
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2018/19

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - 1.1 confirm option(s) for school term and holiday dates for Wiltshire's Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools and Community Special Schools for the school year 2018/19.

School Term & Holidays 2018/19 - Options

2. The ATL protocol (see Appendix 1) produces the term dates detailed in Appendix 2. Upholding the protocol stringently sees a seven day October break which runs from the 22nd October to the 30th October and establishes a two-week break at the beginning of April which is irrespective of the incidence of the Easter bank holidays. The last day of term would be Friday 26th July and would see a summer holiday of just five weeks.

Discussions with the South West Officers suggested that incorporating the Easter bank holidays into the two week break would reduce the length of term 6 and afford a longer summer holiday. Some of our neighbouring authorities have begun their consultation process and are proposing this option which applies a five day October break from the 29th October to the 2nd November, with the Easter break running from 8th April to 22nd April (see Appendix 3).

Appendix 4 shows a proposed calendar which maintains the favoured seven day October break, but that also mirrors where possible the holiday patterns of our neighbouring authorities.

Recommendation

3. In order to match our neighbour's dates as closely as possible it is recommended that Wiltshire LA consults on the dates proposed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4. This will give schools the opportunity to indicate their preference for either a longer October break or a longer summer break.

Proposal

4. This paper is requesting JCC to:
 - 4.1 confirm the proposed option(s) for consultation for school term & holiday dates 2018/19.

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School terms and holidays - A protocol for setting dates

- Start the school year on the first working day of September. (If this is a Friday, schools can make their own decisions about whether to make it a professional development day.)
- Start the third session ('term') on the first Monday of January. If this is the New Year public holiday, start on the next day (Tuesday).
- Make the 10 working days preceding the January return the Christmas and New Year holiday. (The last day of the second session will always be 18, 19, 20 or 21 December.)
- Divide the first two sessions with a holiday of seven working days (Monday of the first week to Tuesday of the second) and make the two sessions as nearly equal in length as possible.
- The third and fourth sessions should each be of 28-30 working days and end on the Friday preceding the first Monday of April. They should be separated by a week's holiday (Monday to Friday) in February. If the Friday preceding the first Monday of April is Good Friday, the fourth session should end the day before (Thursday).
- The fifth session should run from the third Monday of April to the Friday preceding the Spring public holiday (the last Monday of May). If the third Monday of April is the Easter Monday public holiday, start on the next day (Tuesday).
- The sixth session should begin on the first Monday of June and run for as long as is necessary to bring the total number of working days for the year to 195.

Consideration

- It may be decided to vary by a day or two the start of the first session and the end of the sixth in order to
 - reduce the number of weeks in which there are fewer than five working days
 - maintain a nearly constant length for the summer holiday of 38-40 days

Key dates for planning

- The first working day of September
- The first Monday of January
- The Friday preceding the first Monday of April
- The third Monday of April
- The Friday preceding the last Monday of May
- The first Monday of June

APPENDIX 2

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-19
ATL Protocol

	August/September	October	November
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	30 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	December	January	February
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24

	March	April	May
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

	June	July	August/September
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	35
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	38
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	25
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	27
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	40
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2019	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2019		

APPENDIX 3

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019
Neighbouring Authorities

	August/September	October	November
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	30 6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

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Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24

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Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

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Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
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APPENDIX 4

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Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28
Thursday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		

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Monday		3	10	17	24 31		7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26
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Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31
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Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	2
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	3
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	
Friday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	1	

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