

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Cheshire West and Chester 2018- 2019 school term and holiday dates

Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Monday 3 September – Friday 26 October (40 days)	Monday 7 January – Friday 15 February (30 days)	Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May (27 days)
Half term 29 October – 2 November	Half term 18-22 February	Good Friday 19 April Easter Monday 22 April Bank holiday - 6 May Half term 27 – 31 May
Monday 5 November – Friday 21 December (35 days)	Monday 25 February – Friday 29 March (25 days)	Monday 3 June – Wednesday 24 July (38 days)
Christmas holiday 22 December – 6 January	Spring break 30 March – 14 April	Summer holiday 25 July – 1 September
Return to school: Monday 2 September 2019		

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 3 September 2018** will be one of those training days.

When informing the school community of the school term and holiday dates for 2018-2019, 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).