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SEPTEMBER 2000

**TABLE I - LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

COUNTRY	PRIMARY EDUCATION		SECONDARY EDUCATION	
	Beginning	End	Beginning	End
BELGIUM FRENCH COMMUNITY FLEMISH COMMUNITY GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY	1 September 1 September 1 September	30 June 31 August 30 June	1 September 1 September 1 September	30 June 31 August 30 June
DENMARK	7 August	22 June	7 August	22 June
GERMANY ¹	1 August	31 July	1 August	31 July
GREECE ²	1 September	21 June	11 September	30 June
SPAIN ³	Between 1-18 September	Between 21-30 June	Between 18-25 September	Between 15-30 June
FRANCE	5 September	30 June	5 September	30 June
IRELAND ⁴	1 July	30 June	1 August generally	31 July
ITALY ⁵	See endnote	9 June	See endnote	9 June
LUXEMBOURG	15 September	15 July	15 September	15 July
NETHERLANDS ⁶	1 August	31 July	1 August	31 July
AUSTRIA	Wien, Niederösterreich, Burgenland: 4 September other <i>Länder</i> : 11 September	Wien, Niederösterreich, Burgenland: 29 June other <i>Länder</i> : 6 July	Wien, Niederösterreich, Burgenland: 6 September other <i>Länder</i> : 13 September	Wien, Niederösterreich, Burgenland: 29 June other <i>Länder</i> : 6 July
PORTUGAL	Between 11 and 18 September	29 June	Between 11 and 18 September	29 June; 12 th year on 8 of June
FINLAND	Between 10-21 August	31 July	Between 10-21 August	31 July
SWEDEN ⁷	Between 14 August-1 September	Beginning of June	Between 14 August-1 September	Beginning of June
UNITED KINGDOM ENGLAND AND WALES ⁸ NORTHERN IRELAND ⁹ SCOTLAND ¹⁰	Between 15 August-15 September Between 1-8 September 15 August	31 August End of June 30 June	Between 15 August-15 September Between 1-8 September 15 August	31 August End of June 30 June
ICELAND	Between 1 and 15 September	31 May	Between 21 August and 1 September	Between 20 and 31 May
LIECHTENSTEIN	21 August	6 July	21 August	6 July
NORWAY ¹¹	Between 15 and 21 August	About 20 June	Lower sec.: Between 15 and 20 August Upper sec.: 21 August	About 20 June 20 June
BULGARIA ¹²	15 September	Grade 1: 24 May Grades 2-4: 31 May	15 September	Grades 5-8: 15 June; Grades 9-11: 30 June Grades 12 (13): 24 May
CZECH REPUBLIC ¹³	4 September	31 August	4 September	31 August
ESTONIA	1 September	31 August	1 September	31 August
CYPRUS ¹⁴	11 September	31 August	11 September	31 August

COUNTRY	PRIMARY EDUCATION		SECONDARY EDUCATION	
	Beginning	End	Beginning	End
LATVIA	1 September	Grade 1-8: 31 May Grade 9: 14 June	1 September	Grade 10-11: 31 May Grade 12: 21 June
LITHUANIA ¹⁵	1 September	31 May at the earliest	1 September	30 June at the latest
HUNGARY	28 August	31 August	28 August	31 August
MALTA	25 September	14 July	25 September	14 July
POLAND	1 September	22 June	1 September	22 June
ROMANIA	1 September	15 June	1 September	15 June
SLOVENIA ¹⁶	4 September	22 June/15 June	4 September	22 June/30 May
SLOVAKIA ¹⁷	4 September	31 August	4 September	31 August

Endnotes

**TABLE I – LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001 –
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

1 Germany

In accordance with the *Hamburg Agreement* between the *Länder* on harmonisation in the school system, the school year begins on 1 August and ends on 31 July. The actual beginning and end depend on the dates of the summer holidays which vary from one year to the other.

Length of school year 2000/2001		
Primary and secondary education 2000/2001		
	Beginning	End
SAARLAND	3 August	20 June
HESSEN	7 August	20 June
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	7 August	27 June
NORDRHEIN WESTFALEN	14 August	4 July
NIEDERSACHSEN, SACHSEN, SACHSEN-ANHALT, THÜRINGEN	24 August	27 June
BREMEN	28 August	27 June
HAMBURG, MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	31 August	18 July
BERLIN, BRANDENBURG, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	4 September	18 July
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	11 September	25 July
BAYERN	12 September	25 July

- 2 Primary education: school year 1 September to 31 August; teaching year 1 September to 21 June and lessons begin on 11 September and end on 15 June.
Secondary education : school year 1 September to 31 August ; teaching year 11 September to 30 June.

