

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2020- 2021 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2020

- Tuesday 1 September – Friday 23 October (39 days)
- Half term – Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December (35 days)
- Christmas holiday – Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring 2021

- Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February (30 days)
- Half term – Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
- Monday 22 February – Thursday 1 April (29 days)
- Spring break – Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April (which includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer 2021

- Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May (29 days)
- Bank holiday – Monday 3 May
- Half term – Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
- Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July (33 days)
- Summer holiday – Thursday 22 July – Tuesday 31 August

Return to school – Wednesday 1 September 2021

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

