



Friday, 17th January 2025

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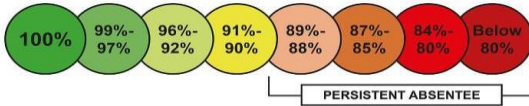
Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Update

We want every child to attend school every day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



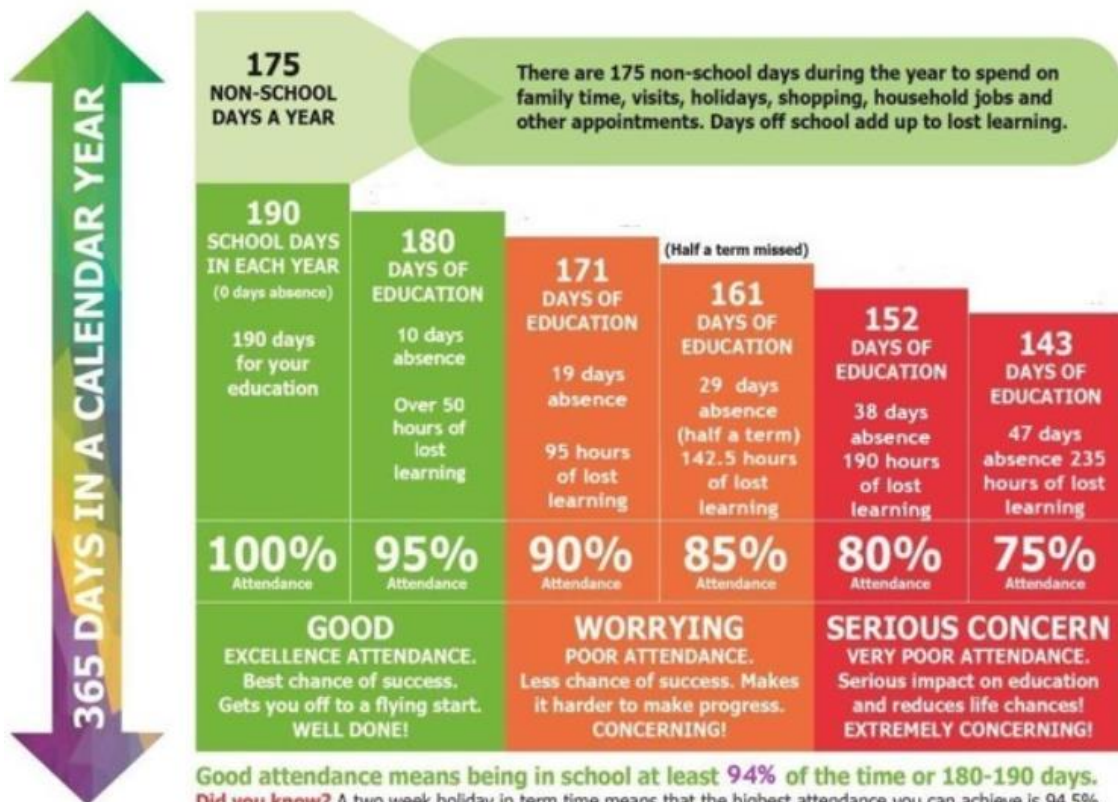
DFE research states:

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and sec. school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.'

High attendance continues to be a priority for our school and we will always try and offer support where issues exist around a child obtaining strong attendance. The Department of Education has published new statutory documentation 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024' for schools which came into force from August 2024. The guidance makes it very clear that schools will very rarely be able to grant leave of absence for a child and that no holidays at all can be authorised within the school term. There is also a new framework for Fixed Penalty Notices and all unauthorised holidays will have to be fined. We will always try to work with our families and children to support attendance and any wider issues which is preventing a child securing strong attendance. We really do want to work with you to ensure a comprehensive approach so that that your child has the opportunity to benefit fully from their education. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at admin@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk or 01722 335849 if you need any clarification or support on attendance. Thank you for your continued support and many of our children have had excellent attendance this year.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Breakfast Club

A reminder to complete the Breakfast Club Survey if you are interested in booking a place for your child(ren).

We are excited to share with you that we are hoping to offer a Breakfast Club for all children with effect from the end of February 2025.

To help us finalise plans we now need a show of interest from you, as to whether this is something you would be interested in using. If you are interested in sending your child to our Breakfast Club then please complete the paper copy of the survey form that you should have received this week. A copy of this form was attached to last week's Newsletter email.

Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Alfie B** and **Arnie** (FS2); **Daniel** and **Teodor** (Y1); **Leo, Everley** and **Jayden** (Y2); **Maggie** and **Ella-Mai** (Y3); **Evie B** and **Zoya** (Y4); **Stephen** and **Alexander** (Y5); **Lucy, Kason** and **Jake** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **Community** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children. **Resilience, Respect, Kindness** and **Aspiration** form our other core values.

Safeguarding – Online Safety

As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section - <https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest **Online Safety Newsletter – January 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The January issue looks at a variety of topics including **social media influencers, age ratings for a range of apps and a X (Twitter) checklist**.

Today, **Red** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points. They had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 17.01.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	1	3	4
Y2	1	4	3	2
Y3	2	2	2	2
Y4	2	4	1	3
Y5	4	2	3	1
Y6	3	1	4	2
	14	14	16	14



Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week **Beech Class** are the winners for the second week of the Spring Term.

Attendance Cup – Wk 2

- 1. Beech
- 2. Ash
- 3. Willow
- 4. Maple
- 5. Acorn
- 6. Hazel
- 7. Cedar



Attendance Cup after 2 Weeks			Pts
1	Beech		10
	Ash		10
	Maple		10
4	Hazel		9
5	Willow		7
6	Cedar		6
7	Acorn		4

Dates for the Diary

PTA Meeting	Monday 20 th January (<i>new date</i>)	2.30pm sign in at the main entrance
Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation per child	Friday 31 st January	<i>All day</i>
Last Day of Term 3 2025	Friday 14 th February	Normal finish time
Spring Half-Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	School Closed to all pupils
World Book Week Book at Bedtime	Wednesday 5 th March	Arrive at 4.25pm for a session from 4.30pm-5.00pm.
World Book Week Dressing Up Day	Friday 7th March	All day
Osmington Bay Residential for Year 6 (Maple Class)	Wednesday 26 th March	am Departure to Osmington Bay
Pupils return from Osmington Bay	Friday 28 th March	pm Pupils return to Woodlands

Kind regards,

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Matthew Kitley

Headteacher

Let's PLANT TREES

Celebrate with us and get involved with planting a new orchard within the beautiful community garden space.

Friday 24th January 2025
From 10am to 3:30pm

3:30 to 4pm Wassail celebration

Pinewood Community Garden
Pinewood Park, Bemerton Heath

Refreshments provided

What you could bring

- Gloves and Boots
- Come prepared for the weather
- Bring a friend/family member

