

# Attendance Matters!



## Autumn Term 2025

These are our attendance facts and figures for the Autumn Term. We know that it was a term of illness and bugs, but well done to everyone that tried their best to get to school during the long Autumn term.

### Well done to our stars for attendance for Autumn Term!

**105** children had **100%** attendance during the Autumn term and another **130** had over **96%**  
That is a total of **235** children achieving 96% attendance or higher!

**Year 6** were the year group with the highest attendance and **Class 7** were the class with the highest attendance. Well done everyone!

We have replaced our attendance certificates with weekly class attendance rewards of stars in the class marble jars for good attendance, consistent attendance and improved attendance.

The following classes received sticker in the class jar for working hard on their attendance - Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14

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| <b>N1</b> |                   |
| <b>N2</b> | <b>88.2%</b>      |
| <b>F2</b> | <b>92.0%</b>      |
| <b>Y1</b> | <b>95.1%</b>      |
| <b>Y2</b> | <b>92.4%</b>      |
| <b>Y3</b> | <b>95.1%</b>      |
| <b>Y4</b> | <b>91.8%</b>      |
| <b>Y5</b> | <b>92.4%</b>      |
| <b>Y6</b> | <b>95.3%</b><br>★ |

| <b>NAM</b> | <b>NAD</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
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| 83%        | 95.8%      | 90.1%    | 93.9%     | 95.6%     | 94.5%     | 94.9%     | 90.1%     |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> |
| 96.1%<br>★ | 94.0%      | 92.0%    | 91.3%     | 91.8%     | 93.1%     | 94.8%     | 95.8%     |



Last term we had **1196** late arrivals which is less than the Autumn term in 2024 - so thank you! We still need to continue working towards decreasing this number further. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time as learning starts straight away. Please remember to cross the line by 10 to 9! The gate will be closed at 8.50 and children will need to be signed in at the office after this time. If your child arrives after 9.20, this will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Facts and Figures - Autumn Term

Whole School Attendance: **93.2%**

Minutes lost through lateness: **17,265 (44 days or 8 weeks and 4 days)**

Days learning lost through illness: **1045.5 days**

Days lost through unauthorised absences: **396.5 days**

Days lost through requested holidays: **274.5 days**

**We have seen an increase in unauthorised absences and requested holidays compared to Autumn term 2024.**

**Attendance Officer:**

**Mrs Spilsbury**

**Attendance Champion:**

**Mrs Young**

**Attendance Support:**

**Miss Priddle**

# Reminders

Please contact school on the first and each day of absence to give a reason for your child's absence. If your child then returns to school and we still have not been given a reason for absence, this will be recorded as unauthorised.

Holidays in term time must be requested through the appropriate system by completing a holiday form from the school office. **This should be completed at least 6 weeks before the date of travel.** We will also need to see booking confirmation, which can be emailed to the school office. Please do not request work from class teachers if you are taking a holiday, this will not be given.



## Miss school... MISS OUT

### Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather

Feeling a little sniffly? Don't worry, your child can still learn!

Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development.

If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice. Let's prioritise their education and well-being together!

#backtoschool #healthykids #education



## Miss school... MISS OUT

### Term-time holidays can be a downer

**The School Blues: Why Term-Time Holidays Can Be a Downer**

It might seem like a great idea to take your kids on a family holiday during the school term, but the reality can be quite different. For many children, returning to school after a term-time holiday can be a worrying experience. Here's why...

**Disruption to Learning:** Missing school days can disrupt their learning pattern and make it harder to keep up with their friends.

**Social Isolation:** Being away from school can lead to feelings of loneliness and can disrupt friendships.

**Anxiety and Stress:** The fear of falling behind, the pressure to catch up and the loss of friendships can cause anxiety and stress.

Prioritise your child's education and well-being to help their long-term success. By avoiding term-time holidays, you are helping your child to maintain a positive and stress-free learning experience.

#SchoolHolidaysNotTermTimeHolidays  
#InvestInYourChildsFuture



## Miss school... MISS OUT

### The ripple effect – impact on future prospects

How missing school can impact on your child's future

It's tempting to take your child out of school for a holiday or special event, but the consequences even for a few missed days can be huge. Absenteeism can have a real impact on a child's education and their future prospects. Here's why...

**Disrupted Learning:** Missing school can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding, making it difficult to keep up with their learning.

