





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

Attendance: week beginning 9th March			
RB	97%	RR	98%
1CP	95.2%	1A	99.3%
2P	95.3%	2TW	98%
3J	100% 	3S	98%
4H	99%	4P	97.9%
5H	100% 	5R	98.7%
6D	97.3%	6P	95.4%

Classes 3J and 5H have all accomplished an extraordinary feat by securing the attendance award with a perfect 100%, demonstrating the exceptional commitment of the entire class to attending school this week. Furthermore, a hearty congratulations is extended to the 11 classes that achieved over 96%, as they've all earned a Popcorn Token. These tokens will contribute to their well-deserved end-of-half-term treat.

This week's overall school attendance stands above our target at 97.6%.

Every Day at School Counts!

We know that every child's education is important, and regular school attendance plays a big role in their success—both now and in the future. Even missing a few days here and there can add up, making it harder for children to keep up with learning and reach their full potential.

Since the pandemic, schools across the country have seen a rise in absence rates. Before COVID-19, the overall absence rate was 4.7%, increasing to 7.6% in 2021/22. While there have been improvements, there is still work to do to ensure every child gets the best possible start in life.

Why Attendance Matters

Research shows a strong link between attendance and achievement:

Primary School: Children who attend school regularly (95% or more) in Year 6 are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths compared to those who miss just a few extra days.

Secondary School: By Year 11, students with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve strong GCSE results in English and Maths. Missing just 10 extra days a year can reduce the chances of reaching these grades by 50%.

Future Opportunities: The benefits of good attendance go beyond school. Studies suggest that students who attend school regularly during secondary school could earn £10,000 more by the age of 28 compared to those who are persistently absent.

Working Together for Success

We understand that children may occasionally need time off due to illness or other unavoidable reasons. However, promoting good attendance helps build positive habits that will benefit them throughout life.

Let's work together to give every child the best chance to thrive! If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to support you.

" 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."