

## Cheshire West and Chester 2017- 2018 school term and holiday dates

| Autumn 2017  | Spring 2018   | Summer 2018  |
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| Monday 4 September –<br>Friday 27 October<br>(40 days) | Monday 8 January –<br>Friday 16 February<br>(30 days)                 | Monday 16 April –<br>Friday 25 May<br>(29 days)      |
| Half term<br>30 October – 3 November                   | Half term<br>19-23 February   | Bank holiday - 7 May<br>Half term<br>28 May - 1 June |
| Monday 6 November –<br>Friday 22 December<br>(35 days) | Monday 26 February –<br>Thursday 29 March<br>(24 days)                | Monday 4 June –<br>Tuesday 24 July<br>(37 days)      |
| Christmas holiday<br>23 December – 7 January           | Spring break including<br>Easter bank holidays<br>30 March – 15 April | Summer holiday<br>25 July – 2 September              |
| Return to school: <b>Monday 3 September 2018</b>       |   |  |

The principles for the calculation of the Learn Together Partnership (LTP) standardised term dates\* are based on 195 days which includes 190 teaching days and five INSET training days. It is expected that **Monday 4 September 2017** will be one of those training days.

When informing the school community of the school term and holiday dates for 2017-2018, schools need first to select the dates for their five INSET days from out of the terms given above and then readjust the calendar accordingly.

\*The principles of the Learn Together Partnership Standardised School Year are:

- all terms will start on a Monday (except where a bank holiday prevents this, in which case the term will start on a Tuesday)
- February half-term will always be the third full week in February
- the Easter break will be moved and replaced by a fixed holiday at the beginning of April and will be known as the 'spring break' - this will always be the first two full weeks in April and will not move with the Easter holiday
- Easter may still fall within the spring break, but where it doesn't, it will still be observed by the two bank holidays for Good Friday and Easter Monday - this will give a more even distribution between terms, thus providing a better balance for children and staff and avoiding exhausting long terms that are caused by early or late Easters
- where a school is open for part of a week to pupils, this will be for a minimum of three school days (to encourage attendance).