

There are 190 statutory school days in one year. That means there are 175 days (weekends & school holidays) available to use for holidays!

- If so, please think carefully...
- There is no automatic entitlement to any leave in term time therefore parents must seek school's permission before taking their child out of school.
 - School will **only authorise** the absence if there are **exceptional reasons** for taking the leave in term time.
 - School will require parents to fill in a leave request form **prior to booking** any holiday and/or attend a meeting in school.
 - There may be occasions where, even in exceptional circumstances, your child's school may not agree leave, for example during SATs week or important transitional periods.

Reasons why you should not take your child out of school in term time:

- Evidence shows that even small amounts of absence from school can affect your child's progress and attainment.
- The education of your child could be disrupted both prior to and after any leave, causing them to fall behind and struggling to catch up.
- For every week of school a child misses, they lose 25 hours of education which can never be regained.
- Approximately every 6 weeks your child gets a holiday from school, therefore you should use this time to take your child on holiday.
- If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time without permission, you may be issued with a penalty notice.

"Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world"
Nelson Mandela



Attendance Matters!

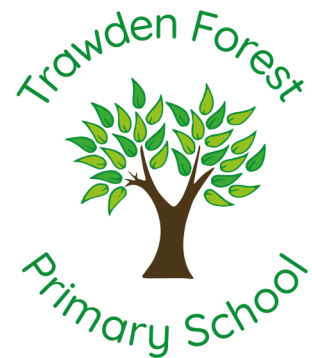
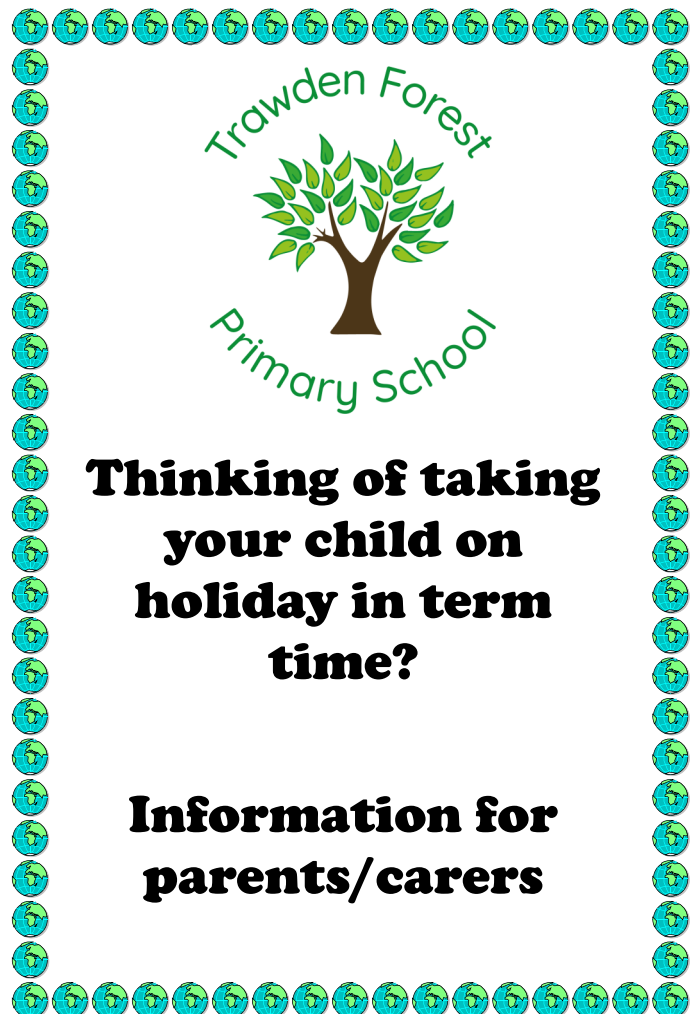


Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set a target & this is used to compare us to other schools nationally.

Our current **target** is **96%** attendance.

If you take your child on a **2 week holiday** in term time, attendance for the year **immediately drops to 95%**.

**Attendance Matters at
Trawden Forest
Primary School**



**Thinking of taking
your child on
holiday in term
time?**

**Information for
parents/carers**