

Cheshire West and Chester -Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2024 - 2025

Autumn 2024

- Monday 2 September - Friday 25 October (40 days)
- Half Term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
- Monday 4 November - Friday 20 December (35 days)
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring 2025

- Monday 6 January - Friday 14 February (30 days)
- Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
- Monday 24 February - Friday 4 April (30 days)
- Spring Break: Monday 7 April - Tuesday 22 April (Bank Holiday Monday 21 April)

Summer 2025

- Wednesday 23 April - Friday 23 May (22 days)
- Half Term: Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May
- Monday 2 June - Wednesday 23 July (38 days)
- Summer holidays: Thursday 24 July - Sunday 31 August

Return to school Monday 1 September 2025

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 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