



**School year in the Czech Republic always commences at the start of September and closes at the end of June. It is divided into two semesters (September – January, and February – June). Schools are closed for holidays in July and August.**

## Commencement of the School Year

The school year commences at the beginning of September in celebratory atmosphere. It is a significant milestone especially for children starting their first year. Both the teachers and older fellow students take care of their friendly welcome. Children are introduced to their school, classes, in which they will spend the school year, as well as their new teachers and classmates. First-graders are often allowed to be accompanied by their parents. The first day of school is usually shorter than normal and children usually stay at school for only a couple of hours. Some schools may organise introductory activities for older students.

## Parent – teacher Meetings

Parent–teacher meetings are usually held three or four times a year. Successes and failures of children are discussed there and ways to improve children’s performance are sought. Par-

ents are given information on what lays ahead and the activities offered by school to their children. If a parent is unable to attend parent-teacher meetings, individual consultation may be arranged. If you feel that your child is experiencing problems at school (those can include problems with fellow students), do not hesitate to approach the teacher as soon as you learn about the problem.

## School Camps

Czech schools (including preschools) allow children to spend one week each year at a so-called „škola v přírodě“, something like a school camp where children study, play and relax. For that week (usually in the warmer months of spring) children together with their teachers go away to some place outside of the city to get closer to nature, engage in sports, discover the beauties of Czech nature and spend time with their fellow students in informal settings. Schools provide food, accommodation, medical aid, and activities chosen adequately to suit the children’s age. Schooling takes place in limited scope, emphasis is put on spending time out in the open, walking trips, sports and physical activities. Some schools also organise trips to foreign countries, often as part of learning a foreign language.





## Final Reports

The day when final reports (document marking the more or less successful school semester) are handed out is as important for children as the commencement of the school year. At the end of the first semester reports are handed out as part of a normal school day, at the end of the year there are no classes on the final day.

## Holidays

Throughout the school year, children have holidays - periods of time during which there do not attend school. The exact dates vary each year, but usually they take place on around these times:

**Autumn holidays** – around October 28

**Christmas holidays** – usually from December 23 to January 2

**End of the first semester holidays** – around February 1

**Spring holidays** – one week in February or March, dates vary according to the region in the Czech Republic

**Easter holidays** – on different dates every year, according to traditional Christian holiday, first Sunday after the first springtime full moon

**Summer holidays** – all of July and August

Children also have days off during Czech public holidays, that is: September 28, October 28, May 1, and May 8. On rare occasion director of a school can announce the so-called „director’s leave“, for example when one day of attendance would interrupt longer period of holidays.

**Do you have any questions regarding these topics? Do you need help in your communication with schools? Do not hesitate to contact us!**

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