

Attendance Matters – Summer Term 1 Update

As we come to the last half term this academic year, we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in promoting good attendance. Your partnership makes a real difference.

Our Current Attendance

- **Summer Term 1 attendance: 93.9%**
- **Overall attendance (this academic year): 92.4%**

While we appreciate the efforts families make to ensure children attend regularly, our overall attendance remains **below the national average**. Improving attendance is a key priority, as every day in school is vital for children's learning, progress, and social development.

How You Can Help

We kindly ask all families to ensure children attend school **every day unless they are genuinely unwell**. Consistent attendance helps children feel confident, connected, and successful in their learning.

Attendance Below 90%

Where a pupil's attendance falls below **90%**, we will request **medical evidence** to support illness-related absences. This may include:

- Appointment letters
- Prescriptions
- Hospital correspondence
- Other documentation from a healthcare professional

Providing this information helps us accurately record absences and offer appropriate support where needed.

Holidays During Term Time

As we approach the summer period, we would like to remind families that:

- **Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised**
- Holidays taken during term time have a significant impact on learning

Any unauthorised leave may result in a **Penalty Notice**, in line with local authority and government guidance. We strongly encourage families to arrange holidays during **school holiday periods only**.

Don't Miss Out – Summer Term Experiences

The summer term is a **particularly important and exciting time in school**, with lots of valuable experiences planned for children. These include:

- **Transition activities** to support children moving to their next year group or new school
- **Educational visits and trips**
- **Sports days, performances, and celebration events**

These opportunities play a key role in helping children build confidence, develop friendships, and prepare for the next stage of their education. Absence during this time can mean children **miss out on important milestones and experiences** that cannot be easily repeated.

We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends every day so they can fully take part and enjoy all that the summer term has to offer.