



# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to everyone. I would like to start by saying a huge thank you for your understanding on Tuesday when the school experienced a power cut. It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Wednesday, ready to start a new term and already showing fantastic 'Riverside Attitude'.

Attendance at school is hugely important and 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 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 and next week teachers will be sending home information about what they will be learning.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robson  
Head of School

## Cooking

Well done to our Year 3 classes this week who have been cooking with 'Quorn Foods' in the Cookery Corner. They have been learning new cutting methods—'bridge and claw' - to cut food safely.

## PROUD MOMENT...

This week our two Reception classes joined our Celebration Assembly. They listened carefully, learnt a new school song and said well done to their friends. It is great to see the positive 'Riverside Attitude' that our youngest classes are already showing.

**Term 3 2023**

**Week 1**

**Friday 6th January**

## Attendance

**The classes with the best attendance this week are:**

**Squirrels (Y2)**

**Kestrels (Y5)**

**Seals (Y3)**



**WELL DONE!**

## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday 11th Jan—  
Year 2 swimming starts**

**Wednesday 11th Jan—  
Medway parenting team  
coffee morning 9-10:30am**

**Thursday 19th Jan—Time  
to Talk at 2pm**



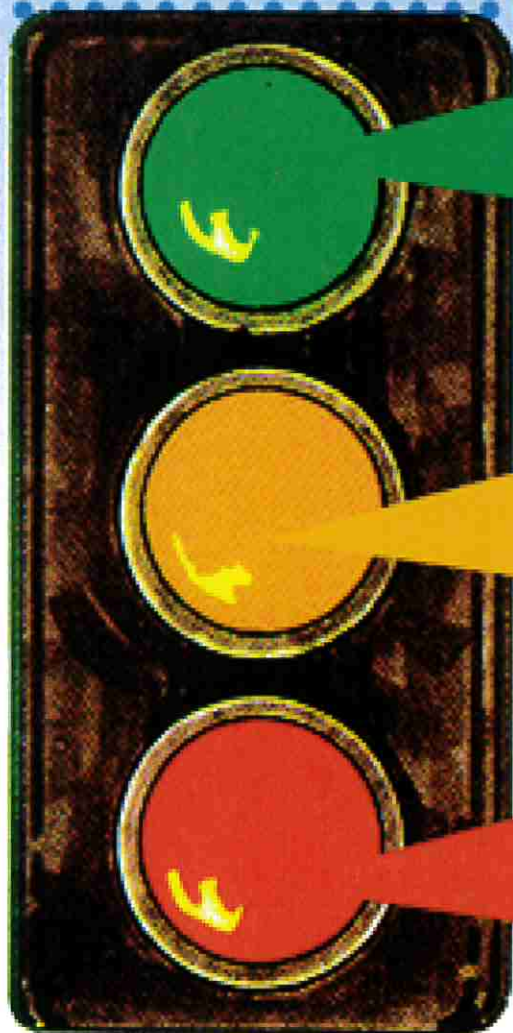
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# ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?



**100% – 96%**  
**Excellent**

**95% -90%**  
**Cause for concern**

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