

The Public Schools of Brookline
Religious and Cultural Observances
2025-2026

Category 1:

What this means: Absences by staff and students impact the ability to conduct classes on this date or during this time. Designated as “days of low attendance”, certain category 1 holidays are often embedded within school vacations.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before a category 1 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Yom Kippur	Thursday, October 2, 2025
Christmas	Thursday, December 25, 2025
Lunar New Year	Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Eid al Fitr	Friday, March 20, 2026*
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter	Sunday, April 5, 2026

Category 2:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays are not considered to be a “day of low attendance”. However, they are still celebrated by a significant portion of our school population.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before the category 2 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

Diwali	Monday, October 20, 2025
Passover (Day 1)	Thursday, April 2, 2026
Eid al-Adha	Wednesday, May 27, 2026*

Category 3:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays impact a smaller number of our students than in the prior two categories.

Instructions: Students who are unable to complete a homework assignment due to this type of holiday should inform their teacher, who will arrange with the student an alternative time for completion of work, without loss of credit. The list below includes the most common category 3 dates, but it is not inclusive of all possible dates.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2)	Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Sukkot (4 Days)	Tuesday, October 7, 2025
	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
	Tuesday, October 14, 2025
	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Hanukkah	Monday, December 15-Monday, December 22, 2025
Winter Solstice	Sunday, December 21, 2025
Kwanzaa	Friday, December 26, 2025
Nowruz	Friday, March 20, 2026
Passover (other dates)	Friday, April 3, 2026
	Wednesday, April 7, 2026
	Thursday, April 8, 2026
Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox)	Friday, April 10, 2026
Easter (Eastern Orthodox)	Sunday, April 12, 2026
Shavuot	Friday, May 22, 2026

**Tentative: Holidays on the Islamic calendar are confirmed only after a lunar sighting. Therefore, this date is subject to change following the actual lunar sighting closer to the actual holiday.*