



St Matthew's CE Primary School

Weekly Attendance Newsletter



Attendance Team

Miss Henry
Ms Burton
Mrs McDonald

School Times

Gates open: 8.40am
School Starts: 8.50am
Gates close: 9.00am

Gates open: 3.10pm
School ends: 3.20pm
Gates close: 3.35pm

Doors open: 8:50am Parents are responsible for the safety of their children until doors open and their child is in the school building.

Register closes: 9am

Any children arriving after 9am will need to sign in at the Front Office where they will be marked late.

Unauthorised Late: 9:30am

Any children arriving after 9:30am will be marked in as an unauthorised absence. This affects their full morning attendance mark.

UNAUTHORISED REASONS FOR ABSENCE

A cough, the common cold, birthday treat, tiredness, meeting relatives, sibling unwell, new baby, Mum/Dad unwell, holidays, too hot, not being able to bring your child to school. We do ask for more information other than just 'unwell'.

MY CHILD IS GENUINELY ILL

If your child is genuinely ill then, of course, they will need to remain at home. Please contact the school office before 8:50am to leave a message on our answerphone service, school spider or Study Bugs, with a reason that details their absence.

Year Group	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.6%	97.8%	83.8%	95.5%	95.7%	92.2%	94.3%	98.9%
Late Marks	2	1	11	5	8	5	7	7

Class Attendance for Autumn 1 up to 9th October

Nursery – 93.5%

Year 3 – 94.8%

Reception – 97.1%

Year 4 – 94.7%

Year 1 – 91.8%

Year 5 – 93.9%

Year 2 – 94.3%

Year 6 – 98%

142 children have over 95% attendance so far this half term!

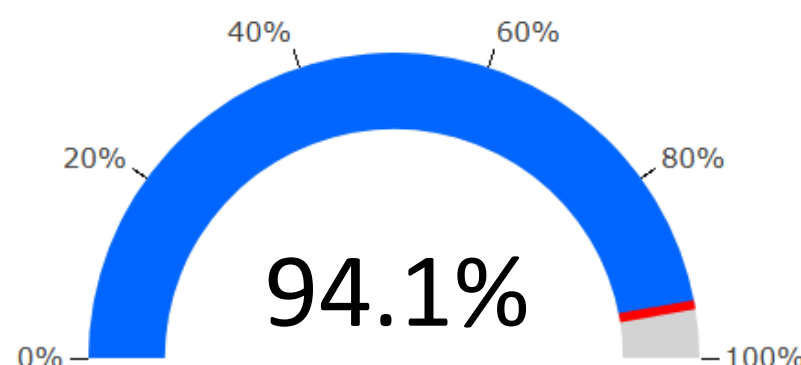


REMINDER!

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now
(<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Whole School Attendance this week! Our aim is 95%



School Attendance

94.5%

School Persistent Absence (PA)

19.6%

School Absence Rate

5.5%

National Average Attendance

95.9%

National Average Persistent Absence (PA)

13.9%

National Average Absence Rate

4.1%

Persistent Absence (PA)

Regular school attendance is one of the single biggest factors in your child's academic success and overall wellbeing. When a student's attendance drops below 90% missing just two days of school a month—they enter what the Department for Education classifies as 'persistent absence.' Over a school year, that adds up to four full weeks of missed learning, creating significant gaps in knowledge that can be difficult to bridge. To help every student stay on track, we encourage our school community to strive to be a HERO: Here, Every day, Ready, On time. Showing up consistently and arriving ready to learn builds essential routines, strengthens friendships, and ensures your child doesn't miss out on vital opportunities.