

Wren's Nest Primary School Attendance Newsletter



Summer Term 1

Well Done!!

We would like to warmly congratulate the 224 children who achieved Gold Attendance status, along with their parents and carers for their continued support and commitment to excellent school attendance. This wonderful achievement was recognised and celebrated across six separate assemblies, where the children's dedication and positive attitude towards learning were proudly acknowledged.



Miss school,
miss...

SATs

Trip to the Think Tank

Playing on the field at
lunchtime



What do you miss
when you miss school?

Early collection and medical appointments

There has been an increase in medical appointments during the school day. We have also recorded an increase in children being collected early often for non-essential reasons or appointments for family members. The Department for Education highlights the importance of children attending school every day so they can make the best possible progress. Even short or occasional absences add up over time and can affect learning, confidence and outcomes. We therefore ask parents and carers to arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. When children miss lessons, important teaching and learning cannot always be repeated or fully caught up. We also ask that children are not collected early from school for parents' appointments or for non essential reasons. The final part of the school day includes valuable learning, reflection and preparation for the next day, and missing this time can be disruptive for children. If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please inform the school in advance and provide evidence. In line with DfE guidance, pupils should return to school promptly after their appointment to minimise lost learning time.

If you arrive late to school the office staff will ask for a reason. That is so we understand and therefore can help.

Our current attendance rate stands at **93.6%** – a great achievement that reflects everyone's commitment and effort! However, our goal is to reach **94%**, and we know we can get there together. Every day counts – let's continue to show up, support one another and achieve 94%

Currently Year 3 and 4 are the highest attending year groups. There is still time to change this!

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.

How being in school helps children keep their friendships strong

Children build friendships through lots of small, everyday moments – chatting as they hang up their coat, joining in a game at playtime, working with a partner, or sharing a joke at lunchtime. When they're in school regularly, these moments stack up and help them feel part of things.

What happens when children miss days?

Missing school doesn't just mean missing lessons. It can mean:

- Not knowing the game everyone played yesterday. Feeling unsure about what friends talked about.
- Worrying that groups have moved on without them.
- Finding it harder to join in again the next day

These feelings are completely normal for children, and they can make coming back feel a bit harder, especially if absences start to add up.

Why this matters for confidence and wellbeing?

Friendships help children feel settled, safe, and ready to learn. When they feel connected to their classmates:

- They join in more confidently.
- They cope better with challenges.
- They feel happier coming into school each morning.
- Regular attendance gives children the steady rhythm they need to build and keep those friendships

Every day in school gives children a chance to play, laugh, learn and stay connected with their friends. Even a few days away can make them feel a little out of the loop. If mornings are tricky or you're worried about your child's friendships, please get in touch, we're here to help. Together we can help your child feel confident, included and part of their friendship group

Useful Contacts:

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Punctuality Reminder

8:20am—Doors open for Early Birds

8:40am—Doors open **

9:00am—Gates close. Children are now late and must be signed in at the main school office by an adult with a valid reason given.

** Children start the school day by doing an 'Early start' session which includes feedback on the previous day's learning, wellbeing check in and a basic skills lesson

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.

Hannah Smith - (DSL & Attendance Champion) and the Safeguarding Team