



Attendance Newsletter - Summer 2 - 2026

Hot Weather and Attendance

We experienced some very warm weather last week, which led to a number of children being absent from school. With temperatures expected to be lower this week, we look forward to seeing all children back in school.

As we move further into the summer term, we would like to reassure parents and carers that school remains a safe environment for children during periods of hot weather. We continue to monitor conditions carefully and make appropriate adjustments to ensure pupils remain comfortable throughout the day.

On warmer days, we adapt our routines by making use of shaded areas for outdoor play, limiting time spent in direct sun, and adjusting physical activities where necessary. Children are encouraged to drink water regularly, and classrooms are kept as well ventilated as possible.

To support this, please ensure your child brings:

- A sun hat
- A refillable water bottle
- Sun cream applied before school

Thank you for your continued support.



Dates for your diary

Sports day Y1 - Y6	3 rd July
Warren Music Festival	10 th July
Residential Walesby	13-15 July
EYFS and Burrow Sports Day	2 nd July
End of term	24 th July
Start in September	7 th Sept.

Finishing the Term Strong with Attendance

As we approach the end of the term, it is really important that children continue to attend school every day. This final part of the term is still full of valuable learning, as well as opportunities for children to complete work they have been building towards, enjoy activities with their classmates, and celebrate their achievements. Consistent attendance helps children maintain their routines, confidence and progress, right up to the last day. We encourage all families to support their child in finishing the term as strongly as possible—every day in school counts and makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children are present, engaged and ready to make the most of their time in school.

Term-time holidays

Why Term-Time Holidays Hold Children Back

Taking children out of school for a week or two during term time can have a much bigger impact than many families realise. Even short absences mean missing new learning, class discussions and the small daily steps that build confidence and understanding. Subjects like reading, writing and maths move quickly, and it can be difficult for children to catch up on work they were not present for. Time away also disrupts routines and friendships, making the return to school harder. Avoiding term-time holidays helps children stay settled, keep up with their learning and make the most of every opportunity in school.

Please check the Website for term dates before booking your holiday!

Inclusive Attendance Award - Bronze

We are pleased to share that our school has been awarded the **Bronze Inclusive Attendance Award**. This award recognises schools that support attendance in a positive, understanding and inclusive way, making sure every child feels welcome and every family feels supported.

Inclusive attendance is about more than simply being in school. It means creating an environment where children feel **safe, valued and ready to learn**, and where families know they can talk to us openly if they are finding attendance difficult. We understand that some pupils face challenges, and this award shows our commitment to working *with* families to remove barriers and offer the right help at the right time.

How this award benefits you.

- **Clear, friendly communication** – families know who to contact and what support is available.
- **Early help when needed** – we step in quickly so worries don't build up.
- **A partnership approach** – families are listened to, understood and involved in decisions.
- **Reduced pressure** – our approach is supportive, not judgemental.
- **Better outcomes for children** – good attendance helps children learn well, build friendships and feel confident.

We are proud to have achieved the Bronze Award and will continue strengthening our work with families as we aim for Silver. Our goal remains the same: to help every child attend, enjoy school and thrive.

The Role of Parents in School Attendance

Parents play an essential role in helping children attend school regularly. Strong attendance starts at home, and the routines and messages children receive each day make a big difference.

Parent responsibilities

- **Ensure regular attendance** – children should attend every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
- **Keep routines consistent** – good sleep, calm mornings and punctual arrival help children start the day well.
- **Report absences promptly** – contact school early with a clear reason if your child cannot attend.
- **Share concerns early** – let school know if your child is anxious or struggling so issues can be addressed quickly.
- **Avoid term-time holidays** – follow national guidance and request leave only in exceptional circumstances.
- **Promote the value of school** – talk positively about school and encourage good habits.

Good attendance is a team effort, and the role parents play is key to helping every child attend, enjoy school and thrive.



Looking ahead to September

A strong start in September sets children up for a positive year. Over the summer, keeping routines steady—especially bedtime and wake-up times—can make the return to school much smoother.

We will continue to work closely with families next year, building on the progress we've made and aiming for even stronger attendance across the school.

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WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



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FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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if your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution

1 Day = **2** Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