3 Spain

Length of school year 2000/2001				
	Primary education		Secondary education	
	Beginning	End	Beginning	End
Andalucía	15 September	22 June	22 September	22 June
Aragón	11 September	22 June	11 September	22 June
Asturias	13 September	22 June	18 September	22 June
Baleares	14 September	21 June	19 September	21 June
Canarias	12 September		18 September	
Cantabria	12 September	22 June	19 September ¹⁾	22 June
Castilla y León	12-18 September ²⁾	22 June	18 September	22 June
Castilla-La Mancha	11 September	22 June	18 September	22 June
Cataluña	15 September	22 June	15 September	22 June
Extremadura	13 September	22 June	20 September ³⁾	22 June
Galicia	15 September	21 June	22 September	15 June
Madrid	15 September	22 June	25 September ⁴⁾	22 June
Murcia				
Navarra	Not after the 7 September	Not before the 22 June	Not after the 15 September	Not before the 15 June
País Vasco ⁵⁾	Not before the 1 September	Not after the 30 June	Not before the 1 September	Not after the 30 June
C. Valenciana	7 September	21 June	18 September ⁶⁾	15 June
La Rioja	7 September	22 June	19 September	22 June

¹⁾ Starting date of first cycle of compulsory secondary education when it takes place at a primary school: 12 September.
²⁾ Each province has a starting date between these days.
³⁾ Starting date of first cycle of compulsory secondary education when it takes place at a primary school: 13 September.
⁴⁾ Starting date of first cycle of compulsory secondary education when it takes place at a primary school: 15 September.
⁵⁾ Schools are free to decide on the exact date of beginning and end of the lessons.
⁶⁾ Starting date of first cycle of compulsory secondary education when it takes place at a primary school: 7 September.

4 The length of the school year is 1 August-31 July. School authorities have discretion in the planning of the school year of holidays etc. on the basis of minimum number of recognised teaching days.

5 It is up to the *Sovrintendenti scolastici regionali* (school regional authorities) to decide the date of beginning of the school year. That means that the school year can begin at different dates, according to the decision taken at regional level. The *Sovrintendente scolastico regionale* can decide for the same region different dates of beginning, according to the school level. Generally speaking, the school year begins between the 2^d and the 3^d week of September.

According to the implementation of school autonomy, the consultative councils of the schools can adapt the school calendar concerning the beginning of the lessons. It means that the decisions of the *Sovrintendenti scolastici regionali* will be applied only in the case that schools have not decided their own date of beginning. The school adaptations of the organisation of school time must guarantee at least 200 days of lesson a school year.

6 **Netherlands**

The school year officially runs from 1 August of one year to 31 July of the following year. The start and end of the teaching year varies per region.

Length of school year 2000/2001				
	Primary education		Secondary education	
	Beginning	End	Beginning	End
North region	04 September 2000	06 July 2001	04 September 2000	06 July 2001
Central region	21 August 2000	20 July 2001	28 August 2000	13 July 2001
South region	14 August 2000	29 June 2001	21 August 2000	29 June 2001

7 The exact dates vary between municipalities, who decide this themselves.

8 In England and Wales, the legal school year runs from 1 September to 31 August. The teaching year normally runs from the first or second week in September to the second or third week in July. School term dates are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities or school governing bodies, and may vary from one local authority or school to another.

9 School term dates are not fixed nationally, but by the Education and Library Boards (Boards) for controlled schools and by relevant school authorities with approval by the appropriate Board for other schools, and may vary from one local authority to another.

10 The school holidays in Scotland are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities, and may vary from one local authority to another.

11 The exact dates vary between municipalities for primary and lower secondary level and between counties for upper secondary level.

12 There is a proposal to start the school year on 1 September, but it is still under discussion.

13 End of the second term: 29 June at both levels.

14 These dates are provisional. For lower secondary education the official date for ending lessons is June 5 but for upper secondary there is a differentiation between grades A and B, which officially end classes on 3 June and grade C which ends classes on 2 June. Because in the academic year 2000-2001 June 2 is a Saturday and June 3 is a Sunday, it is expected that classes will end on June 1. The final decision rests with the Director of Secondary education.

