

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2016- 2017 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
Monday 5 September – Friday 28 October (40 days)	Monday 9 January – Friday 17 February (30 days)	Tuesday 18 April – Friday 26 May (28 days)
Half term 31 October – 4 November	Half term 20-24 February	Bank holiday - 1 May Half term 29 May - 2 June
Monday 7 November – Friday 23 December (35 days)	Monday 27 February – Friday 31 March (25 days)	Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July (37 days)
Christmas holiday 24 December – 8 January	Spring break including Easter bank holidays 1 April – 17 April	Summer holiday 26 July – 3 September
Return to school: Monday 4 September 2017		

The principles for the calculation of the Learn Together Partnership (LTP) standardised term dates* are based on 195 days which includes 190 teaching days and five INSET training days. It is expected that **Monday 5 September 2016** will be one of those training days.

When informing the school community of the school term and holiday dates for 2016-2017, schools need first to select the dates for their five INSET days from out of the terms given above and then readjust the calendar accordingly.

*The principles of the Learn Together Partnership Standardised School Year are:

- all terms will start on a Monday (except where a bank holiday prevents this, in which case the term will start on a Tuesday)
- February half-term will always be the third full week in February
- the Easter break will be moved and replaced by a fixed holiday at the beginning of April and will be known as the 'spring break' - this will always be the first two full weeks in April and will not move with the Easter holiday
- Easter may still fall within the spring break, but where it doesn't, it will still be observed by the two bank holidays for Good Friday and Easter Monday - this will give a more even distribution between terms, thus providing a better balance for children and staff and avoiding exhausting long terms that are caused by early or late Easters
- where a school is open for part of a week to pupils, this will be for a minimum of three school days (to encourage attendance).