



Attendance Newsletter

Every Day Matters

At **Banks Road Primary School**, we know that good attendance gives children the very best chance of success. Every lesson, every day and every minute in school counts.

Regular attendance helps children to:

- Achieve their full academic potential
- Build strong friendships
- Develop confidence and independence
- Access enrichment opportunities
- Establish positive habits that will benefit them throughout life

Our attendance target remains **97% or above** for every child, with **100% attendance being our aspirational goal**.

Attendance So Far This Year

We would like to thank all families who have supported their child's attendance since the start of term.

Classes Currently Achieving Our 97% Target

🏆 **Year 4 Mrs Glover - 98.4%**

🥈 **Year 6 Miss Scott - 97.1%**

A huge well done to the pupils, families and staff in these classes for their excellent commitment to attendance.

Whole School Class Attendance

Thank you to all families who have already achieved attendance above our target. Your support makes a huge difference to your child's learning and progress.

Class	Attendance
Nursery	96.6%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1 Mrs Wakefield	90.4%
Year 2 Miss Corkill	90.5%
Year 3 Mrs Shore	95.1%
Year 4 Mrs Glover	98.4% ●
Year 4 Mrs Seaton	96.6%
Year 5 Mrs Summers	92.6%
Year 6 Miss Scott	97.1% ●
Year 6 Mr Reilly	91.8%

Arriving On Time Matters

A positive day starts with a punctual start.

School Timings

- Gates Open: **8:30am**
- Gates Close / Registration Begins: **8:50am**
- Registers Close: **9:20am**

Please note that the school gates close promptly at 8:50am.

Any child arriving at **8:51am or later** will receive a **late mark** in the register.

Children arriving after **9:20am** will receive a **Code U**, which is recorded as an unauthorised absence for the whole morning.

Even arriving a few minutes late can mean missing important learning, daily routines and key information that helps children settle successfully into the day.

Top Tip

Aim to arrive between **8:30am and 8:45am** to ensure a calm, positive start to the school day.

Is My Child Too Ill For School?

Many minor illnesses do not require children to stay at home. The NHS advises that children should normally attend school if they have:

- ✓ A mild cough, cold or sore throat (without a high temperature)
- ✓ Head lice or nits (once treatment has started)
- ✓ Conjunctivitis, if they are otherwise well
- ✓ Slapped cheek syndrome (once the rash appears)
- ✓ Threadworms (while treatment is being arranged)
- ✓ Hand, foot and mouth disease, provided they are well enough to attend

However, children should be kept off school if they:

- ✗ Have a **high temperature of 38°C or above**
- ✗ Have been **sick or had diarrhoea within the last 48 hours**
- ✗ Have **chickenpox** and spots have not yet crusted over

- ✗ Have **measles** and are within the exclusion period advised by a medical professional
- ✗ Have illnesses that require an exclusion period following medical advice

The NHS also reminds parents that avoiding school can sometimes make worries or anxieties about attendance worse. If your child is struggling with anxiety or worries about school, please speak to us as soon as possible so that we can work together to provide support.

For further information, parents can visit the NHS guidance: "**Is my child too ill for school?**".

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please:

- ☎ Contact the school office before **8:30am** on the first day of absence.
- ☎ Tell us the reason for the absence and your expected return date.
- ☎ Keep us informed if the absence continues.

If we do not hear from you, we will contact you as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Let's Work Together

Excellent attendance and punctuality are among the greatest gifts we can give children. By ensuring children are in school every day and arrive on time, we help them to achieve, make friends, enjoy learning and develop positive habits for life.

Together, We Can Do It! 💙💛

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