



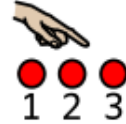
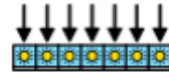
ATTENDANCE

New Year, New Start - Every Day Counts!

January
2026



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As we begin the new year, we want to encourage a fresh start and a renewed focus on excellent school attendance. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children feel settled, confident, and ready to learn.

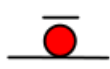
Even missing the occasional day can have an impact. Small absences can quickly add up and may lead to gaps in learning that are difficult to catch up on. Learning begins the moment children step over the school threshold and continues right through to the end of the school day — every lesson, activity, conversation, and experience matters.

Punctuality is just as important as attendance. Our school day begins between 8.45 and 8.55am, and arriving during this time ensures children start the day calmly, take part in morning routines, and are ready to learn alongside their peers. Late arrivals can be unsettling for children and may cause them to miss key instructions or early learning activities. Thank you for supporting your child by ensuring they arrive on time each day.

Being in school every day and on time helps children to:



Make



steady



progress



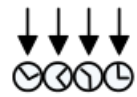
Build

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friendships

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Develop



confidence

and



independence



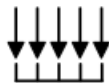
Make

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Medical Appointments



We kindly ask that medical and dental appointments are made outside of school hours wherever possible, to minimise disruption to learning. Where appointments during the school day are unavoidable, please notify the School Office in advance and ensure your child is out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

To support our attendance procedures, we now require evidence for all medical appointments, such as:



Appointment



letter

or



card



Text message



or email



appointment

confirmation

Please remember to bring your appointment confirmation to the School Office when your child has a medical or dental appointment. This helps us keep accurate attendance records and avoids any follow-up queries.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us aim for the highest possible attendance. By working together, we can give every child the best possible start and ensure they do not miss out on valuable learning time.

Let's make this year a positive new beginning — where every day, and every minute, truly counts.



90% and below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

91% - 94%

Cause for concern

95% - 100%

Expected

Every Child Matters. Every Moment Counts.



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Competition Time! Be a Hero!

To celebrate the importance of great attendance, we will soon be launching our **Attendance Superhero Competition!**


Children in **EYFS** will be invited to colour in their very own *Attendance Superheroes*, while pupils in **Years 1 and 2** will be encouraged to colour an *Attendance Hero* design. Children in **Years 3 - 6** will be able to let their creativity shine by designing their own original *Attendance Superhero*.

All entries should promote our attendance motto **“Be a Hero”**, celebrating the importance of coming to school every day, ready to learn and on time. Completed competition entries will need to be returned to school by **Monday 26th January** — so get your creativity ready to go wild and show us how you can be an Attendance Hero!

All entries will be judged by our Attendance Governor, and the winners will be announced in assembly.

EYFS Be a 'HERO' Colouring Competition



Colour the 'HERO' picture and help promote the importance of being a 'HERO'.



Name _____

Year group _____

Please return to school by
Monday 26th January




KS1 Be a 'HERO' Colouring Competition

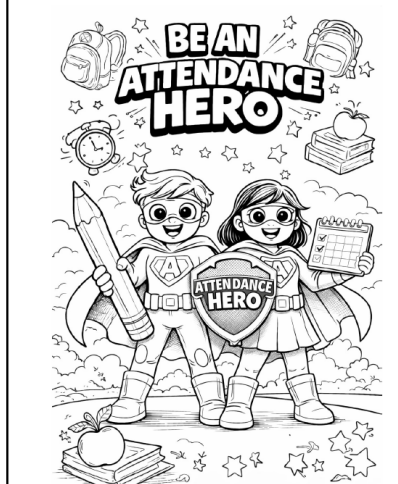
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BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO



KS2 Be a 'HERO' Poster Design Competition

Name _____

Year group _____

Return to school by Monday 26th January



Design and draw a 'HERO' poster to help us promote the importance of regular attendance at school.

Let your creativity shine
by designing your own
original *Attendance Superhero*.