



Attendance Matters!

Autumn 2 2025

Thank you to all our families for working with us to prioritise attendance at school. We appreciate you working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

The Data

Our school attendance target is 95%

Our average attendance is 94.8%

The national average is 95.2%



The classes with the highest attendance are:

Lower School: Birch Class 97.9%

Upper School: Scarlett Class 97.4%



Regular school attendance supports...

Personal development

Builds good habits: Attending school regularly, helps build a strong work ethic, responsibility, and punctuality, which are important for future success.

Supports social and emotional growth: School is a key place for students to build social skills and form relationships with peers.

Increases engagement: Regular school attendance means children are more likely to be engaged in classroom discussions and activities.

Future opportunities

Demonstrates reliability: A good attendance record shows reliability and a strong work ethic.

Opens doors for future success: Good attendance is linked to higher exam results, which enhances future options and opportunities in adult life.

Reduces risk of negative outcomes: Studies suggest a link between good attendance and lower risks of getting involved in anti-social and criminal behaviour.

Attendance Awards

We know that good attendance helps children make the most of their learning and build positive habits for the future. While we completely understand that illness cannot be avoided and children need time to recover when they are unwell, we want to encourage excellent attendance outside of unavoidable absence.

How it works:

- We will continue to track attendance from the beginning of this school year
- Children who achieve 100% attendance for:
 - **1 term** will receive a **bronze badge**
 - **2 terms** will receive a **silver badge**
 - **3 terms** will receive a **gold badge**
- The first badges for this year will be awarded on the day before the Christmas holidays



Important to note:

- There is no shame in not achieving these awards – we understand that unavoidable absences happen
- These awards are about giving children an ambitious goal to work towards with your support
- Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell, they should stay at home to recover



Should I send my child to school?

It can be a challenge deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. The [NHS guidance](#) can help you decide.



Please report any absences to the school office by 9am

01252 314884 info@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk

If you are struggling to get your child to school or to school on time, please contact our Family Support Advisor: Mrs Vaiva fsa@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk



See the useful [attendance guidance for parents/carers](#) from Hampshire County Council.

Morning Routines

Mornings can be hectic for families with primary school children, but with some planning and organisation, you can create a stress-free start to the day.

Here are some tips to help streamline your morning routine and ensure everyone leaves the house on time and in good spirits.

Be prepared - Lay out clothes, pack school bags and prepare lunches the night before. This reduces the number of tasks to be done in the morning and helps avoid last-minute scrambles.

Create a morning checklist - Make a checklist of morning tasks for your child, such as brushing teeth, getting dressed and eating breakfast. A visual checklist can help younger children stay on track and feel a sense of accomplishment as they complete each task.

Set a consistent wake-up time - Establish a regular wake-up time that allows enough time for everyone to get ready without rushing. Consistency helps regulate your child's internal clock and makes waking up easier.

Healthy breakfast options - Prepare quick and nutritious breakfast options, such as overnight oats, fruit smoothies or whole grain toast with avocado. A healthy breakfast provides the energy needed for a productive school day.

Limit screen time - Avoid screens in the morning to keep everyone focused on getting ready. Playing music can create a positive and energising atmosphere.

Organise school supplies - Keep school supplies and bags in a designated area near the door. This makes it easy to grab everything needed for the day and reduces the risk of forgetting important items.

Involve your child - Give your child age-appropriate responsibilities, such as setting the table for breakfast or feeding the pet. Involving them in the morning routine fosters independence and a sense of responsibility.

Stay positive and calm - Model a positive and calm attitude in the morning. Children often mirror their parents' emotions, so staying composed can help set a peaceful tone for the day.

Allow extra time - Build a buffer of extra time for unexpected delays, such as a missing shoe or a last-minute bathroom break. This helps prevent stress and ensures you're not rushing out the door.

Remember that a calm start sets the stage for a successful and productive day at school.

