

# Attendance Newsletter

## Lent Term Information









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We would like to thank all of you for your continued support with raising attendance at our school. We are above the national average but still a little way of the target the DFE expect of 96% but with your help this could be reached before the end of the school year.

The children do enjoy the weekly best class attendance award which is given out each Friday in the afternoon assembly.

The children who have no time out of school for a week also receive a 100% attendance sticker on the following Monday and they have an attendance ladder on their class room doors where they track their own yearly attendance and try to get to the top.

Attendance Ladder				How close are you to reaching the top?
100%	→	Perfect		
98%	→	Impressive		
96%	→	Good		
95%	→	Nearly there		
94%	→	Needs improving		
90%	→	Nearly Whoops		
80%	→	Whoops		

### Thank you

We would like to thank all the parents who call or email the office when their child is absent. This saves the office staff a lot of time having to make phone calls and chasing up why a child is absent. Please do not send the teacher a message on dojo about a child being absent as these are not always picked up. If we do not hear from you and you do not answer our call then the Education Officer will make a visit to your home.



### Holidays/other occasions

If you are planning to take your child out of school for any other reason than a medical appointment, please ask the office for a leave of absence form. As a school we are unable to authorise holidays taken in term time and if a holiday is taken there could be a penalty notice issued. At present the fine is £60 per parent/per child. This is due to go up to £80 from September 2024.

### Well done to our children

Our overall school attendance for this year so far is 95% and 95.62% for compulsory aged children. This is above the national attendance figures. At the end of the lent term we gave out many certificates and prizes for 100% attendance. The children who had over 97% attendance also received a certificate. We know sometimes medical appointments etc cannot be taken out of school time so the children who miss very little time still deserve a reward.

### Late Arrivals

We had **153** occasions of children arriving late in the Lent term resulting in **40** hours of lost learning time. Please try to ensure your child arrives at school before 8.55; this is when the playground gate is locked. Arriving before this time means your child has time to take their coat, lunchbox etc and be settled in class for 9 o'clock when the register is taken and the lesson starts. It can be very upsetting for children having to walk into class when a lesson has already started especially when they miss the teacher's input and then have to struggle to catch up for the rest of the lesson.



### Best Class Attendance for Lent Term

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
WB 08/01/2024	Y3	100%
WB 15/01/2024	Y6	99.2%
WB 22/01/2024	Y6	99.3%
WB 29/01/2024	Y2	99.3%
WB 05/02/2024	Y1	98.2%
WB 19/02/2024	Y1	99.2%
WB 26/02/2024	Y6	99.3%
WB 04/03/2024	Y5	100%
WB 11/03/2024	Y6	96.6%
WB 18/03/2024	Y3	97.9%
WB 25/03/2024	Y3	97.4%