In the case of **secondary school pupils** after the end of classes there are about 2 weeks devoted to examinations for promotion to the next class. This brings the end of the school year to around 20 June. Pupils in grade C of **upper secondary schools** (graduating pupils) have to take placement examinations which usually last from 20 June to the end of the first week of July (depending on the examinations which they have to take).

15 The school year for grades 9 and 12 includes examination periods which are part of the school year according to the Education Law.

16 The official length of the school year is 1 September - 31 August, but lessons are over in June or May.

End of single structure lessons: 15 June for pupils in the final grade (grade 8), 22 June for pupils in other grades (grades 1-7).

End of upper secondary education lessons: 30 May for the students in the final grade, 22 June for other students.

17 School year including main holiday period in July and August.

**TABLE II – STARTING DATES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN 2000/2001
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

COUNTRY	DATES	
BELGIUM		
FRENCH COMMUNITY	1 September	
FLEMISH COMMUNITY	1 September	
GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY	1 September	
DENMARK¹	7 August	
GERMANY		
SAARLAND	3 August	
HESSEN, RHEINLAND-PFALZ	7 August	
NORDRHEIN/WESTFALEN	14 August	
NIEDERSACHSEN, SACHSEN, SACHSEN-ANHALT, THÜRINGEN	24 August	
BREMEN	28 August	
HAMBURG, MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	31 August	
BERLIN, BRANDENBURG, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	4 September	
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	11 September	
BAYERN	12 September	
GREECE²	1 September	
SPAIN³	Primary Between 1 and 18 Sept.	Secondary Between 18 and 25 Sept.
FRANCE	5 September	
IRELAND	Generally 1 September	
ITALY		
EMILIA ROMAGNA, MARCHE	11 September	
ALTO ADIGE, LAZIO (upper secondary)	12 September	
VALLE D'AOSTA, UMBRIA, LAZIO (primary and lower second.)	13 September	
LOMBARDIA, FIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA, VENETO, ABRUZZO, CAMPANIA	14 September	
PIEMONTE, TRENTINO, TOSCANA, MOLISE, PUGLIA, BASILICATA, CALABRIA, SARDEGNA	18 September	
SICILIA	19 September	
LIGURIA	21 September	
LUXEMBOURG	15 September	
THE NETHERLANDS	Primary	Secondary
NORTH REGION	4 September	4 September
CENTRAL REGION	21 August	28 August
SOUTH REGION	14 August	21 August
AUSTRIA		
WIEN, NIEDERÖSTERREICH, BURGENLAND	4 and 6 September	
OTHER LÄNDER	11 and 13 September	
PORTUGAL	Between 11 and 18 September	
FINLAND	Between 10 and 21 August	
SWEDEN	Between 14 August and 1 September	
UNITED KINGDOM		
ENGLAND AND WALES ⁴	Between 15 August and 15 September	
NORTHERN IRELAND ⁵	Between 1-8 September	
SCOTLAND ⁶	15 August	
ICELAND	Primary and lower secondary Between 1 and 15 September	Upper secondary Between 21 August and 1 September
LIECHTENSTEIN	21 August	
NORWAY	Between 15 and 21 August	
BULGARIA	15 September	
CZECH REPUBLIC	4 September	
ESTONIA	1 September	
CYPRUS⁷	Primary 11 September	Secondary 11 September
LATVIA	1 September	
LITHUANIA	1 September	
HUNGARY	28 August	
MALTA⁸	25 September	
POLAND	1 September	
ROMANIA	1 September	
SLOVENIA	4 September	
SLOVAKIA	4 September	

Endnotes

**TABLE II– STARTING DATES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN 2000/2001
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

- ¹ Date indicated in the Ministry's guidelines to the placing of the holidays in the *Folkeskole* in the school year 2000/2001. Schools which have winter holidays in February may start a week earlier. The only firm rules laid down are that the end of the school year should be 22 June 2001, and that the school year should consist of 200 school days. This applies to primary and lower secondary education as well as to upper secondary education.
- ² Lessons begin on the 11 September.
- ³ Each Autonomous Community officially starts and ends the school year on a fixed date within this period.
- ⁴ School term dates are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities or school governing bodies, and may vary from one local authority or school to another. A small minority of schools in England have implemented, and some local education authorities are considering introducing, a five-term year. In these instances, the school year must still commence with the first term to begin after July.
- ⁵ School term dates are not fixed nationally, but by the Education and Library Boards (Boards) for controlled schools and by relevant school authorities with approval by the appropriate Board for other schools, and may vary from one local authority to another.
- ⁶ The school holidays in Scotland are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities, and may vary from one local authority to another.
- ⁷ In primary education starting date for teachers is the 4 September and in secondary education the 1 September.
- ⁸ All teachers attend school two working days prior to the fourth Monday of September.

