

[Welcome to our Summer term attendance newsletter update.](#)

Attendance plays a critical role in academic success, personal growth, and future opportunities. We want to work together with you as Parents to ensure every student achieves their full potential by attending school regularly and on time. Excellent attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, well-being and is good preparation for the adult world of work where poor punctuality would not be tolerated by a college placement or employer.

Our aim for all of our children is to have 100% attendance and we monitor all children's attendance carefully – attendance matters and every moment in school counts.

DFE Guidance—The Department for Education's updated guidance, Working Together to Improve School Attendance (2024), requires all schools to monitor attendance more closely and take timely action to address concerns.

One key change is that penalty notices may now be issued if a pupil has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) of absence within any rolling 10-week period. This includes persistent lateness after registers close.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

The school day starts at 8.30am when the Senior Leadership Team let children into school on the gates. Registration starts at 8.40am. Arrival after 8.50am through the late gate will result in a sanction for your child if they have no valid reason for their lateness or it is persistent.

Thank you for your continued support in working with us to help your child reach their full potential.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

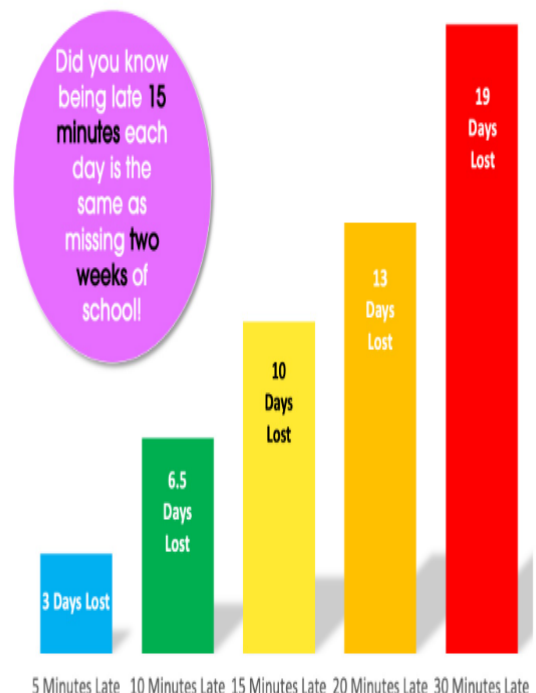
When you're in school you...

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Achieve
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Build your confidence & self esteem
- Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences

Have the best possible start in life!

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning



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Dates for your diary

School Term 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

** Training days	Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September 2026
† Re-open on	Thursday 3 September 2026
** Training day	Friday 2 October 2026
Mid Term closure	Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October 2026
** Training day	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 November 2026
* Early closure on	Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Re-open on	Monday 4 January 2027
Mid Term closure	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027
* Early closure on	Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Re-open on	Monday 12 April 2027
May Day closure	Monday 3 May 2027
Mid Term closure	Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027
* Early closure on	Wednesday 21 July 2027

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances and authorised by the Headteacher. Please plan ahead and avoid booking any holidays when school is in session.

Medical Appointments - If your child has an urgent appointment that cannot be taken out of school hours they are still required to be in school both before and after the appointment where possible. If they are not in before/ after your appointment this will be classed as unauthorised. You must provide an appointment card/letter for your child's absence to be classed as medical otherwise your child will be marked in as late or as an unauthorised absence. We expect your child to attend school either side of their appointment where possible for authorised marks to be recorded.

Being sent home - This will only be authorised if the school has contacted you and advised you that your child is being sent home. If your child calls you and you come and collect them this will not be authorised. Should your child call you please advise them that they should not be using their phone and that they need to inform their teacher who will contact the Pastoral Hub to be assessed. If the student needs to go home or has a medical issue that needs to be discussed further, a member of staff will contact you.

Reasons for absence - When messaging in to school, phoning or emailing in for a student who is off school we require an **actual reason** for the absence. If they attend and are too unwell to remain in school then they will be seen by one of our Pastoral Team who will contact you.