

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

**Current Whole School
Attendance:
94.9%**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Our attendance target is

Every pupil, on time, every day.



97%

Welcome to our first attendance newsletter of the year; the aim is to promote the importance of attendance across the school community. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children’s attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialise with their peers.

We have had a visit from our Attendance Officer at Walsall Council. The profile of attendance is a key priority for all schools and as such they have instructed us to implement stricter measures for unauthorised absences.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Each week during assembly we shall be celebrating the class with the highest attendance. They will receive a trophy, and other incentives throughout the school year.



CONGRATULATIONS:

Week 1: **Reception - 99.1%**

Week 2: **Nursery & Year 1 - 100%**

Week 3: **Year 1 - 99.1%**

THE SCHOOL DAY

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:40am and the register is taken at 8.55am. Once the registers have closed then your child is marked absent and this will affect their overall attendance. The school day finishes at 3:00pm (EYFS & KS1) and 3:05pm (KS2).

GOOD ATTENDANCE ...

A good attendance is important, statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school then children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge. Both attendance and punctuality are doubly important.

Legal Information:

Section 23(1) Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2007: Penalty notices may be issued to the parent of pupils who have unauthorised absence from school for first offences. (In cases of excessive absence, or repeat offences, the matter may be referred straight to Court).

Parents/ carers are expected to:

Make sure their child attends every day on time

Call the school to report their child’s absence before 9:30am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence), and advise when they are expected to return.

After an absence, provide a letter detailing the reason for absence on the child’s return to school.