**TABLE III – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

COUNTRY	SUMMER	AUTUMN	CHRISTMAS	WINTER / CARNIVAL	SPRING / EASTER	3 rd TERM	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / OCCASIONAL/RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
BELGIUM FRENCH COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October-5 November)	2 weeks (25 December-7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	-	27/09; 11/11; 1/05; 24/05; 4/06 (5 public holidays)
FLEMISH COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October – 5 November)	2 weeks (25 December –7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	2 days (24-25 May)	11/11; 1/05; 4/6 (3+2 public holidays)
GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	1 week (30 October-5 November)	2 weeks (25 December-7 January)	1 week (26 February-4 March)	2 weeks (2 April-16 April)	2 days (free choice)	11/11; 15/11; 1/05; 24/05; 4/06 (5 public holidays)
DENMARK ¹	7 weeks (19 June–6 August)	1 week (16-20 October)	2 weeks (18 December – 5 January)	1 week (variable)	1 week (9 April 13 April)	-	4 public holidays between Easter and summer holidays
GERMANY ²	6 weeks (staggered between 22 June and 11 September)	2 to 11 days (staggered between 2 Oct. and 4 Nov.)	4 + 12 days (staggered between 20 Dec. and 13 Jan.)	0 to 10 days	5 to 15 days	0 to 9 days	Up to 10 days, depending on the <i>Land</i>
GREECE	Prim.: 12 weeks (between June-and Sept.) Sec.: 10 weeks (between July and Sept)	1 day (28 October falling on an Saturday; 17 November)	2 weeks (24 December-7 January)	2 days	2 weeks (9-20 April)	-	6 days throughout the year (28/10; 25/03; 01/05; 04/06; local national day; patron saint day)
SPAIN	³ Prim.: 11 weeks (staggered between end June and mid-September) Sec.: 12 weeks (staggered between end June and end September)	-	2 weeks (between 22 and 7 January)	3 days in February depending on the Autonomous Community	10 days (between 6 and 23 April)	-	Around 7 public holidays, depending on the Autonomous Community
FRANCE	9 weeks (1 July-4 September)	1 week (28 October-6 November)	2 weeks (23 December – 8 January)	2 weeks 03.2-19.2 (zone A) 17.2-05.3 (zone B) 10.2-26.2 (zone C)	2 weeks 31.03-17.04 (zone A) 14.04-02.05 (zone B) 07.04-24.4 (zone C)	-	A few days between Easter and summer holidays
IRELAND ⁴	Prim.: 9 weeks Sec.: 13 weeks	1 week 1 week	2 weeks 2 weeks	1 week (February)	2 weeks 2 weeks	-	-
ITALY	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	-	2 weeks	-	1 week	-	5 public holidays 1.11; 8.12; 25.4; 1.5 + 1 religious day
LUXEMBOURG	9 weeks (17 July-15 September)	1 week (28 October-5 November)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	1 week (24 February-4 March)	2 weeks (7 April-22 April)	1 week (2 June-10 June)	-

