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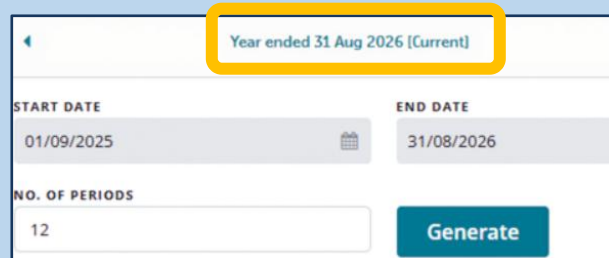
Quick Reference Guide

Closing out the Financial Year 2025/26 on BrightBooks

******WARNING -THIS PROCESS IS NOT REVERSABLE******

Please note: It is important to run this step as early in the school financial year as possible.

Ideally, where feasible, this routine should be run late in the afternoon and left to process overnight.



Step 1

Check the Financial Year End on BrightBooks

Instructions:

Click on Settings > Accounts > Accounting Periods

- Year Ended 31 Aug 2027 - No further action required.
- Year Ended 31 Aug 2026 - **Move to Step 2**

Step 2

When you can answer **YES** to these questions - **Move to Step 3**

To answer YES
please tick the box

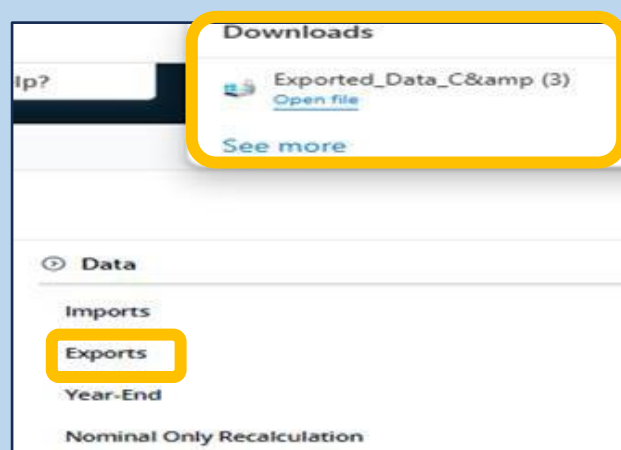
- Has the external school accountant/auditor prepared and posted/or provided adjustments to BrightBooks?
- Confirm with the external school accountant/auditor that all adjustments are completed prior to running the year end routine.

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Step 3: Take a Back Up

Instructions:

- Click on Settings > Click Exports
- On the Data Export Message > Click OK
- A download file will appear at the bottom of the screen or in your list of downloads.
- Save this to the cloud or a USB stick.
- **Move to Step 4**



Year-End

Current Financial Year : 01/09/2025 to 31/08/2026

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You are about to run the year-end on your business.
This will close the current financial year [From: 01/09/2025 To: 31/08/2026] meaning no further changes or additions will be possible.

You should only run this option if you are certain that no further changes or additions are required in the current financial year.

We strongly recommend that you run off all relevant reports in advance and discuss the procedure with your accountant beforehand.

This will roll your Financial Year forward by 12 months.

☐ Copy this year's Budget figures to next year

☒ I acknowledge the above information and understand this operation cannot be reversed

Type "RUN YEAR END" in box in order to proceed

RUN YEAR END

Cancel **OK**

Step 4

Run the Year End

Instructions:

- Under Settings > Data> Click Year End
- The Year-End window appears. Read the messages carefully. **Note that the process is irreversible.**
- Leave box 'Copy this year's Budget figures to next year' unticked
- Tick 'I acknowledge the above information and understand this operation cannot be reversed'.
- Enter "RUN YEAR END" as shown in the diagram.
- Click the OK button.
- A confirmation message window will appear asking "Are you sure you wish to run Year-End routine?".
- To proceed, click OK.
- The information message window confirms the year end completion
- Please note it may take some time for the year end to fully process
- **Move to Step 5**

After leaving the system to process overnight

Step 5

Confirm the Year End has been changed.

Instructions:

- Click Settings > Click Accounting Periods
- The Year ended date should show 31 Aug 2027

◀ **Year ended 31 Aug 2027 [Current]** ▶

START DATE **END DATE**

01/09/2026 31/08/2027

NO. OF PERIODS

12 **Generate**

Step 6

Data Check

1. Perform a data check by running a Nominal Only Recalculation

Instructions:

- Under settings > Data> Nominal Only Recalculation

⌵ General Setup	⌵ Contacts	⌵ Data
Business Details	Setup	Imports
Users	Categories	Exports
Manage Currency	Other Information	Year-End
Manage Time Recording	Credit Terms	Nominal Only Recalculation

2. Once the routine is completed
 - No errors: move to point C below to run the Simple Trial Balance
 - Errors: If there are any validation errors in Step a above please email the details to BrightBooks support at brightbookssupport@brightsg.com and info@fssu.ie BrightBooks will notify via email when the validations are cleared.
3. Run the Simple Trial Balance Report to ensure the totals match for debits and credits

Instructions:

- Under reports > Nominal Ledger > Trial Balance

- [Click here to watch a short video on the above process of closing out the year end](#)