



Attendance Newsletter – March 2024

Our school attendance target is 96%? The overall attendance so far this year is 93.42%. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children’s attendance at school. Well done to Class 9, which has the highest attendance this term at 97.77%!



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.
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.

Attendance Awards

We actively encourage and celebrate good attendance at Oakwood Junior School.

100% ATTENDANCE! Amazing work from 45 of our school children who have been in school every day during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

All pupils who have 100% attendance for the whole year, will be entered into a special raffle; all runners up will receive a wonderful prize too.

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 Attendance door bow.

Don't forget to visit our Attendance Page on the school website for more information (link below).

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