



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

What was your child's class attendance looking like last week?

Attendance: week beginning 6th January			
RB	99.5%	RP	99.6%
1P	100% ★	1PM	100% ★
2A	98.3%	2P	98.3%
3J	95.8%	3S	98.3%
4P	93.8%	4R	99.2%
5EH	98.2%	5PH	99.2%
6D	94%	6TP	98.3%

Congratulations to both Year 1 classes for achieving a perfect 100% attendance last week! We have displayed attendance for Tuesday to Friday due to the flood causing attendance issues on Monday.

An additional well-done to the entire school community for a fantastic 98.03% overall attendance. Your commitment to your children's future is truly appreciated.

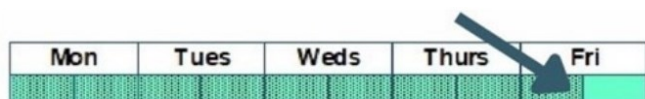
Thanks for your ongoing support. Keep up the excellent work for more weeks of great attendance and exciting learning adventures.

What is Persistent Absence?

A child who only attends school for 90% or less of the time is classed as a Persistent Absentee.

90% might sound great, but Stephen's story shows us why it's not:

Stephen is a child who attends school for 90% of the time. His parents think this is quite good. 90% attendance is the same as being absent from school for a half day every week.



If Stephen's attendance for all the years he went to school was 90%, he would have missed 209 days of school, that's more than a whole school year!

Attending regularly would not only help Stephen succeed in school, but he would also develop his social skills, have more friends, develop better oracy skills, be more active and healthy and he will ultimately succeed in later life.

So why does persistent absence matter?

Missing school has a huge impact on how well a pupil gets on at school. The more school a child misses, the harder it is for them to get into a routine of attending regularly and catch up on the work they have missed.

What can I do?

1. Be honest. Every parent struggles at some point, no parent is perfect! If you're having difficulties with ensuring your children attending school regularly, seek help. Our Reception and website is a great place to start.
2. Engage with us. Speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Anderson and our reception staff. We will look to identify obstacles to regular attendance and there are lots of solutions to every difficulty.
3. Walk to school with other families.
4. Consider our breakfast club and after-school clubs to help make collection times more manageable.

" Inspiring us all to create a better world "
Matthew 5:13-15 "You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world."