



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 **97%** attendance which would bring us in line with the National average.

So far this year our school has achieved **95%** attendance.

This is an improvement since last year but still not at our target.

Every day your child attends makes a massive difference to their education.



Through an amazing collective effort we have managed a record number of children with 100% attendance!!!

We have 260 children who have managed 96% attendance or better so far this term.

These amazing children have achieved 100% attendance this year!

Year 1	Lily, Max, Charlie Agnes	Year 4	Naeem, Poppy, Benson, Emily, Todi, Pearl Immie, Joshua
Year 2	Gabriella, Emmy, Izzy, Lola Mo Jordan, Henry	Year 5	Noor, Isla, Nellie, Jared
Year 3	Marnie, Oliver, Haylie, Hedrian Charlie, Muna, Anthony, Muku, Noah, Jack	Year 6	Skylla, Mya, Shikana, Elliot, Rebecca, Tammy, Layla

Punctuality

Punctuality is as important as attendance. Learning starts as soon as your child arrives. If your child is late, they will miss out on the start of their day, leaving them feeling out of sorts all day. Regular lateness will lead to them missing out on key learning such as phonics or timetable revision.

If your child is regularly late, you will receive text message reminders from the school. If punctuality does not improve, you will be invited in for a meeting with Mrs Khangura to discuss ways to improve.

Rewards and Incentives

This year we were very excited to announce the launch of our new whole school attendance incentive— Attendance Wheel!. 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 spin the wheel and win a prize! The children are very excited each week to find out who is the winner that week. Please support us with this incentive by ensuring that wherever possible your child attends school everyday. Thank you.



Class rewards include non uniform, purple mash games, no homework, meadow afternoon and lunch outside!

**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 2023-2024.

SPRING TERM 2024	SUMMER TERM 2024	AUTUMN TERM 2024
Inset Day: 4th January 2024 Term: 5th January 2024 - 16th February 2024 Half Term Holiday: 19th February 2024 - 23rd February 2024 Term: 26th February 2024 - 28th March 2024 Easter Holiday: 29th March 2024 - 12th April 2024	Term: 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024 Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024 Half Term Holiday: 27th May 2024 - 31st May 2024 Inset Day: 3rd June 2024 Term: 4th June 2024 - 23rd July 2024 Inset Day: 12th July 2024 Summer Holiday: 24th July 2024 - 30th August 2024	Term: 2nd September 2024 - 25th October 2024 Half Term Holiday: 28th October 2024 - 1st Nov 2024 Inset Day: 2nd September 2024 Term: 4th November 2024 - 20th December 2024 Occasional Day: 2nd December 2024 Christmas Holiday: 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025

Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Start of term: 3 September 2024 Inset day: 2 September 2024 - 25 October 2024 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024 Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024 Occasional day: 2 December 2024 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024 Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025	Inset day: 6 January 2025 Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025 Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025 Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025 Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025	Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025 Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025 Inset day: 11 July 2025 - 23 July 2025 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025 Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025 <u>Inset Days 2024 - 2025</u> 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 2 December (Occasional day) 2024 6 January 2025 11 July 2025 23 July 2025

