

St Anne's Infants' Term 3 Attendance Newsletter

The figures in this newsletter are based on attendance in Terms 1 and 2.

Our 2017-18 attendance target is 96%.

Whole school attendance which includes all children in all year groups is **95%**.

Statutory school age attendance, children in Years 1 and 2 at this point in the year is **96%**

Year group attendance:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
90%	95%	95%	96%

Class attendance:

Sun A	Sun B	Sun C	Mars	Moon	Earth	Neptune	Mercury	Venus	Jupiter	Saturn	Pluto
88%	91%	92%	96%	94%	95%	95%	96%	95%	96%	97%	96%

Well done to the children and families in the classes who have reached our school target of 96%.

Particular congratulations to **Saturn class!**

Congratulations to all the children below who have been at school every day since September. It would be amazing if they could keep this record up until the end of the year!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Trey	Evan	Reggie	Henry B
Joshua	Becky D	Finlay	Tyler
Alice	Harvey-Lee	Sam L	Lloyd
Asha	Jacob	Nathaniel	PJ
Nathaniel	Will	Anna	Elsie H
Olivia-Rose	Pippy-Jane	Thomas B	Nabiha
Isla	Aimee	Jacob B	Rosa M
Cara	Mads	Sam C	Bethany
Caelan	Sam G	Wilf	Elijah
Josie	Harvey	Yasmin	Sorin
	Lily	Freya	Sebastian S
	Eva	Jack H	Ruby
	Finley	Roxanne	Scott
	Victor	Edward	Isra
	Bailey	Loretta	Liberty
	Rory	Carter	Roxanne
	A-J	Thomas F	Kyle
	Thomas	Ronnie	Lewis
	Artemisia	Daria	Esther
	Rebecca F	Emanoel	Ellie
	Daisy		Louie
	Louie-Lee		Naomi
	Imogen		Ben N
	Maia-Grace		Philip
	Leon		Siena

Absence

Please remember that if your child is absent, it is your responsibility to inform school before 9am. If we do not hear from you, as part of our duty to safeguard children, we will contact you and in some instances, a home visit will be carried out to ensure everything is alright. If the absence is planned, you are required to complete a planned absence request form at the school office.

Did you know that if a child's attendance is **90%** at the end of the academic year it means they have missed **3 weeks and 4 days** of school in total? If attendance is **80%**, they have missed **7 weeks and 3 days**. You can imagine how many learning opportunities are being missed.

The government classifies attendance below 90% as **persistent absence**. We are held accountable for this by the Local Authority who meet with us at least three times a year to discuss overall attendance and the individual children who have attendance below 90%.

Currently, 12% of the whole school have attendance below 90%. However, in Years 1 and 2 (i.e. statutory school age at this point in the year) this figure stands at 3%. *Please note that any children in Reception whose birthdays fall between 1 September and 31 December are statutory school age from 1st January.*

School Matters!



Attendance	Risk to achievement
96 – 100%	No risk
93 – 95.9%	Slight risk
90 – 92.9%	Considerable risk
Below 90%	Severe risk

However, poor attendance does not just affect a child's academic performance. It also has an impact on their friendships, confidence and sense of belonging to the school.

We are aware that this time of year can be difficult with illness so we are also really pleased that whole school attendance is only just below 96%. With a concerted effort from all, we are sure we can hit our target this year which would be a fantastic success!

From time to time, families may have difficulties with getting children to school or indeed getting to school on time. We are more than happy to support you to try and overcome any difficulties and often have some creative ways of doing this! If you need any support with improving your child's attendance or punctuality, please arrange to speak to Mrs Moss or Mrs Beard.

