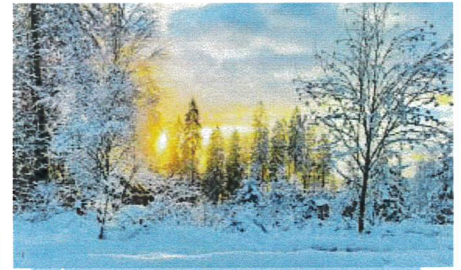




Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, attendance at school is extremely important. Evidence shows that children who have good attendance also make good progress. We track attendance very carefully at school and the national benchmark for school attendance is **96%** over the academic year. This means that a child would miss no more than **7 days** over the academic year. This percentage allows for periods of illness or unavoidable absence. Unauthorised absences are any absences not agreed by us. If your child has unauthorised absences in an academic year, you may be liable for a penalty notice. If you have any questions or concerns around attendance please contact the school office.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind everyone that the school day starts at 8:45am and ends at 3:15pm. Children should be in school by **8:45am** at the latest, so they are ready to start the school day.

All classes are starting their new topics this term. Last week, we shared the curriculum overviews with you so you can see the learning that will be taking place this term.

It has been wonderful watching our OPAL playtimes progress this year. This week, we introduced our digging area and some more loose parts to play with. The children are really positive about this experience and are enjoying being outside and active. A reminder that waterproof trousers for children would be great and can be purchased for as little as £6 a pair with some retailers.

Once again thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Robson
Headteacher

PROUD MOMENT...

A huge well done to all the children who have been tidying up the playground after lunch in record time. They have been helping each other and enjoying our tidy up music.

A fantastic start to term 3.

Term 3 24-25

Week 1

Friday 10th January

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

Puffins (Y2)

Otters (Y3)

Foxes (Y4)



Upcoming Events:

14.1.25 – Y5 trip to Leeds Castle

15.1.25 – Time to Talk 2:00pm

**16.1.25 Kingfishers Class
Assembly at 8:50am**

**21.1.25—Parent workshop on
ASC at school 1:30-3:00pm**

**29.1.25 Parent workshop on
ADHD 1:30-3:00pm in school**



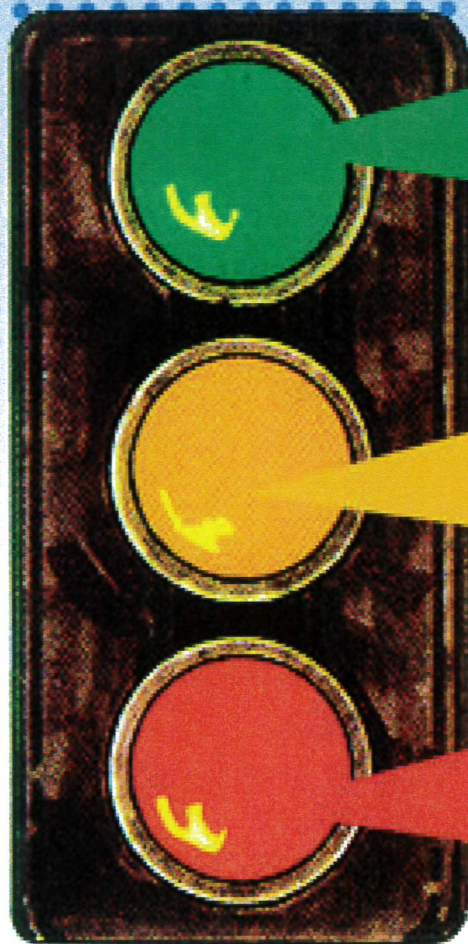
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ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?



100% – 96%
Excellent

95% -90%
Cause for concern

89% and below
**This will have a drastic effect
on academic achievement**