

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER

TERM DATES 2026–2027

MICHAELMAS TERM 2026	
Wednesday 2 September	Induction for new staff, Removes and Lower Sixth Pupils new to the school
Thursday 3 September	Staff INSET – Welcome Back Day
Friday 4 September	Staff INSET – Department INSET
Monday 7 September	Induction for all pupils in Removes and Lower Sixth, and chance entrants
Tuesday 8 September	MICHAELMAS TERM begins for all pupils
Friday 25 September	Senior School closed to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday 26 September	Senior School Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Friday 9 October	Junior School & Willow Lodge closed to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday 10 October	Junior School & Willow Lodge Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Monday 19 – Friday 30 October	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 17 December	<p>MICHAELMAS TERM ends: for Junior School and Willow Lodge pupils at 09:45 <i>(after the Cathedral Carol Service starting at 09:00)</i> for Senior School pupils at midday <i>(after the Cathedral Carol Service starting at 10:45)</i></p>
LENT TERM 2027	
Tuesday 5 January	Staff INSET
Wednesday 6 January	LENT TERM begins for all pupils
Friday 15 January	Senior School closed for entrance examinations <i>(Removes entry in Sep 27)</i>
	Willow Lodge closed for admissions assessments <i>(Reception entry in Sep 27)</i>
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term Holiday
Friday 26 – Monday 29 March	Easter Weekend (school closed on Friday 26 and Monday 29 March)
Friday 2 April	<p>LENT TERM ends: for Senior and Junior School pupils at 11:30 <i>(after the Cathedral Service starting at 10:30)</i> for Willow Lodge pupils at midday <i>(no Cathedral service for Willow Lodge pupils)</i></p>
SUMMER TERM 2027	
Monday 19 April	Staff INSET
Tuesday 20 April	SUMMER TERM begins for all pupils
Monday 3 May	School closed for the Bank Holiday
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term Holiday <i>(including Late Spring Bank Holiday)</i>
Thursday 8 July	<p>SUMMER TERM ends: <i>Nb there is no Cathedral service due to Mystery Plays taking place in the cathedral. Term will end at the end of the school day on Wednesday 5 July.</i></p>
Friday 9 July	Staff INSET

Open Mornings: Senior School pupils will be expected in school on **Saturday** morning in lieu of Friday so please ensure their availability. All J4 pupils, and some from J3, will be expected in school on **Saturday** morning in lieu of Friday so please ensure their availability. Willow Lodge, J1 and J2 pupils will not be expected to attend.

Cathedral Services: Attendance is compulsory at all Cathedral services for pupils of all/no religions. Parents are responsible for ensuring pupils are at the Cathedral in time for registration and for collecting them afterwards. Services last approximately one hour.