

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2023- 2024 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2023

- Monday 4 September – Friday 20 October (35 days)
- Half term – Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October
- Monday 30 October – Friday 15 December (35 days)
- Christmas holiday – Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January

Spring 2024

- Tuesday 2 January – Friday 16 February (34 days)
- Half term – Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February
- Monday 26 February – 28 March (24 days)
- Spring break – Monday 1 April – Monday 12 April (which includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer 2024

- Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May (29 days)
- Bank holiday – Monday 6 May
- Half term – Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
- Monday 3 June – Wednesday 24 July (38 days)
- Summer holiday – Thursday 25 July – Friday 30 August

Return to school – Monday 2 September 2024

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

