



How many terms shall I have?

Is the first term too long?

Shall I put half-term near the Bank Holiday?



Will the dates be all right for my parents?

Is the holiday long enough to stay with my gran?

There must be **190** school days each year

Set out your suggestions clearly.

Give reasons for the dates you have chosen.



When do you think the school holidays should be?

**Six-term school years**  
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**Are you bored by the end of your summer holiday? Do your school terms seem to drag on forever?**

A special report is recommending a new six-term school year. This will mean you'll have shorter holidays but more often.

So tell us what you think about this - should it be final bell for three-term school years?

**New Zealand** [edit]

The New Zealand school year runs from the beginning of February to mid-December, and is divided into four terms. By law, all schools are required to be open for instruction for 380 half-days in a year (388 half-days for schools with only Year 8 students or below), meaning that the start and end of the school year is not nationally fixed to a particular date.

In general, terms run as follows if Easter falls in April:

- **Term 1:** Beginning of February to **Maundy Thursday** (day before Good Friday)
- **Term 2:** Second Monday following Easter Monday to beginning of July
- **Term 3:** Mid-July to mid-September
- **Term 4:** Early October to mid-December

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**School Term Dates**

West Berkshire has moved to a Standard School Year from September 2005. The West Berkshire term dates allow for 1 set inset day over and above the 190 pupil days. There are 4 additional inset days which schools are able to decide for themselves and these need to be outside specified pupil days.

For more details of term dates for academic years 2009/10 and 2010/11 see below, or click on the documents listed under the 'Downloads' section on your right.

**Term Dates 2009 - 2010**

- **Term 1** - Wed 2 September 2009 – Fri 23 October 2009 (Holiday: Mon 26 October 2009 – Mon 2 November 2009)
- **Term 2** - Tues 3 November 2009 – Fri 18 December 2009 (Holiday: Mon 21 December 2009 – Tues 5 January 2010)
- **Term 3** - Weds 6 January 2010 – Fri 12 February 2010 (Holiday: Mon 15 February 2010 – Fri 19 February 2010)
- **Term 4** - Mon 22 February 2010 – Wed 31 March 2010 (Holiday: Thurs 1 April 2010 – Mon 19 April 2010)
- **Term 5** - Tues 20 April 2010 – Fri 28 May 2010 (Holiday: Mon 31 May 2010 – Fri 4 June 2010)
- **Term 6** - Mon 7 June 2010 – Fri 23 July 2010

In Service Day – Wednesday 2nd September 2009, the first day of Term 1, will be an INSET day for all West Berkshire schools.

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**Parents**

**Term dates and school holidays**

The dates for school terms and holidays are decided by the local authority or the governing body of a school, or by the school itself for independent schools. It is not normally acceptable to take your child out of school for family holidays during term time.

**Find out term dates for schools near you**

You can find out school term and holiday dates online. Who sets them depends on the type of school your child attends.

**Community and voluntary controlled schools**

Term dates and holidays for community and voluntary controlled schools are set by the local authority. For most schools, the current school year is divided into

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