



Building strong routines, confident learners, and a community that shows up for each other!

We're now over halfway through this half-term, and your support is making a real difference. Our whole-school attendance for this $\frac{1}{2}$ term has risen to 94%, which is fantastic progress – thank you for helping your children get in on time and ready to learn. We still have pupils classed as PA (Persistent Absence), so we're asking for your continued support to keep attendance strong for the rest of the $\frac{1}{2}$ term and the next. Last term, Year 6 were our attendance champions and will be celebrating with a picnic in Bestwood Park. - Which year group will be recognized next?



Why Attendance Matters

- **Every day in school builds confidence** – pupils feel more settled, secure, and connected.
- **Good attendance = better progress** – even one day missed can mean several lessons lost.
- **Strong routines support wellbeing** – children thrive when school becomes part of their daily rhythm.
- **Friendships grow through consistency** – being in school helps pupils stay socially connected.

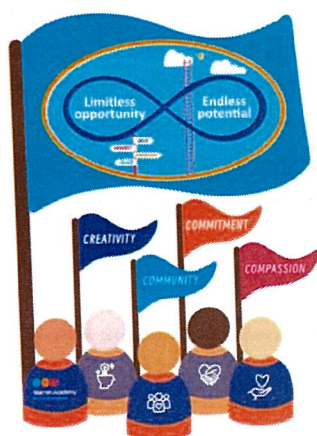
As a school, we offer a wide range of supportive measures to help improve attendance, and we are always here to work with families. When you are invited to a meeting, it is extremely important to attend. These meetings give us the chance to understand any challenges you may be facing, put the right support in place, and make sure your child has the best possible chance of success. By attending, you help us take positive steps together and ensure your child doesn't miss out on valuable learning time.

Year 4's Attendance Challenge: Climbing the Ladder!

Year 4 have thrown themselves into a whole-class attendance initiative after noticing they hadn't moved on the Attend-opoly board and wanted to boost their chances. To take control of their progress, they launched an Attendance Ladder Challenge – and they've been unstoppable ever since.

Each rung of the ladder includes a task designed to help the whole class improve their attendance. So far, they've completed a Parent Promise with every parent showing their support and a 10-Day Challenge, both of which helped build strong routines at home and in school. Their next step is to run a workshop, showing real leadership and teamwork.

And the results speak for themselves: since starting the challenge, Year 4 have smashed their goal, landing on the Attend-opoly board three times already – a huge achievement in such a short space of time.



A call for help



We are always looking for new and exciting attendance activities to reward classes at the end of each half-term, and we know many of our families have brilliant skills, connections, or workplaces that might be able to help. If you, your business, or the company you work for could offer a small prize, experience, workshop, or activity for a winning class, we would love to hear from you. These rewards make a huge difference to motivation and help us celebrate the fantastic effort pupils are putting into improving their attendance. If you can support in any way, please get in touch with the school office – your contribution, big or small, would be truly appreciated.

Dates for your diary

- End of term - Friday 22nd May 2026 school closes at 3,15pm
- Return to school on – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Our Amazing Attendance Ambassadors

Warren has 3 Attendance Ambassadors. In year 6 Logan Mitchell, Lewis Sutherland and in year 4 Alore Francis. What they do? - Attendance Ambassadors encourage everyone to come to school every day and on time. They set a good example, remind others why attendance matters, and help celebrate and recognize classes that show great attendance.

What time does school start?

Being on time is essential for every child, from Nursery right through to Year 6. Our school gates open at 8:40am, giving families plenty of time to arrive, settle, and ensure children are ready for the day ahead. The school day starts at 8:50am, and all pupils should be in their classroom and ready to learn at 8:50am. Arriving promptly helps children begin the day calmly, take part in important morning routines, and engage fully in the first steps of new learning. When children arrive late, they can miss key instructions and valuable opportunities to build confidence and friendships. Establishing strong punctuality habits now sets children up for success both in school and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support in attendance

What to do when?



Your child has a sickness bug

Keep them off school for 48 hrs, we do not want to spread the bug.

Your child says they feel unwell but are showing no other signs of illness

Bring them to school but let us know - we will inform you if we feel they need to be collected

Your child has headlice

Treat the lice and then bring your child to school the same day they do not need to have a day off school

Your child has a medical appointment

Bring them into school in the morning, collect them just before the appointment and bring the back to school straight afterwards, show the office staff evidence of the appointment (letter, email or text).

Why coming to school every day matters

We know that getting children into school every day isn't always easy.

However, regular attendance plays a huge part in helping your child feel confident,

happy and successful – now and in the future.



● It Helps Children Learn and Achieve

When children come to school regularly, they:

- Keep up with lessons and understand their learning better. • Feel more confident in class.
- Are more likely to do well in exams and assessments.

Even missing a small amount of school can create gaps in learning that are hard to catch up later.

● It Builds Positive Habits for Life

Coming to school every day helps children develop habits they'll need as they grow up, such as:

- Being organised and on time
- Taking responsibility
- Sticking with routines

These habits are vital for secondary school and future training, jobs or college.

