

## The Education Budget (approx. figures)

# £106.6 bn

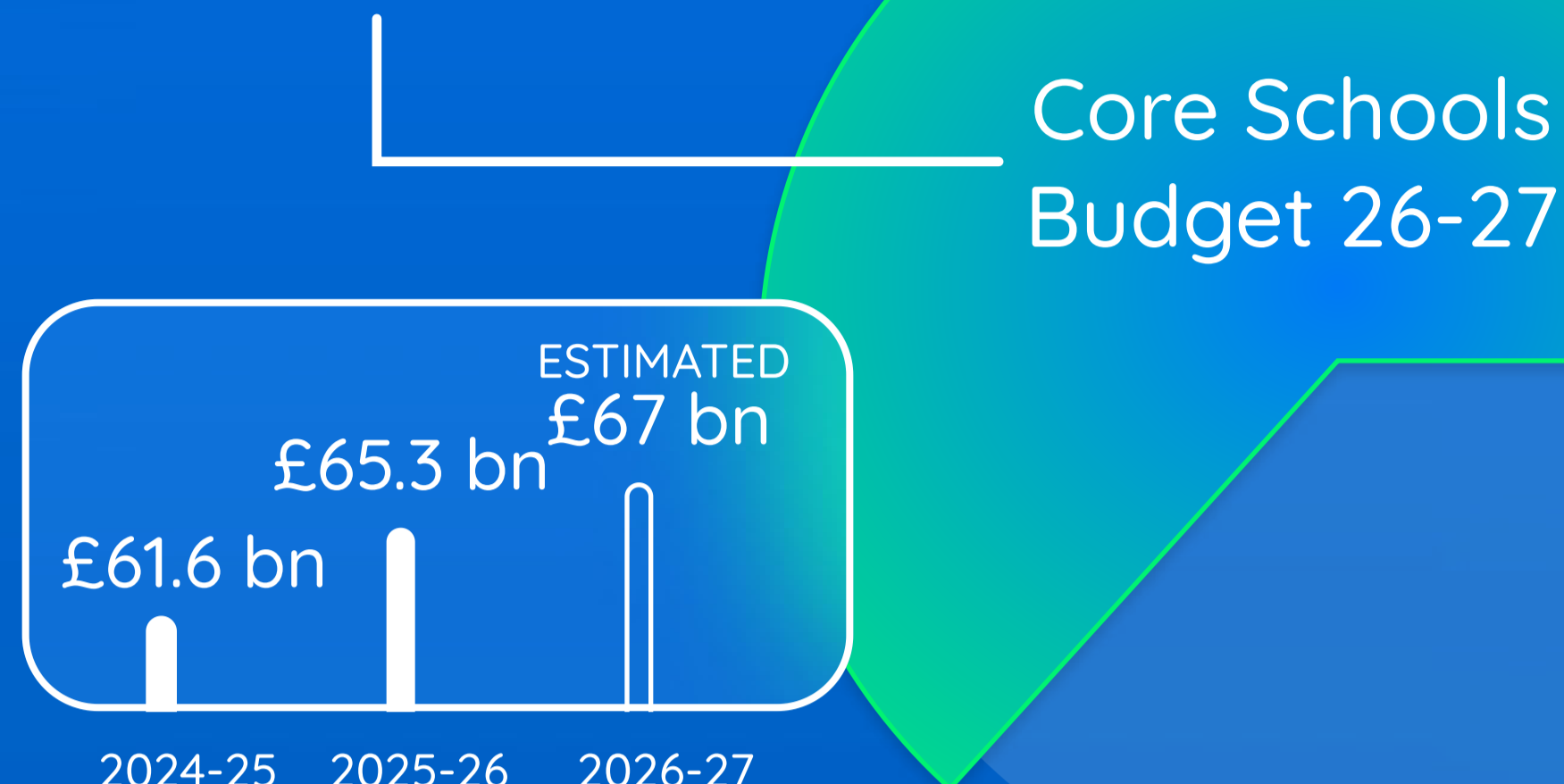


All figures as listed in the Total Departmental Expenditure Limits for Education section of the 2025 Spending Review.

## Core Schools Budget

The core schools budget is allocated from the wider education budget:

# £67 bn



Core Schools Budget 26-27

## New Financial Year Start Dates

**6** State Schools  
6th April

**1** Academy Schools  
1st September

## How is school funding calculated?

The Department for Education uses the National Funding Formula (NFF) to calculate how much funding each local authority is allocated for 5-16 year-olds in mainstream schools. The local authorities then calculate and allocate the funding to schools and academies in their area using their own formula (approved by the government).

## Pupil Premium

**?** Pupil premium funding is allocated to schools to ensure disadvantaged children have equal access to learning opportunities and supported to achieve their best outcomes. Schools can also use it to support children who aren't eligible but they feel would benefit and also for whole class interventions too.