COUNTRY	SUMMER	AUTUMN	CHRISTMAS	WINTER / CARNIVAL	SPRING / EASTER	3 rd TERM	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / OCCASIONAL/RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
NETHERLANDS ⁵	Primary: 6 weeks (staggered over 3 regions between 30 June-2 September.) Secondary: 7 weeks (staggered over 3 regions between 30 June-2 September)	1 week (14 October-22 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	-	1 week (staggered over 2 regions: North 3 March-11 March, Central/South 24 February-4 March)	1 week (28 April-6 May)	8 public holidays (+ 30/04; 5/05)
AUSTRIA	9 weeks (1/8 July-3/10 September)	-	2 weeks (24 December-7 January)	1 week (1-5 February or 12-17 February or 19-24 February)	11 days (7-17 April)	4 days (2-5 June)	6 days throughout the school year
PORTUGAL	11 weeks (29 June; 12 th year on 8 June)	1 week (30 October-3 November)	2 weeks (20 December-2 January)	1 week (26 February-2 March)	2 weeks (4 -17 April)	-	5 days throughout the school year
FINLAND	10-12 weeks (3 June-mid-August) ⁶	1 to 7 days (mid of October-beginning of November)	Minimum 10 days (between 21 December-7 January)	1 week (between 19 February-11 March)	4 days (13-16 April)	-	1 religious (24/05) and 2 public (6/12; 1/05) holidays
SWEDEN ⁷	10 weeks (beginning of June-end of August)	1 week (in some municipalities)	3 weeks	1 week (end of February - beginning of March)	1 week (April)	-	-
UNITED KINGDOM ENGLAND AND WALES ⁸	6 weeks (21 July-4 September)	1 week (23-27 October)	2 weeks (20 December-8 January)	1 week (19-23 February)	2 weeks (6-23 April)	1 week (27 May-1 June)	1 public holiday (7 May)
NORTHERN IRELAND ⁹	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	3 days (30 October-1 November)	2 weeks (22 December-3 January)	1 day (16 February)	1 week (13-20 April)	-	1 public holiday (7 May)
SCOTLAND	7 weeks (30 June-18 August)	1 week (13 October-19 October)	2 weeks (22 December-4 January)	1 to 3 days (February)	2 weeks (6-19 April)	A few days (May)	-
ICELAND	13 weeks (1 June-31 August)	-	2 weeks (22 December-4 January)	-	11 days (9-18 April)	-	-
LIECHTENSTEIN	6 weeks (8 July-20 August)	2 weeks (7-22 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	1 week (24 February-4 March)	17 days (12-29 April)	-	11 days: 8 Sept., 1 Nov., 8 Dec., 2 Febr., 19 March, 1, 24 and 25 May, 4 June, 14 and 15 June
NORWAY ¹⁰	8 weeks between 20 June and 20 August	1 week about week 40 (October ¹¹)	2 weeks (about 20 December-3 January)	1 week (end of February/beginning March ¹⁰)	9 days (mid-April)	-	5 public holidays between Easter and the summer holidays
BULGARIA	Prim.: 15 weeks (1 June-15 Sept.) Sec.: 13 weeks (15 June -15 Sept)	Prim.: 3 days (11- 13 November).	2 weeks (24 December-6 January)	2 days (7-8 February)	1 week (1 April-10 April)	-	5-6 bank holidays
CZECH REPUBLIC	9 weeks (2 July-31 August)	2 days (26-27 October)	About 1 week (23 December-2 January)	1 day (1 February)	1 week (from 5 February to 16 March - different in various regions); 2 days (12-13 April)	-	5 days: 28 Sept.; 28 Oct.; 17 Nov.; 1 and 8 May