● It Opens Up Future Opportunities

Good attendance shows that a child is reliable and committed. Strong attendance in the early years of school puts your child in a strong position for when they move up to secondary school.

● It Supports Wellbeing and Confidence

Being in school regularly helps young people:

- Build friendships and feel part of the school community.
- Develop confidence and social skills.
- Access support from trusted adults like school counsellors or mentors, if they're worried or struggling.

School isn't just about learning – it's also about feeling safe, supported and valued.

● It Keeps Children Safe and Engaged

School provides structure, routine and positive activities. Children who attend regularly are:

- More engaged in learning
- Less likely to feel isolated
- More likely to stay on a positive path

● What the Evidence Shows

- Children with attendance of 95% or above are far more likely to succeed academically.
- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly four weeks of learning lost across a year which can severely impact achievement.

● Working Together

We understand that there can be challenges. If something is making it hard for your child to attend school, please talk to us. We are here to listen and help. By working together, we can support your child to attend regularly and thrive

Attend Like a Hero

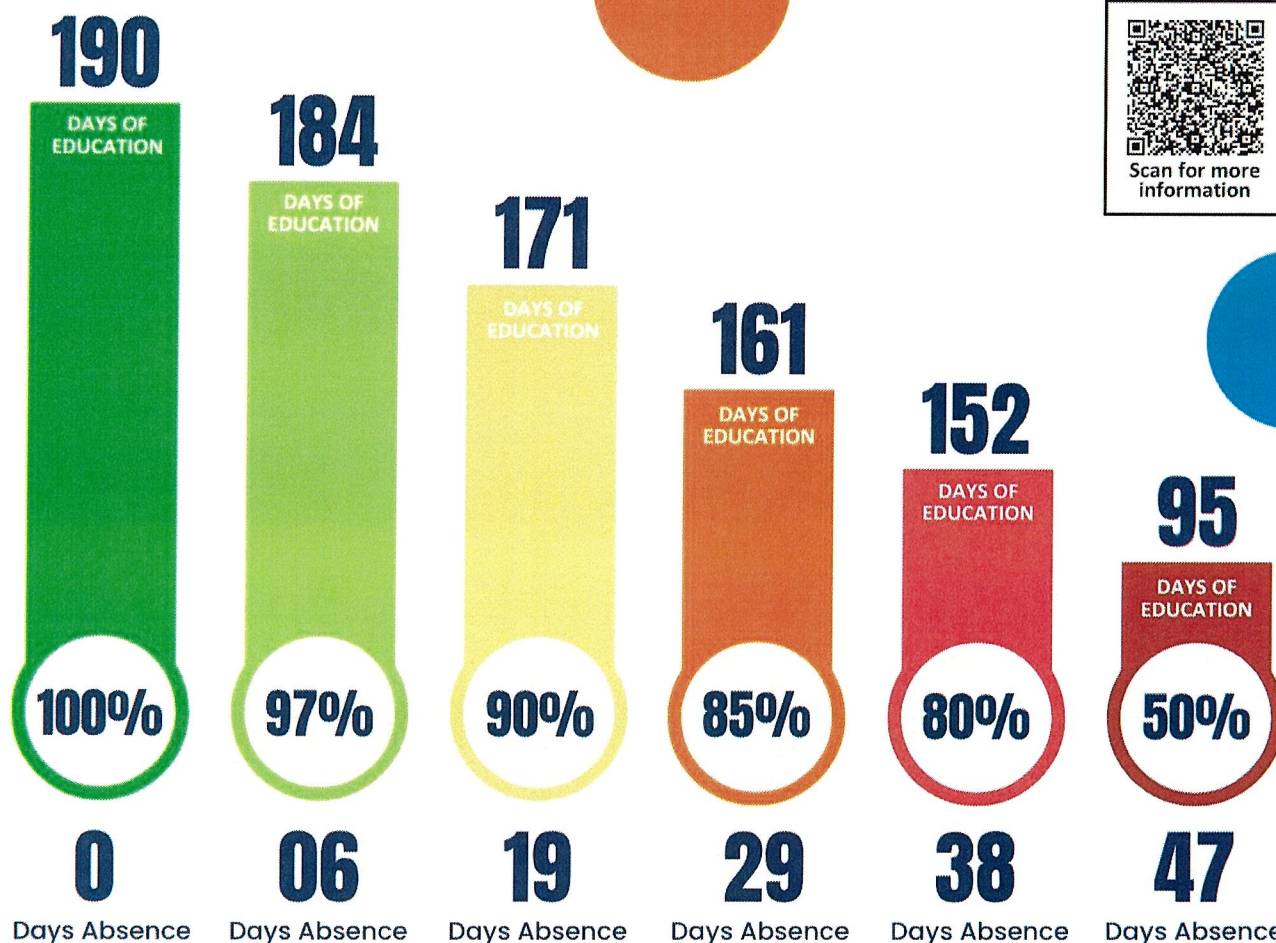
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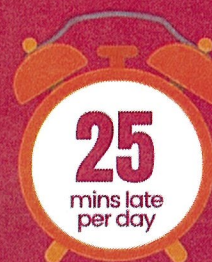
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