation Ground to Pitshanger Park and back](#)

Both rides can be joined at a meeting point in Perivale Park. A cycling goodie bag will be awarded to the school with the highest participation. Visit [Ealing Park Ride](#) for all the details and to book a free space.

### **Walk To School Week 2025**

Date: 19 – 23 May 2026 tbc

A five-day challenge organised by the charity Living Streets which aims to improve the walking environment as well as get more people engaging in active travel. A range of resources will be available, including stickers and wallcharts, to encourage classes to get strolling, scooting and wheeling over the week.

[Register for Walk to School Week 2025 \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](#) TfL Travel for Life also has the activity card [Walk to School Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) to make your participation count towards Accreditation.

### **Green Transport Week**

Date: 17 – 24 June 2026

Join in the annual celebration of sustainable transport, highlighting the environmental impact of travel choices. Why not have a Walk to School Day? Use activity card [Green Transport Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Half Term**

Date: 25 May – 29 May 2026

## May cont.

To find out about half term cycle training courses get in touch on [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk)

## June

### **Hands Up Survey**

You should carry out your pupil and staff survey this half term and add the data to TfL Travel for Life

The Knowledge Base in [TfL Travel for Life](#) has guidance. Click on the **About** tab.

### World Environment Day

Date: 5 June 2026

An opportunity to promote and explore the benefits of active and sustainable transport. You could have an assembly or have a competition to design a bicycle or scooter of the future. Possible activity cards are [Other travel competition - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) or [Air quality day - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and change the title to World Environment Day/ Challenge.

### **Bike Week**

Date: tbc June 2026

Get on board the campaign group Cycling UK's centrepiece week. A Bikers' Breakfast, a visit from Dr Bike, or even a cycle to school day for both staff and pupils are among the suggested activities. [Bike Week - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) is the activity card with links to resources.

### **Brake Kids Walk**

Date: June 2026 tbc

The annual event organised by the charity Brake, to increase awareness of road safety and the benefits of walking. Use this activity card [Brake's Kids Walk - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Ealing Travel for Life accreditation deadline**

Date: tbc June 2026

Time to apply for accreditation with TfL Travel for Life. Make your application, then we will review the activities to ensure you achieve your goal.

## June cont.

### **Clean Air Day**

Date: tbc June 2026

Tackle the dangers of pollution with this day-long event highlight and exploring this issue. Hold an assembly about how to improve air quality, encourage families and staff to leave the car at home and use active for the school journey. The website [Clean Air Day](#) has ideas and resources. The TfL activity card

[Air quality day](#), to record your participation with, also has resources including an assembly PowerPoint.

### **London Climate Action Week 2026**

Date: tbc June 2025

Show your support for Europe's largest climate festival by promoting active travel and ways to improve air quality. A range of relevant [TfL Travel for Life](#) activities could be engaged with, and recorded as part of your accreditation.

## July

### **Last day of term**

Date: 23 July 2026

### **Summer holiday cycle training courses**

Date: TBC

To find out more, get in touch on [sta@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:sta@ealing.gov.uk)

### **Activities for any month of the year**

#### **Beep Beep! Days | Brake (EYFS)**

Date: Any

Use [Other road safety activity - Travel for Life \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#) and amend the title to Beep Beep