



# Attendance Matters!

Summer 2 2026

## The Numbers!

Our average school attendance remains at **94.7%**. This is great but let's see if we can improve on this for the last half term of the year!



The **classes** with the **highest attendance** so far this academic year are:

Lower School: **Birch** Class (Y1) 96.2%

Upper School: **Peirce** Class (Y5) 96.2%

We celebrate the class with the highest attendance of the week in our Celebration Assembly!

**100% Attendance Awards** - At the end of this term, we will award the next badges with many children on track to achieve:

Bronze: one term of **100%** attendance

Silver: two terms of **100%** attendance

Gold: all year **100%** attendance

*"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."*

**Aim to arrive at school  
by 8.30am**

**SCHOOL DAYS ARE  
PACKED WITH  
MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER  
AND CONNECTION.**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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## Some Ways to Improve Attendance

1. Make sure your child arrives at school on time – 8.30am so they are ready to start learning at 8.45am
2. When possible, book appointments outside of school hours so learning time is not interrupted
3. Do not book holidays during term time. Although they can be cheaper, time away from school impacts on learning and may result in a penalty notice (see below)
4. Missing the odd day at school can become a habit. Regular attendance helps builds a positive work ethic – just like in the workplace.



## Should I send my child to school?

It can be a challenge deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. This [NHS guidance](#) can help you decide.



## Holidays During term Time

If parents/carers take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. First Penalty Notice - £160.00 per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice.
2. Second Penalty Notice may be issued if a Penalty Notice has previously been issued in the preceding three-year period to the same parent for the same child. A second Penalty Notice is £160 per parent/carer per child if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days.

Penalty Notices must be paid within the timescales provided or the local authority will consider commencing proceedings in the Magistrates' Court for the original offence.

**Please report any absences to the school office by 9am**

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**If you are struggling to get your child to school, please contact  
our Family Support Advisor: Mrs Vaiva**