

Newsletter June 2024

Attendance

Improving attendance has been a real struggle this year. Despite the very best efforts of many people, we still have an attendance figure of well below 95% (currently 94.25%) which is the target we are set by the government. Only 89 children have attendance of above 95% so far this year.

While I cannot authorise leave of absence for holidays or visits to families abroad, I do recognise the benefits that children and families gain from these shared experiences.

Unfortunately, very few of our children with low attendance have been away this year – the majority of low attendance comes from children having odd days off throughout the year with very minor ailments.

Please be assured that if your child has a minor ailment eg headache, stomach or fever, you can send them in to school and let us know they are not 100% - we can then contact you if they worsen. In the vast majority of cases, children soon perk up when they are with their friends and enjoy a good day.

Punctuality

Once again, the majority of children are in school on time and only a very few are late on a regular basis.

Being on time means being in the classroom at 9am when the register is taken – arrival after this time is late.

Punctuality and Attendance Incentive 2024-2025

Next year, we will be having a reward for all children attending school for more than 95% of the time and having fewer than 10 late marks. Religious observance and hospital appointments will not count against any child when we calculate these figures.

We are hoping to have an additional trip to celebrate these achievements but, obviously, what we decide to do will be budget dependent. I really hope that you work with us to enable your child to join in the celebration.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 June	Class 1 trip to Little Piglets Adventure Farm
	Chocolate and Chat - 3.30-4.30pm School Hall Enter from the playground at the back of school
	Class 4-5 trip to Batley Library
Thursday 20 June	Class 5-6 Trip to Mission Out
Friday 21 June	Class 2 multi skills sports event Class 5-6 walk to River Calder
Wednesday 26 June	Class 1 Mosque visit
Tuesday 2 July	Transition Day
Wednesday 3 July	Drop in session after school to meet your child's new teachers 3.30-6.00pm Enter through the hall doors at the back of school
Friday 5 July	Sports' Day – weather permitting
Tuesday 9 July	Year 6 Leavers' Show (Class 5/6 parents only) 1.30pm (people attending after 1.30pm will not be admitted) Enter through the red fire doors in the car park
	Year 6 end of year treat Collect from Zucchini's at 6.15pm
Friday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.15am School Hall Enter through red fire doors in car park
	School Closes for Summer
Tuesday 3 September	School Opens to pupils