COUNTRY	SUMMER	AUTUMN	CHRISTMAS	WINTER / CARNIVAL	SPRING / EASTER	3 rd TERM	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / OCCASIONAL/RELIG IOUS HOLIDAYS
ESTONIA	13 weeks (3 June-31 August)	1 week (21 October-29 October)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	-	9 days (17 March-25 March)	-	-
CYPRUS	Prim.: 11 weeks (22 June-9 Sept.) Sec.: 12 weeks (mid-June-9 Sept.)	3 days (1 and 28 October, 13 November)	2 weeks (23 December-7 January)	3 days (26 Febr., 25 March, 1 April)	2 weeks (8-22 April)	-	2 days (1 May and 11 June) plus additional variable days: primary 3 days, secondary 1 day
LATVIA ¹²	Grades 1-8, 10-11: 13 weeks (1 June-3 September); Grade 9: 11 weeks (15 June-3 September), Grade 12: 10 weeks (22 June-3 September)	1 week	2 weeks	1 week (February, only grade 1)	1 week (spring holidays) + 2 days (Easter holidays)	-	2 public holidays (1/05, 18/11)
LITHUANIA	Prim.: 13 weeks (31 May-1 Sept.) Sec.: 10 ½ weeks (30 June-1 Sept.)	Prim. and sec.: 1 week (29 October-3 November)	Prim. and sec.: 2 weeks (24 December-8 January)	Prim.: 5 days (dates are within the schools' discretion)	Prim. and sec.: 1 week (9-14 April)	-	3 bank holidays (1 Nov., 16 Febr., 16 April)
HUNGARY	11 weeks (15 June-31 August)	6 days (1-6 November)	1½ weeks (22 December-2 January)	-	7 days (11-17 April)	-	5 days throughout the school year
MALTA ¹³	9 weeks (15 July-14 September)	3 days (1-3 November)	2 weeks (23 December-6 January)	2 days (26-27 February)	1 week (11-18 April)	-	-
POLAND	10 weeks (23 June-31 August)	-	9 days (23-31 December)	2 weeks (between 15 January and 25 February)	6 days (12-17 April)	-	6 days throughout the school year
ROMANIA	11 weeks (15 June-31 August)	1 week (28 October-5 November)	17 days (21 December-7 January)	1 week (27 January-4 February)	2 weeks (between 1 April and 15 May)	-	-
SLOVENIA	10 weeks (26 June-31 August) ¹⁴	1 week (30 October - 5 November)	1 week (25 December-2 January)	1 week ¹⁵	6 days (27 April-2 May)	-	8 February/school day 1 day (16 April)
SLOVAKIA	9 weeks (1 July-31 August)	2 days (30 October-1 November)	Minimum 2 weeks (23 December-5 January)	1 day (2 February)	1 week (between end of February and mid-March-Spring holidays; 12-17 April-Easter holidays)	-	-

ENDNOTES

**TABLE III - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR 2000/2001
(PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION)**

- ¹ The holiday dates indicated go from Monday to Friday, i.e. do not include weekends prior to and at the end of holidays.
- ² The length of the shorter holiday periods in each year is fixed by the individual *Länder* within the total number of 75 days of holidays in the school year.
- ³ Summer holidays start the day after the lessons are over and finish the day before the beginning of lessons for 2001/02 and they vary depending on the Autonomous Community (see table II for school year 2000/01).
- ⁴ Generally from 1 June-31 August. School authorities have discretion in the planning of the school year for holidays etc. on the basis of minimum number of recognised teaching days.
- ⁵ The summer holiday is decided by the ministry (compulsory dates for all schools). All other holidays are recommended by the ministry. The general recommendation is that schools after a period of 7 to 8 weeks lessons give one week holiday.

School year 2000/2001 (summer holidays)

	Primary education	Secondary education
North region	07 July – 19 August 2001	07 July – 26 August 2001
Central region	21 July – 02 September 2001	14 July – 02 September 2001
South region	30 June – 12 August 2001	30 June – 19 August 2001

- ⁶ School work begins in mid-August. The exact date depends on the municipality as an education provider. School work ends on the last working day of the 22nd week of the year. According to the law, there are 190 school days in a school year.
- ⁷ The exact dates vary between municipalities.
- ⁸ **E/W:** Dates of school holidays are not fixed nationally, but by local authorities and school governing bodies, and may vary from one local authority or school to another. A small minority of schools in England have implemented, and some local education authorities are considering introducing, a five-term year. This will have an impact on school holidays dates and duration.
- ⁹ **NI:** Dates of school holidays are not fixed nationally, but by the Education and Library Boards (Boards) for controlled schools and by relevant school authorities with approval by the appropriate Board for other schools, and may vary from one local authority to another. The dates given are for a typical Education and Library Board. Schools also have a further 6 days holiday closure to take account of individual preference, traditional holiday patterns and/or religious festivals.
- ¹⁰ The exact dates vary between municipalities for primary and lower secondary level and between counties for upper secondary level.
- ¹¹ Decided by the county.
- ¹² The summer holiday is shorter for grades 9 and 12 due to the examination period. The dates of the winter holidays for grade 1 in February are decided by municipalities.
- ¹³ Schools are on half days between 1 June and 14 July and between 15 September to the Friday preceding the fourth Monday in September.
Teachers on in-service training attend school up to the 14th July and start attending on the 15th September.
If the 2nd November should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, an additional day is granted in lieu.
Public holidays: A day off is given in lieu of each public holiday that may fall on a Saturday or a Sunday. The dates when such day/s off in lieu will be availed of are established at the start of the school year.
- ¹⁴ The last day for pupils having lessons is 22 June.
- ¹⁵ Ljubljana region: 19 February-25 February; Maribor region: 26 February-4 March.