### Funding for each pupil per year

	PRIMARY-AGED	SECONDARY-AGED
Pupils eligible for free school meals or have been eligible in the last 6 years	£1,550	£1,100
Pupils previously looked after by a local authority or other state care	£2,690	£2,690
Children who are looked after by the local authority	£2,690	£2,690

## Minimum funding per-pupil in 2026-27

The National Funding Formula includes a minimum per pupil level (MPPL) each year, this is the minimum amount of funding allocated for every pupil:



Primary Schools **£5,115**



Secondary Schools **£6,640**

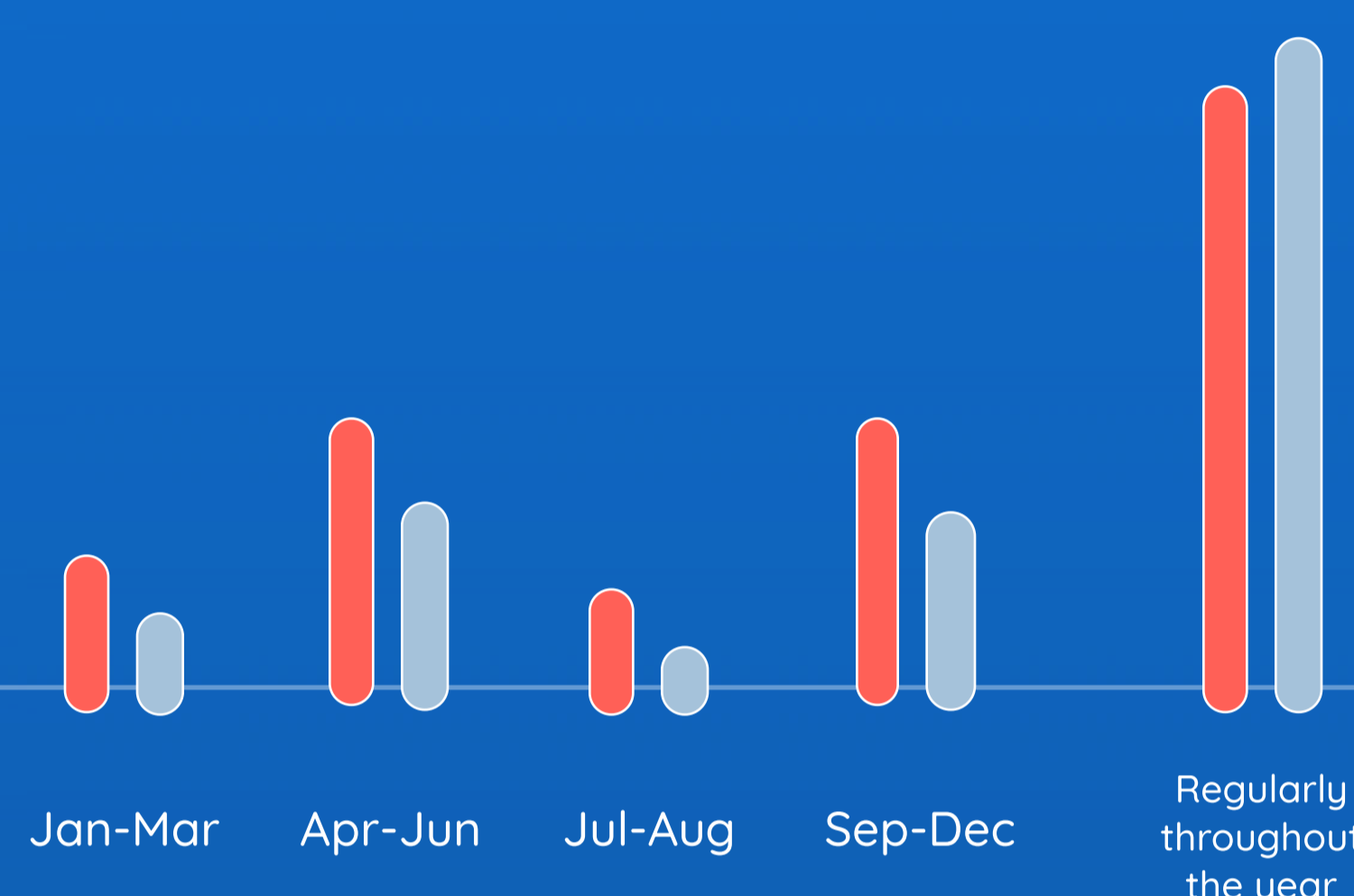
Total funding to be allocated to schools for 5-16 year-olds in cash terms:

# £8,580

per pupil

## When do schools spend their budget?

Teachers Senior Leaders



According to our 2025-26 School Insights Survey, 47% of education staff respondents said they spend regularly throughout the year, 24% said they spend mainly between September and December, and 23% said they focus their spending between April and June.

## Which education staff have budget responsibility?



According to our 2025-2026 School Insights Survey, 63% of teacher respondents said they have budget authority and 60% of senior leaders said they are required to approve all school spending.

## Useful School Spending Insight



Schools often need to get 3 quotes from different education suppliers depending on the level of spend required.

## Additional income and funding schools can get

+ Grants £££	+ PE and sport premium £££	+ PTA contributions ££	+ High needs funding £££
+ Early years funding £££	+ Universal infant free school meals ££	+ Self-generated income £	

## Got any questions about school finances?

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## Sources

- Buzz Education 2025-26 School Survey: [School Insights Survey 2025-26 - Buzz Education](#)
- All funding information is sourced from official Government statistics: [Welcome to GOV.UK](#)