Peters Hill Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2026 (2)

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ATTENDANCE

NEWSLETTER



Attendance Target on Track!

The DfE sets an annual attendance target each year and we are pleased to report that we are achieving our attendance target of 96% for the first half of Autumn Term!
Well done everyone!

Term Dates....

Follow the QR code on the left for a quick link to the term dates for the remaining school year.

Spotlight on Persistent Absence (PA)

What is it?

A child is classed as a **persistent absentee** if they attend school **90% or less** of the time.
This includes all absences – authorised and unauthorised – and can quickly add up, even if the reasons seem valid at the time.

Why does it matter?

Missing school regularly can have serious consequences. Research shows:

- pupils who miss 17 days in Year 11 may drop **one full GCSE grade**
- children who miss school often are less likely to do well academically. They are also more likely to:
  - be involved in crime (as a victim or perpetrator)
  - struggle financially in adulthood
  - experience poor physical and mental health

Even a few days of absence now can affect your child's future opportunities.

Is my child Persistently Absent or close to it?

Autumn 1	3.5 days off school from September until October half term will mean your child is a PA pupil
Autumn 2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will mean your child is a PA pupil

Our Attendance Team

Attendance is everyone's responsibility in school, but these staff have specific accountability for Attendance at Peters Hill.

Mrs Belcher
Vice Chair of Governors

Mrs Curnin
Deputy Headteacher/DSL

Mrs Bird
Attendance Officer

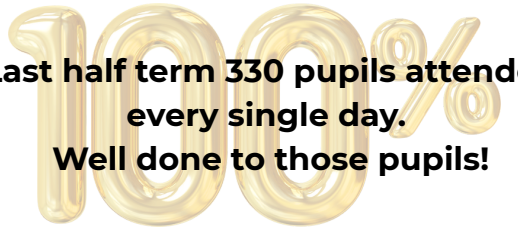
Mrs Bridgwater
Safeguarding Officer

Class	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
1st	1TB 98.2%	4LD 98.4%
2nd	1BF 97.2%	4HT 97.9%
3rd	2HF 97%	3CS 97%

Well Done!

Well done to the top 3 classes in each key stage for their amazing attendance in Autumn 1.
Can they hold onto their positions through Autumn 2 or will we have new classes in gold, silver and bronze spots in January?

100% attendance



Last half term 330 pupils attended every single day.
Well done to those pupils!

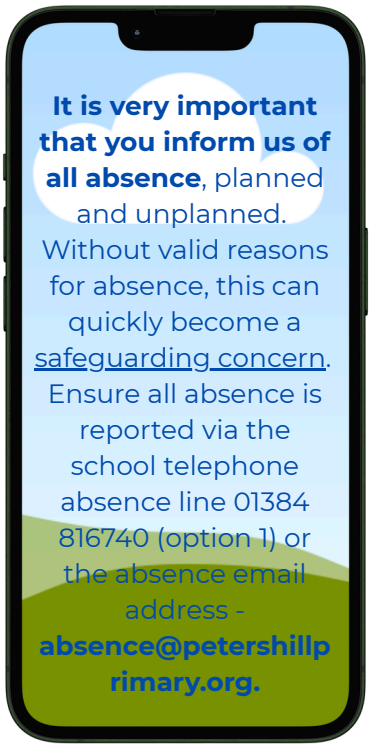
Two sessions per day!

Did you know attendance is measured by 2 sessions a day, morning and afternoon.
If your child is absent but picks up through the morning, we would love to welcome them back for their afternoon session.

Is your child well enough for school?



The NHS has a quick guide for parents to quickly check if they are unsure about sending their child to school.
It covers numerous conditions and illnesses, listed alphabetically for quick reference.
You can always contact the school office for further advice too - 01384 816740
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



End of the day punctuality, an update...

At Peters Hill, the safety and well-being of our pupils is our top priority.
We understand that unexpected delays can happen, but it is vital that all children are collected promptly at the end of the school day at 3:15 PM.
When a child is not collected on time, it requires school staff to leave their classrooms and meetings to supervise them, which creates significant operational pressures.
To ensure all children remain safe and fully supervised, any child who has not been collected by 3:25 PM (allowing a 10-minute grace period) will be safely escorted to our After School Club (BASC).
As this requires last-minute registration and staff supervision, the standard club fees will be automatically applied to your account as follows:
Collection between 3:25 PM and 4:30 PM: A part-session charge of £5.00 per child.
Collection after 4:30 PM (up to 6:00 PM): A full-session charge of £9.00 per child.
Please note that our After School Club closes promptly at 6:00 PM
We know that traffic and emergencies happen. If you know you are going to be late, please contact the school office as early as possible so we can reassure your child and notify the BASC team.
Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school running smoothly and keeping our children safe.
Yours sincerely,
Mr Duncan