**Negative Academic Performance:** Absenteeism is often linked to lower grades, decreased achievement, and increased risk of not reaching their potential.

**Social Isolation:** Being absent from school can lead to feelings of isolation, difficulty making friends, and problems socialising.

**Behavioural Issues:** Absenteeism can contribute to behavioural problems, such as truancy, skipping classes, and dropping out of school.

These negative consequences can follow a child into adulthood, affecting their chances of finding employment, earning a decent income, and achieving their full potential.

All parents want the best for their children so break this cycle. Prioritise your child's education and ensure they attend school regularly. If you're facing challenges that prevent your child from attending school, seek help and support from your school.

Remember, investing in your child's education today will pay off in the future.

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## Miss school... MISS OUT

### Regular routines and how school can improve your child's mental health

**A regular routine can be a powerful tool for reducing stress and anxiety.**

Schools are equipped with resources and support systems to help young people develop coping strategies. If you notice your child is feeling overwhelmed, don't hesitate to reach out to their school. Together, you can create a plan to support their well-being within a structured learning environment.






Remember, your child's mental health is just as important as their physical health.

#mentalhealth #routine #schoolsupport

# Illness & Absence

On occasions, your child might feel unwell and it can be challenging to know if your child can attend school or should stay at home. Please use the following guide to help decide. Always remember to inform school on the first and each day of absence. This can be done via telephone call, text or through the Arbor app.

**We do ask that if your child needs medicine such as Calpol, please provide this and drop it off at the school office. School will only purchase and keep enough for urgent use rather than to medicate children who have been sent in to school under the weather.**

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| <p><b>When to come to school</b></p> <p>Please send your child to school if they have any of the following and feel well enough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sore throat</li> <li>* Cold</li> <li>* Cough</li> <li>* Feeling tired</li> <li>* Hay fever</li> <li>* Achy or sore limbs</li> </ul> <p>Children can still take part in learning even if experiencing the above. Please give them medicine at the start of the day if needed. Medication can be passed to the school office if needed during the school day. Always ensure your child has a water bottle and tissues.</p> <p><b>We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.</b></p> | <p><b>When to come to school - but inform us</b></p> <p>Please send your child to school but inform us if they have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Headache</li> <li>* Feeling sick</li> <li>* Stomach ache</li> <li>* Ear ache</li> <li>* Toothache</li> <li>* Experiencing feelings of anxiety</li> <li>* Twisted, sprained or broken limbs</li> </ul> <p>Children can still take part in learning even if experiencing the above. Please give them medicine at the start of the day if needed. We have highly skilled staff in school that can support children with anxiety and would rather support from the start so the feelings don't 'snowball' into something bigger.</p> <p>Adaptations and risk assessments will be put in place for broken limbs.</p> | <p><b>When to stay at home</b></p> <p>Unfortunately there are some occasions when your child will be too unwell to attend school. Please keep your child at home if experiencing any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sickness and diarrhoea</li> <li>* Contagious illness (chicken pox, impetigo, measles)</li> <li>* Operations / medical treatments</li> </ul> <p>Medical evidence for appointments should be provided for school to ensure the absence is authorised, however, please try and make appointments outside school hours if possible.</p> <p>You must inform the school office if your child is unable to attend school on the first day of absence and each following day of absence. Please endeavour to inform school first thing in the morning if your child is not going to be in school.</p> |

## Late Marks

Please note that if you arrive after the registers are closed at 9.20, this will be recorded as 'late after close of register' even if you have informed school that you will be arriving late. The register is a legal document and we are following the protocol and rules set by the government. These late marks can not be altered.

# Good Attendance at Old Basford School

Old Basford School follows the Nottingham City attendance protocol. All pupils are expected to achieve at least 96% (or above) attendance over an academic year. The DFE (Department for Education) now class any child with less than 90% attendance as a persistent absentee.

In order to achieve 96%+ attendance - a child can not have more than 8 days off school in an academic year.

