

Attendance Newsletter

Advent Term 2024 Information



Attendance Information

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support with raising attendance at our school. The target the DFE expect is 96% at present with your continued support we are above this figure with a compulsory school aged attendance of 96.51%. This is amazing and I am sure this can continue if we all work together.

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.

This year so far we have had very few children taking holidays in term time which has helped with our great attendance.

Well done to our children

At the end of we will give out 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.

The class with the best attendance for the Advent term will all receive a small selection box.

Late Arrivals

Since returning after the Summer Break we have had 333 occasions of children arriving late in the Lent term resulting in **94** 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.



After the Christmas break if your child is late on more than 3 occasions you will be asked to meet with Mr O'Connor or the Education Welfare Officer to explain the reasons and to discuss what can be done to improve lateness.

Best Class Attendance for Advent Term

<u>Week beginning</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
09/09/2024	Year 1	98.8%
16/09/2024	Year 5	99.2%
23/09/2024	Year5	98.7%
30/09/2024	Year 3	99.7%
07/10/2024	Year 5	98.3%
14/10/2027	Year 2	97.9%
28/10/2024	Year 5	100%
04/11/2024	Year 4	99.7%
11/11/2024	Year 2	99.2%
18/11/2024	Year 5	99.3%
25/11/2025	Year 2	98.8%
02/12/2024	Year 2	97.5%
09/12/2024	Year 5	97.5%

The Class with the best attendance for the Advent term is Year 2 with 97.5 %



We wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year

Children are back on
Tuesday 7th January.

