

# Attendance Newsletter

## Lent Term 2026 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 just below this figure with a compulsory school aged attendance of 95.2 %. Even though we are still way above the national average of 94.9%.

We continue to monitor low attendance with our Education Welfare officer and since returning after the Christmas break we have had several School Attendance Panel Meetings, sent out 2 Pre Governor attendance Panel letters and two notice to improve letters. These measures are a last resort for the school when a child's attendance fails to improve. If your child's attendance is lower than 90% you could be asked to provide evidence of illness so we can authorise the absence. If your child has unauthorised absences this could lead to a penalty notice being issued.



### 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 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.

If you have downloaded the Arbor app you can message on there if you child is absent.

### 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 £80 per parent/per child.**

**This year we have had 134 sessions lost due to children being missing from school for family holidays. The Local Authority have issued 5 penalty notices to parents at our school for term time holidays since September 2025.**

### Well done to our children

At the end of term we gave out 31 certificates and prizes for 100% attendance for the full term, 81 certificates for 100% for half term from February to Easter. 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 children in the class with the best attendance for the Lent will all receive an Easter Egg.

### Late Arrivals

Since we returned after the Christmas Break we have had 162 occasions of children arriving late for school, which adds up to over 41 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.

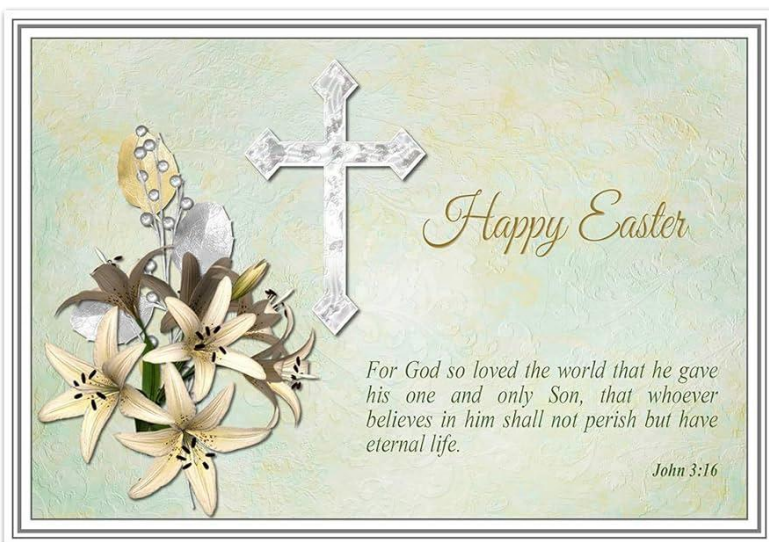


If you are having problems getting your child to school before 8.55am please contact the school office and we will try to help in any way we can. If your child arrives at school after the registers are closed the morning attendance mark is recorded as a U unauthorised late (absent mark). As previously mentioned in this newsletter, unauthorised absences can result in a penalty notice being issued.

### Best Class Attendance for Advent Term

<u>Week ending</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
08/01/2026	Year 5	97.4%
15/01/2026	Year 1	98.7%
22/01/2026	Year 6	97.4%
29/01/2026	Year 3	94.5%
05/02/2026	Year 3	97.5%
26/03/2026	Year 3	98.7%
05/03/2026	Year 4 & Year 6	100%
12/03/2026	Year 4	98.7%
19/03/2026	Year 3	97.9%
26/03/2026	Year 5	99%

The Class with the best attendance for the Lent Term is Year 3 with 97.3 %



Children are back after the Easter break on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

