



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY

The Director-General

Brussels  
HR.F.3/JS

**Subject: School Calendar 2026–2027 - your note of 19 December 2025**

Dear Mr. Sebastiani,

Thank you for your note addressed to Commissioner Serafin and for sharing your concerns regarding the decision of the European Schools in Brussels on the calendar for the 2026-27 school year. As the Director-General for Human Resources and Security responsible for the European Schools, I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of the Commissioner.

I understand that the provisional school calendar for 2026-2027 in Brussels European Schools, discussed by the Administrative Boards of each school, designates Wednesday, 6 January 2027 as a regular school day. This decision has raised concerns amongst certain stakeholders, particularly in schools with a Spanish section, and these concerns should be considered when analysing all options and deciding on the final calendar.

In particular, I recognise the concerns expressed by some families who celebrate Three Kings Day, or the Epiphany, which is, as you rightly pointed out, an important tradition contributing to cultural diversity in Europe.

My services have discussed this issue with the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools, and have proposed that this matter should be discussed by the administrative boards of the schools where concerns have been raised about the decision. They specifically requested that other options for the 2026-27 calendar be presented, allowing the administrative boards to discuss them and take the most informed decisions while considering the best interests of the entire respective school communities.

Yours sincerely,

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