

Cheshire West & Chester – Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2025 - 2026

Autumn 2025

- Monday 1 September - Friday 24 October (40 days)
- Half Term: Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October
- Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December (35 days)
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 22 December - Friday 2 January

Spring 2026

- Monday 5 January - Friday 13 February (30 days)
- Half Term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February
- Monday 23 February - Wednesday 1 April (28 days)
- Spring Break: Thursday 2 April - Friday 17 April (Bank Holiday Friday 3 April)

Summer 2026

- Monday 20 April - Friday 22 May (24 days)
- Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
- Monday 1 June - Wednesday 22 July (38 days)
- Summer holidays: Thursday 23 July - Monday 31 August

Return to school Tuesday 2 September 2026

The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3181) requires schools to have at least 380 half-day sessions (190 days) in each school year, beginning with the first term to start after July. This is consistent with the 195 days a year required by a teacher's statutory conditions of service: the additional five days are for in-service training (known as INSET days).

The governing body of a school is responsible for setting five INSET days out of the school calendar. The school should communicate this information to parents – via such channels as a letter and/or school newsletter and also publish it on the school website. They should also provide this information to their local authority.

- Where schools have more than fifty percent of pupils from a neighbouring local authority (LA) they will be permitted to align their term and holiday dates with that LA
- Voluntary controlled primary schools are permitted to align their dates with the aided secondary school for which they are a named feeder school