



Hoole Church of England Primary School

Attendance & Punctuality Newsletter

March 2026

Attendance Update

Parents, carers, staff and pupils are aware that our target for whole school attendance is 97% for this school year.

Our whole school attendance for this year to date as at 3rd March is 96.4%

Class	Attendance Percentage	Percentage of pupils in class with attendance above 90%
RM	95.5%	93%
RW	96.1%	93%
1H	98.1%	100%
1J	97.7%	100%
2C	96.6%	92%
2K	96.8%	96%
3EI	97.2%	96%
3U	95.6%	92%
4C	96.8%	97%
4JK	97.2%	100%
5R	96.9%	97%
5S	95%	93%
6B	95.9%	90%
6M	95%	90%

Year group attendance for this school year is as follows:

Year Group	Attendance Percentage
Reception	95.8%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95.4%

Well done to Year 1 and Year 4 -

The cohorts with the best rates of attendance for this school year so far!

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school on time, every day.

Punctuality Counts

We tend to see the same families arriving after the gates have closed. We open our gates at 8.35am to allow some social time for children with their friends before the start of the school day. We feel that this helps them to feel happy, settled and ready to learn. When children come into school, they have learning challenges and activities which reinforce skills like spelling, handwriting and times tables.

If your child is always late, they miss out on these opportunities.

If a child arrives significantly late (after 9.20am), a U code is recorded in the register.

The U code reduces the child's overall attendance percentage for the school year.

This year's INSET dates – Opportunity for Holidays

Families may not have noticed but this school year, we have INSET days on Friday 22nd May and Monday 1st June. The May half term break is the week beginning Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

This means that there is a stretch of 11 days when children are off school at the end of May.

Summer Term Assessments

Many year groups face national assessments in the summer term.

Year group	Assessments undertaken	Date of assessments
Year 6	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs)	11 - 14 th May
Year 4	National Multiplication Tables Check	1 st - 12 th June
Year 2	End of Key Stage 1 teacher assessments – results support teacher judgements about your child's attainment	May
Year 1	Phonics Screening Test	9 th - 13 th June

Holidays during term time for this period will not be authorised and penalties are likely to apply.

Requests for Time Off During Term-Time

Just a reminder to submit forms well in advance. If you have need to take your child out of school during term-time, please submit your form well in advance.

If we can, we will work with you to try to help you avoid financial penalties.

The money raised in fines for leave and holidays in term-time does not come to school, penalties are issued by and paid to the Local Authority, Cheshire West & Chester Council.

Attendance below 90%

Pupils with attendance below are defined nationally as **Persistent Absentees**. Where a child's attendance is below 90%, schools are duty bound to support families to improve attendance.

You will see your child's attendance percentage on the registration certificate we have sent home. If your child's attendance is below 90%, please contact us to discuss how we can work together to improve their attendance.

If you need help or support regarding attendance or punctuality, please contact our Attendance Officer, Colette Williamson, or Elaine Robertson, our Learning Mentor.

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