

Attendance NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2026



Thank you!

Thank you to all our families who have continued to work with us to ensure that all children have the best possible attendance.

Honesty

Being open and honest with us about your child's absence, including family holidays, helps us work together to support them. When we know why a child has been away, we can keep our records up to date, help them catch up on any missed learning, and make sure they feel settled and supported when they return. As part of our Inclusive Attendance approach, every child is warmly welcomed back and given the chance to check in with a trusted adult. Understanding the reason for their absence helps us provide the right support and ensure a positive return to school.

Absences in 2025-26

Days lost of learning last year.

- Illness: 2984 days lost
- Holidays: 570 days lost
- Medical appointments: 361 days lost
- Late: 1,381 times

Miss School Miss....

Christmas art work design
Harvest
School photo day
Bike Ability
Balance Ability
Children in Need day
Christmas craft afternoon
Christmas Dinner
Christmas party
Christmas jumper day

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Reminders



- Please inform the school by 8.30 if your child is going to be absent.
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence of medication or an appointment.
- Please arrange appointment outside of school hours where possible.
- If you do not contact the school you will receive a text message.
- If there is still no contact Clare may contact you.
- If absences have been a concern last year, Clare will continue to contact you daily whilst your child is off.

Support from School

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

Phone Calls from School

Clare may call to request a meeting with you to talk about your child's attendance and any difficulties you or your child may be facing. This is supportive and we encourage all families to engage with this process.

Important Reminders

- 8.40: Main gate opens
- 8.45: Kiss and Go Gate and class doors open
- 8.50: School Begins

This is a very important part of the day in which teachers check in on children's well being, feedback on the previous days learning and children complete early morning work.

- 9.00: Gates close

Children are now late and must enter the school via the main reception area.



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