St Matthew's CE Primary School

Weekly Attendance Newsletter – 13.11.26

LET YOUR LIGHT Shine Matthew 5:16

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	85.5%	92.2%	91.5%	96.6%	97.8%	96.8%	91.1%	94.4%
Late Marks	0	0	4	10	8	5	4	12

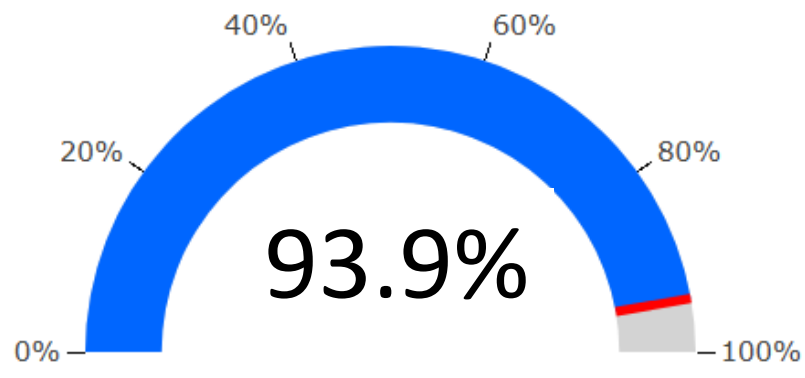
Attendance this year so far

Nursery – 94%
Reception – 96.2%
Year 1 – 91%
Year 2 – 94.6%
Year 3 – 95%
Year 4 – 94.9%
Year 5 – 93.2%
Year 6 – 96.8%

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

On Time = Ready to Shine
Learning starts the moment the classroom doors open. When children arrive late, they miss out on important morning routines, daily plans, and foundational activities like phonics or reading. Arriving on time also helps your child feel calm and settled rather than rushed. **School gates open at 8.40am** — we appreciate your continued support in getting children here and ready to learn!

Whole School Attendance this week! Our aim is 95%



School Attendance
94.2%

School Persistent Absence (PA)
21.1%

School Absence Rate
5.8%

National Average Attendance
94.34%

National Average Persistent Absence (PA) – last year
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National Average Absence Rate
5.66%

The Maths behind the Miss

Did You Know?
It is easy to overlook a day here or there, but absences quickly add up.
1 day missed = 5 hours of lost learning time
5 days missed = 25 hours of lost learning time
Regular attendance is the single best way to ensure your child reaches their full potential. If you ever need help or want to check your child's current record, you can view it anytime via Study Bugs or speak with our front office team. If you are yet to register with Study Bugs, please follow the link to get signed up! https://studybugs.com/about/parents