



Wren's Nest Primary School

Attendance Newsletter



Autumn Term 2

Appointments

Appointments we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children's learning time is protected. Please arrange medical and other appointments outside of the school day—either after school or during the school holidays. We understand that some appointments are unavoidable, but frequent absences during lessons can disrupt your child's progress and the rhythm of the school day. By scheduling outside of school hours, you help us maintain continuity and give your child the best chance to thrive.

Honesty and Integrity

Honesty and Integrity Being open and honest about your child's absences—including holidays—is key to building trust and supporting their learning. Clear communication helps us keep accurate records, plan for missed work, and offer the right emotional support when they return. Our Inclusive Attendance ethos means every child is warmly welcomed back and checked in with, but this can only happen when we understand the reason for their time away.

Absence Procedures

- Please inform the school office if your child will be absent from school.
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence such as medication or appointment letters. Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible.
- If you have not contacted school, Mrs Hill or Mrs Cadman will contact you to find out the reason for absence.
- Mrs Hill or Mrs Cadman may also contact you at the end of the school day to enquire about your child and discuss their return to school the following day. They will continue to contact you each day that your child is absent to check in and offer support where possible.

We are proud to celebrate outstanding commitment and dedication to attendance! Congratulations to the classes who have achieved the **Highest Attendance** — your consistent presence sets a strong example for everyone. We also recognise the class with **Consistent Attendance**, whose reliability and dedication shows true perseverance and responsibility. Finally, we celebrate the class with **Most Improved Attendance** — your determination to make positive changes are truly inspiring.

Our current attendance rate stands at **92%** — a great achievement that reflects everyone's commitment and effort! However, our goal is to reach **93%**, and we know we can get there together. Every day counts — let's continue to show up, support one another and achieve 93%.

SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL

Where possible school will offer support to you and your child around attendance difficulties. This is through our multi tiered approach to support.

PHONE CALLS FROM SCHOOL

Class teachers or Mrs Cadman, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hill may call you or request a meeting with you to talk about your child's attendance and any difficulties you or your child may be facing. These are supportive and we encourage our families to engage with us in this way so that your child can have the best possible attendance.



The Importance of School Attendance

School attendance is not merely a requirement but a fundamental part of education. It plays an important role in shaping academic success, personal growth, and future prospects, making it an essential aspect of any educational system.

- **Relationships:** School provides a vital social environment for children to interact with peers, develop friendships, and learn essential social skills. Consistent attendance ensures children remain connected to their peer group.
- **Teacher Interaction:** Regular attendance allows for meaningful teacher-child interactions. Teachers can provide personalised support, address questions, and assess individual progress more effectively when children attend regularly.
- **Wellbeing:** High levels of school attendance contribute to the overall wellbeing.
- **School Engagement:** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to engage in extracurricular activities, sports, and other enriching experiences that contribute to their overall development.
- **Academic Achievement:** Regular attendance directly correlates with academic success. Children who attend school consistently are more likely to keep up with the curriculum, perform better in exams, and improve their life outcomes.
- **Sticky Knowledge:** School is where children acquire knowledge and skills that are crucial for their personal and professional growth. Missing days means missing out on valuable learning opportunities.
- **Preventing Knowledge Gaps:** Frequent absences can lead to significant knowledge gaps, making it challenging for children to catch up with missed lessons, potentially resulting in long-term academic struggles.
- **Building Routine:** School attendance establishes a structured routine in children's lives, teaching them time management and responsibility, which



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Wise Up Levels

Wren's Nest Primary School Attendance Wise Up Levels

GOLD

Attendance is 97% and above – absent for less than 6 days in the year. Your child is giving themselves the best chance of achieving their full potential at school. They are **Wised Up!**

SILVER

Attendance is 95-97% - absent for less than 10 days in the year. Your child is **Wise** regarding attendance and has a good opportunity to achieve at school.

BRONZE

Attendance is 93-95% - missing up to 13 days in the year. You and your child **could be wiser**. These absences make it difficult for your child to achieve their best.

RED

Attendance is 90 - 93% - missing up to 19 days a year! Your child needs to **Wise Up**. Missing so much time makes it very hard for your child to keep in touch with lessons.

WISE UP

Attendance is below 90%! You could be found to be failing in your duty as a parent, regarding your child's attendance. You and your child need to **Wise Up Now**. Missing so much time from school means it will be almost impossible for your child to keep in touch with their lessons.

Thank you for your on-going support regarding promoting good attendance and punctuality - both important life skills that provide a successful future for your children. Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach his/her full potential. To help us in supporting your child to achieve this, your child needs to attend school every day. As always take care

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