



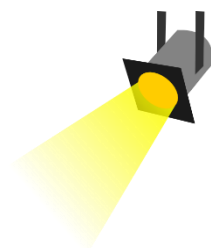
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Attendance Newsletter - November 2024

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 93.34%.
 Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning.
 We appreciate your working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

★ Well done to Class 6, which has the highest attendance this term at 95.74%! ★

SPOTLIGHT ON PERSISTENT ABSENCE



What is persistent absence?

If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.

Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:

HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENCE STUDENT?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-3 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.





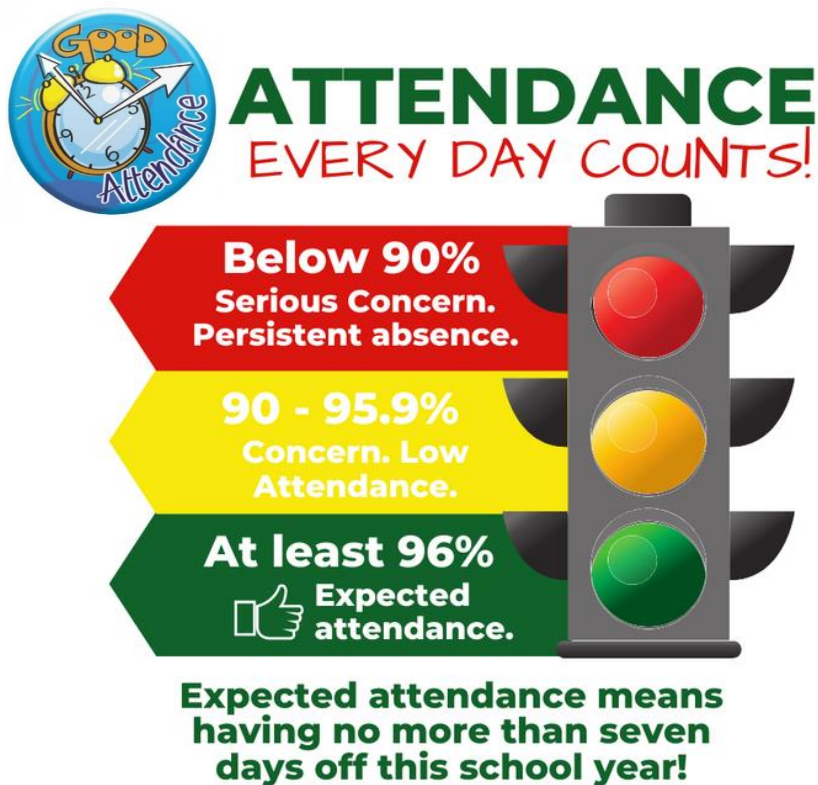
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Half-term 1-5	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-6	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

How will our school tackle persistent absence?

If your child's attendance has dropped below 90%, school will make contact to raise concern and offer support. An attendance concern letter will be sent to parents and school will actively consider no longer approving absence unless medical evidence is submitted. School will also access support from the Education Welfare Service.

After this point, if absences continue or improvement in attendance is not sustained, a referral could be made for a penalty notice. If the local authority decide that the case meets the criteria to be submitted to the Magistrates Court for prosecution under Section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996 for the offence of failing to secure a child's regular attendance at school, a court hearing would be the next step.





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Attendance Awards

This academic year, we are rewarding all children who achieve our school target of 96% attendance or above. Children will be awarded with a special badge and certificate to celebrate this achievement:

- ★ Bronze Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for one full term.
- ★ Silver Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for two full terms.
- ★ Gold Award – awarded to all children for 96% or above attendance for three full terms.

Children will be able to wear their Bronze, Silver and Gold badges to school each day.

Can you collect all three badges?



Each week, all pupils with 100% attendance for that week, will have their names chosen from random, to win a special prize.

Each term we will also reward children with

- Most Improved attendance
- Good Attendance
- 100% attendance for the term – **winner receives a £10 Amazon voucher.**

The class with the highest attendance each week, receives our special Class Attendance trophy.

Don't forget to visit our Attendance Page on the school website for more information: [Attendance | Oakwood Junior School](#)