If a child's attendance is below 90% during an academic school year; and if 10% or more is unauthorised - school are required to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

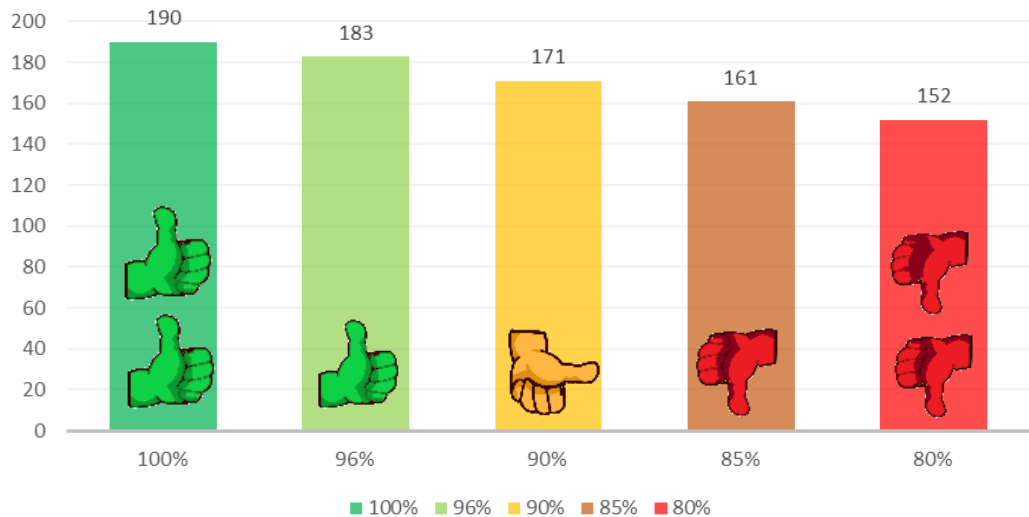
Ensuring that children receive full-time education is a legal requirement for all parents. Getting them to school regularly and on time will help them fulfil their potential. It will help your child to be happy and successful and high achievement in school is linked to good attendance. It is important to be in school each day, on time, to ensure no learning is missed.

Good attendance gives you the best chance for success!

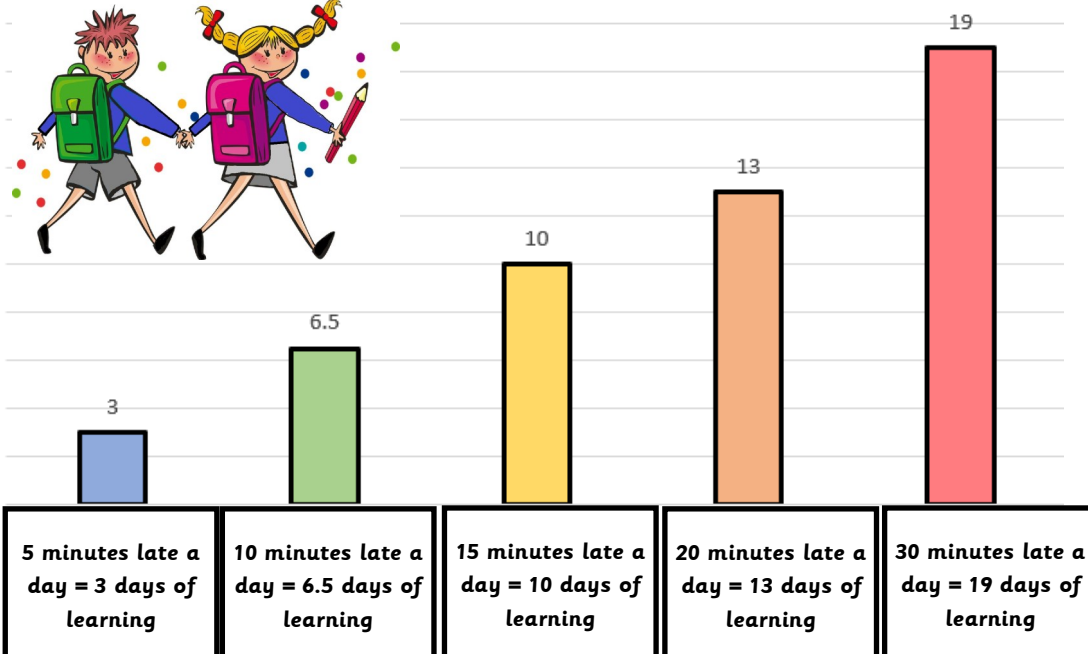
Poor attendance gives you less chance for success!

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances!

Days in School



Days Lost



Cross the line by 10 to 9!

