

Pentland Infant & Nursery School

Headteacher: Miss F Farooq



Working together to make the world a better place starting at Pentland.

21st October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Attendance Celebrations and Rewards

Over the past year, we have listened carefully to feedback from parents, governors, staff and pupils about how attendance is recognised in school. This feedback highlighted a **preference for celebrating a wider range of attendance achievements**, rather than focusing solely on pupils who achieve 100% attendance. In response, we are delighted to introduce a new attendance rewards system.

Our aim is to recognise and celebrate positive attendance at both an individual and class level, while also acknowledging the efforts of pupils who meet the national attendance expectation of 96%.

The details of our new attendance rewards and recognition systems are outlined below. Alongside these celebrations, half-termly attendance letters will continue to be shared with parents and carers to keep families informed about their child's attendance throughout the year.

We look forward to celebrating the efforts, commitment and achievements of our pupils and classes throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance and ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our attendance rewards system, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Child and the Pentland Team

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Class-Based Rewards

Reach for the Stars Display

Classes will work towards earning stars each week based on their attendance:

- 96% attendance = ★ 1 Star
- 97% attendance = ★ ★ 2 Stars
- 100% attendance = ★ ★ ★ 3 Stars

Stars will be added to our new attendance display in the hall, helping to celebrate attendance achievements across the school. The class with the highest attendance over the half term will receive a special class prize.

Weekly Class Attendance Award

The class with the highest attendance each week will:

- Receive the Attendance Trophy
- Receive a class attendance certificate
- Spin the prize wheel to choose a reward, such as extra playtime or another special treat

Individual Awards

Termly Awards

Each term, pupils achieving **96% attendance or above** will receive a certificate and prize, which will be handed out in their classroom. This will replace the half termly attendance assembly.

Pupils achieving **100% attendance** over the term will receive an additional reward in recognition of their achievement.

End-of-Year Awards

Pupils achieving **97% attendance or above** across the academic year will receive a certificate and prize. Those achieving **100% attendance** will continue to receive a special reward in recognition of their outstanding attendance throughout the year.

Lucky Dip Days

Each term, we will hold a **Lucky Dip Day** on a selected date. Any child who arrives at school by **8:55am** will be entered into a prize draw, with **one winner selected from each class**.