



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new academic term, I wanted to take a moment to update you all on our school attendance statistics after term 1.

- Ducklings= 95.8%
- Rabbits= 96.6%
- Badgers= 97.9%
- Foxes= 98.1%
- Lions= 97.5%
- Eagles= 98.8%

Whole school = 97.5%

We understand that there can be challenges to ensuring your child attends school regularly. Our attendance aspiration is 100% for this academic year but we recognise that children will miss school due to illness or other events in their lives. Our minimum expectation for 2024/25 is 96%, which allows for approximately 7 days of absence due to illness. We are currently on track to achieve our target! Thank you for your support with attendance so far this year. As winter approaches, we understand that attendance can sometimes go down. Please don't hesitate to contact the school with any concerns or questions about attendance.

The advantages of good attendance are numerous:

- **Improved Academic Performance:** Regular attendance helps children stay up-to-date with their lessons and reduces the likelihood of falling behind.
- **Social Development:** Consistent attendance allows children to form and maintain friendships, enhancing their social skills and sense of belonging.
- **Routine and Structure:** Attending school regularly helps children develop a sense of routine and structure, which is beneficial for their overall development.
- **Increased Opportunities:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities and special events, enriching their school experience.
- **Better Mental Health:** Being part of the school community can boost children's confidence and self-esteem, contributing to better mental health.

We wish your child another successful term and look forward to meeting with you all over the next couple of days for parent / teacher meetings.

Best wishes,

Mr Thomson  
Head of School