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# Everyday matters because you matter

*Banks Road Attendance Newsletter*



## Our Attendance Champions

Our whole school attendance target is 97%. This means that all children's attendance should be above 97%.

Class	Attendance – Year to date
Nursery	93.2%
Reception	94.7%
Year 1W	94.1%
Year 2P	97.18% ★
Year 3C	96.02%
Year 3S	97.79% ★
Year 4G	95.67%
Year 5C	94.98%
Year 5S	95.51%
Year 6F	95.26%
Year 6P	96.67%
Year 6R	91.92%

As you can see, we still have some way to go as only two classes are achieving our target so far this year.

A huge **thank you** to all families for helping children arrive ready to learn every day. Consistent attendance makes a real difference to learning, wellbeing, confidence and progress.

## Celebrating Success

At Banks Road, we know that attendance isn't just a number — it's about belonging, feeling safe, making progress and being part of a warm, supportive community. This term we want to celebrate:

- Pupils showing **determination** by attending even on tricky mornings
- Families showing **trust** by working closely with us
- Friendships that help children feel happy and secure
- Children who show **positivity** every day in school life



## You Said... We Did

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Autumn term Parent's Evening questionnaire. Based on your feedback, we are focusing on:

- More opportunities for clubs and lunchtime activities
- Extra wellbeing check-ins for children who need it
- Clearer communication about attendance expectations
- More celebrations and recognition for improved attendance

## Why Every Day Matters

Being in school every day helps children to:

- Build confidence in their learning
- Maintain strong friendships
- Feel settled and emotionally secure
- Make steady academic progress
- Develop lifelong habits of responsibility, resilience and independence



## Understanding Attendance

A school year is made up of **190 days**. Even a small number of absences adds up:

- Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = nearly **4 weeks lost**
- Being late 10 minutes each day = almost **a whole week lost** over the year

## Understanding Punctuality

Arriving on time helps children start their day calmly and confidently. Morning routines are essential for:

- Settling into learning
- Feeling emotionally ready
- Completing Daily Calculations
- Building strong, positive habits

## Habits for School, Habits for Life

Banks Road Habit	Future Skill	Why It Matters
Good attendance	Reliability & resilience	Shows commitment and helps build trust
Arriving on time	Punctuality	Demonstrates respect and readiness
Wearing uniform with pride	Professionalism	Builds a sense of identity and belonging



## 🙄 Supporting Illness

We understand that children sometimes feel unwell. When this happens:

- We can help them catch up with missed learning
- We support families in deciding when a child is well enough to attend
- We work together to make sure children feel safe, cared for and ready to return

## When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*	



This information is based on the [Public Health Agency guide - full copy here](#)

\*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.



## 🙏 Thank You

Every day your child is in school, they are:

- ★ Learning
- ★ Building friendships
- ★ Growing in confidence
- ★ Developing habits that will support them their whole life

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment.

**Together, we can do it!**