



Be the best you can be

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Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Photographs on Monday



A reminder that we have **Academy photography on site Monday 9th**. They will set up in the hall and are available to take family photographs (i.e. children with younger siblings) before school (08:40-09:00). Please enter the school via the main entrance.

We are using Academy photography for the first time this year. We have been happy with their service thus far, but would appreciate honest feedback when you receive your child's photograph.

Macmillan Coffee morning and fundraiser

Thank you for your support with our efforts to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Between the coffee morning and cake sale, we raised just over £280, which is fantastic!

Harvest donations

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for our harvest collection. We collected a huge amount which will be very gratefully received by the West Cheshire Food Bank. The donations were collected by Edge transport yesterday.



Thank you also for your support at our Harvest service. It was lovely to see so many people attending.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to those who attended our book fair last week. Many books were purchased which raised commission for the school. As a result of your generosity the school has just over £470 in commission to spend. This will be used to purchase high quality reading materials for the benefit of all our children.

Getting Involved



Last week we closed the 'volunteering in school' questionnaire. Thank you to all of those who have put themselves forward. We shared the questionnaire with the teaching staff last night. They will be in contact over the coming weeks.



- 9th Oct. 2023**
Academy Photography
'Individual Photographs'
- 18th Oct. 2023**
Yr.5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- 18th Oct. 2023**
Share the Learning
- 19th Oct. 2023**
Last day of half term.
- 20th Oct. 2023**
INSET Day – School closed for pupils.
- 30th Oct. 2023**
Children return to school.
- 13th – 17th Nov. 2023**
Anti-bullying week
- 17th Nov. 2023**
Children in Need
- 28th Nov. 2023**
Parents Evening
- 30th Nov. 2023**
Parents Evening
- 11th Dec. 2023**
EYFS nativity
- 12th Dec. 2023**
Concert @St James
- 14th Dec. 2023**
Concert @St James

PTA AGM



The PTA contribute hugely to the school, through the range of opportunities and experiences created for children and families to the funds generated which directly benefit all children. Their AGM will be held at the school on **Monday 9th October @19:00**. Everyone is welcome, so please do come along.

Share the Learning

On the 18th October 2023 we would like to invite you into school to share your child's learning.

This event will take place between **09:00-09:45**.

Please drop your child / children off in the normal way then proceed to the main entrance. Once in the classroom, children will be registered, order their lunches and organise their books for the event.

Parents will then be allowed into the school via the main entrance.

Should you be able to make it, we look forward to seeing you there.



Starting School EYFS 2024

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024? Or know someone who does? If so, we are showing families around school at various points this term. Please **contact the school on 01244455288 to arrange a viewing**

For these families, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

Attendance

Regular school attendance brings enormous benefits to individual children, their families, schools and the community as a whole. Without regular attendance, levels of attainment suffer and opportunities are missed to obtain the maximum benefit from education.

Persistent absence and lateness will affect a child's achievement and progress in school. Comprehensive research shows that there is a direct link between a child's level of school attendance and their level of school attainment.

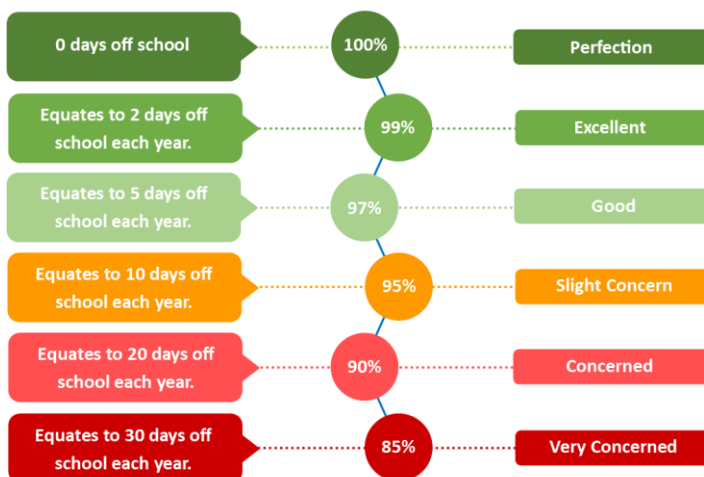
As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full-time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.

Children with attendance less than 96% are identified as a concern if absences are unauthorised.

Current Attendance Percentages

EYFS	97.1%	
Year 1	97.7%	
Year 2	97.3%	
Year 3	98.2%	
Year 4	96.3%	
Year 5	96.7%	
Year 6	96.6%	

Whole School	97.2%	
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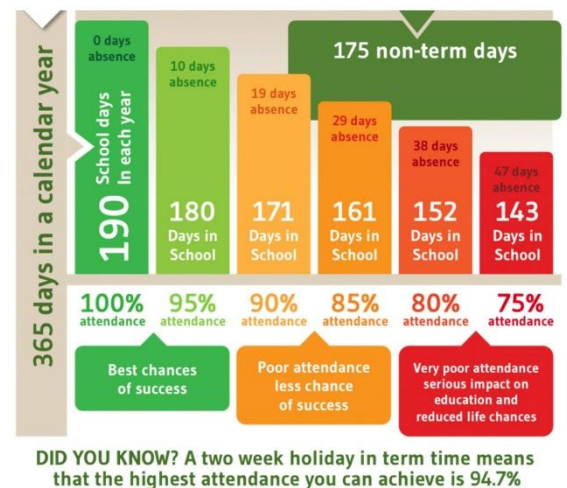


Request for Leave

As you will appreciate, the school's view has to be that during term time the priority is education. Per year there are 190 school days and 175 non-school days. The school therefore has a default policy that absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. This is the same as any other school.

The fundamental principles defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable (an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time) and short. The school's attendance data, which includes authorisation of leave, is monitored by county and we are held to account for the decisions that we make. The school therefore tries to be consistent in the application of the guidelines we are provided with.

- ☑ If an event can reasonably be scheduled outside of term time, then it would not be normal to authorise absence
- ☑ Absence during term time for holidays/vacations is therefore not considered an exceptional circumstance
- ☑ Absences to visit family members are also not normally granted during term time if they could be scheduled for holiday periods or outside school hours. Children may however need time to visit seriously ill relatives
- ☑ Absence for a bereavement of a close family member is usually considered an exceptional circumstance but for the funeral service only, not extended leave
- ☑ Absences for important religious observances can be taken into account but only for the ceremony and travelling time, not extended leave. This is intended for one off situations rather than regular or recurring events
- ☑ Schools have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for students with special educational needs or disabilities. Families may need time together to recover from trauma or crisis



We thank you for your support and understanding regarding term time absence requests.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell



Recent Letters



Theme	Method	Recipients	Date
Basketball	Paper	Juniors	04.10.23
PTA AGM	App & Email	All	04.10.23
Change of menu	App & Email	All	04.10.23
PTA AGM	App & Email	All	05.10.23

