

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER

TERM DATES 2025–2026

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025	
Friday 29 August	Induction for new staff, Removes and Lower Sixth Pupils new to the school
Monday 1 September	Staff INSET – Welcome Back Day
Tuesday 2 September	Staff INSET – Department INSET
Wednesday 3 September	Induction for all pupils in Removes and Lower Sixth, and chance entrants
Thursday 4 September	MICHAELMAS TERM begins for all pupils
Friday 26 September	Senior School closed to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday 27 September	Senior School Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Friday 10 October	Junior School & Willow Lodge closed to pupils in preparation for Open Morning
Saturday 11 October	Junior School & Willow Lodge Open Morning <i>(see footnote for important information)</i>
Monday 20 – Friday 31 October	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 17 December	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>

LENT TERM 2026	
Monday 5 January	Staff INSET
Tuesday 6 January	LENT TERM begins for all pupils
Friday 16 January	Senior School closed for entrance examinations <i>(Removes entry in Sep 26)</i>
	Willow Lodge closed for admissions assessments <i>(Reception entry in Sep 26)</i>
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term Holiday
Friday 27 March	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>

SUMMER TERM 2026	
Wednesday 15 April	Staff INSET
Thursday 16 April	SUMMER TERM begins for all pupils
Monday 4 May	School closed for the Bank Holiday
Monday 25–Friday 29 May	Half Term Holiday <i>(including Late Spring Bank Holiday)</i>
Wednesday 8 July	SUMMER TERM ends: for Senior School pupils at 10:45 <i>(after Cathedral Service starting at 09:30)</i> for Junior School and Willow Lodge pupils by midday <i>(pick up times tba)</i> <i>(no Cathedral service for Junior School or Willow Lodge pupils)</i>
Thursday 9 July	Staff INSET

Senior School Open Morning: Senior School pupils will be expected in school on **Saturday** morning in lieu of Friday so please ensure their availability.

Junior School & Willow Lodge Open Morning: 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.