



Set out your suggestions clearly.

Give reasons for the dates you have chosen.



When do you think the school holidays should be?



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 sixterm school year. This will mean you'll have shorter holidays but more often.

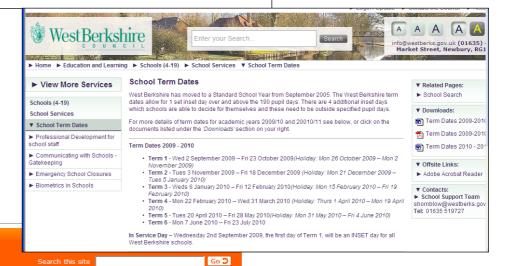
So tell us what you think about this - should it be final bell for three-term school years?

New Zealand

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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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

Find out term dates for schools near you

You can find out school term and holiday dates online. Who sets them depends

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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