



The Leys Primary & Nursery School

Attendance Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Absence

poor attendance + poor punctuality = lower academic achievement

It is a parent's **legal** responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. **Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.**

Whole School Attendance

As a school we aim for **96%** attendance which would bring us in line with the National average. This is a very ambitious target this year with the impact Covid has had so far. With your help, we are hoping to get as close to this figure as possible in 2022-2023 though!

This year our school has achieved **93.8%** attendance.



We have 160 children who have managed 96% attendance or better so far this term, with 140 of those pupils exceeding the target for the whole year as well.

These amazing children have achieved 100% attendance this year!

Year 1	Ernie	Year 4	David Hollie-Anne Rebecca I Denis
Year 2	David Oliver Ava-Rose	Year 5	Aseda Christina Frankie
Year 3	Daniel	Year 6	George Olivia James

Rewards and Incentives

This year we were very excited to announce the launch of our new whole school attendance incentive— Attendance Monopoly. Each week, during assembly, we announce the 3 classes with the most improved attendance in each of the three phases within school.

The winning class receives a certificate as well as the chance to roll a dice and win a weekly treat on our Monopoly boards. We are now well into the term and the children are still very excited to find out who the winner is each week. Please support us with this incentive by ensuring that wherever possible your child attends school everyday. Thank you.



Class rewards include baking, board games, and non-uniform days.

How does your child compare?

(attendance data can be found at the top of their report)

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

Medical

Medical appointments should be made outside of school time,

- if this is not possible parents should bring in the appointment letter to the school before the day of the appointment.
- Parents should bring their child into school as soon as possible following the appointment.
- Sometimes brothers and sisters are removed from school due to their sibling's medical appointment. This is not appropriate and will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.
- If a sibling is removed due to a medical appointment that is not their own, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine. Details of fines are as follows;

Penalty Notice Issued: £60 per parent per child per day
If not paid by 22nd day of receipt: £120 per parent per child per day
If not paid by 28th day of receipt: Parents generally prosecuted in court.

Term dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 5 September 2022 Inset day: 1 September & 2 September Term: 5 September -21 October <u>Half term holiday: 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022</u> Inset day: 2 December & Occasional Day: 5 December Term: 31 October - 21 December <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 4 January 2022</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January Term: 6 January - 10 February <u>Half term holiday: 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023</u> Term : 20 February- 31 March 2023 <u>Easter holiday: 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023</u></p>	<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Day 2021-2022</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>