

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2022- 2023 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2022

- Thursday 1 September – Friday 21 October (37 days)
- Half term – Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October
- Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December (35 days)
- Christmas holiday – Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring 2023

- Tuesday 3 January – Friday 17 February (34 days)
- Half term – Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February
- Monday 27 February – Friday 31 March (25 days)
- Spring break – Monday 3 April – Monday 14 April (which includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer 2023

- Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May (29 days)
- Bank holiday – Monday 1 May
- Half term – Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June
- Monday 5 June – Friday 21 July (35 days)
- Summer holiday – Monday 24 July – Friday 1 September

Suggest schools take the 1 & 2 September as INSET days

Return to school – Monday 4 September 2023

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.

