

Wingrove Primary School Attendance Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024



Attendance! Attendance! Awesome Autumn Attendance!
Attendance = Prizes and Surprises!
But most importantly attending school every day is the key to success!

I just don't know where to start. What an incredible autumn term! I want to shout from the roof tops about how wonderful Wingrove really is! Amazing pupils! Amazing parents! A huge thank you to you all. This term has seen lots of classes enjoying hot chocolate and cookies a reward for coming into school Monday to Friday! Celebrating attendance continued, as I took 12 Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils to see Fenwick's window and afterwards we got to enjoy Hot Chocolate & Cookies at Mason+Rye! We didn't stop there. We then took 10 Key Stage 2 pupils to The Northern Stage to see Charles Dickens' – A Christmas Carol. I couldn't be more proud. Well done to those pupils for amazing attendance!



LATES! LATES! LATES! Lateness has been a big issue this term –

TOP TIPS to avoid being late for class –

1. Introduce a healthy bedtime routine - Getting more **sleep** can improve your physical health, including your immune system. Children aged 6 to 12 years need a recommended sleep time of 10 to 12 hours every night.
2. **Prepare the Night Before** for the following morning, make sure you have everything your child needs for the next day.
3. Set your alarm for 7:15am no later. This will allow time for breakfast and alleviate the stress of rushing around in the morning before school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an amazing holiday! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6th January 2025 at 0835. DON'T BE LATE!

Hayley Paxton - Attendance & Welfare Officer

Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance of above 96%.

The government has set this target of 96% for all schools and we are expected to reach that each term. This year, September 2024 – December 2024, we have achieved **94.8%**, which is significantly lower, so we need to work together to improve this.



The Local Authority have introduced a stepped approach to Fixed Penalties on unauthorised leave during term-term.

*Each penalty is per parent per child. The stepped approach to fixed penalties applies within a rolling 3- year period.



1st Offence - £160 fine, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days

2nd Offence - £160 with no reduction for early payment.

3rd Offence – referral to court

NEW - Phoning to report an absence

Please call the school office before gam on:

0191 2735466

OR

0191 2735842

To speak to me, or to leave a message on the absence line, **SELECT OPTION 1** when prompted to do so. Please state your child's full name, name of their teacher and the reason for their absence.

Although we strive for good attendance for all children, we understand that anyone can be ill. If your child is too unwell to come school, then please phone to let us know.



Holiday and leave of absence

We continue to work closely with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken during term time. This is an increasing problem and we feel our pupils should not miss valuable education. This term we had **45 children** each missing on average nearly **2 weeks** of their education due to **unauthorised absence**.

Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away during school holiday time. **Penalty fines will be enforced accordingly.**

The calendars are available from the school office and are on the school website and in noticeboards.



Illness

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school.

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea then they cannot attend school for **48 hours**.

However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose or sore throat, then they should attend school. We find, in most cases, that children are so busy in school that they tend to forget their little illnesses very quickly.

If you need help or advice on whether your child should stay off school you can always use the Healthier Together App – A great place to find accurate and trusted NHS healthcare advice in the North East. All the information on the site has been checked by clinicians, to ensure they offer the best advice for parents, carers, young people and health professionals.



www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk

September 2024

The doors will open from **0835** each morning. Reception to Year 6 pupils should be in class ready for registration at **0845** prompt.

Anyone who arrives after **0845** is late and should report to the school office.

Morning nursery doors open **0840** and close **0845** Afternoon doors open at **1225** and close at **1230**. Bring children to school on time and they will be prepared for an exciting day of learning.



At the end of the school day Picking your children up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time. **Please remember, school finishes at 1515. Afternoon nursery at 1530.** If you think you might be late picking up your child, please ring the school office on 01912735466 and we can let your child know.

Attendance Reward When a class comes in every day, Monday to Friday the whole class will get to enjoy **HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES**.



We love to reward good attendance 100% Attendance Draw

All children who achieve **100%** attendance, and are on time every day, each term, will have their name entered in the prize draw.

A name is drawn out in Gold Assembly and the winner is awarded a collection of prizes.

The children with **96%** or above each half term have their names in a prize draw and the winner is awarded a book.

Do you know your child's attendance?

Your child's attendance is important. Keep your child in the green zone, aim for above 96% attendance. If you would like to know your child's attendance please speak to me. I will be happy to help you with all your attendance needs.



Film and Nacho Party

The children love to try and achieve the best attendance for their class. Every half term, the classes in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with the best attendance, win a film afternoon complete with a tasty snack. This year the snack is nachos.



Golden Time

The class who has the fewest '**lates**' has Golden Time, once a week. They play on the bouncy castle and have lots of fun games to share with their peers.



Autumn Term 1B -

Fenwick's window & hot chocolate at Mason + Rye

Alyza RecSB - Ibrahim RecSB – Nusaybah RecCH – Adam RecCH - Haadi 1EF
Ayat 1EF– Musa 1LJ – Safiya 1LJ – Ammar 2SK – Yassine 2SK – Roya 2AH – Jannat 2AH

The Northern Stage – Charles Dickens' – A Christmas Carol

Haniya 3CL – Hassan 3SC – Mariam 4TB – Mahfuz 4JMc – Daria 5EH
Rahela 5AW – Elina 5AW – Faizan 6RR – Rayan 6BR - Yousif 6KS

Whole Class Attendance Autumn Term 2024

LATES Autumn Term 2024

Nursery am	88.4%	Nursery am	51
Nursery pm	91.2%	Nursery pm	45
Rec SB	91.5%	Rec SB	64
Rec CH	94.5%	Rec CH	75
Year 1 EF	93.4%	1 EF	81
Year 1 LJ	94.4%	1LJ	56
Year 2 AH	92.3%	2AH	71
Year 2 SK	94.8%	2SK	76
Year 3 CL	96.6%	3CL	37
Year 3 SC	94.0%	3SC	48
Year 4 JMc	96.0%	4JMc	46
Year 4 TB	97.6%	4TB	29
Year 5 EH	96.6%	5EH	63
Year 5 AW	94.9%	5AW	68
Year 6 KS	96.8%	6KS	46
Year 6 BR	96.8%	6BR	54
Year 6 RR	97.8%	6RR	38
Whole School	94.8%	Whole School	948

This is a wonderful piece of good news about our school's improving attendance figures. We are focused on this because children can really struggle in school if their attendance is poor. They can miss vital parts of learning and find it difficult to maintain friendships if they are absent from school on a regular basis. It is good to see that we are beginning to see improvements in this regard. We really need to focus on punctuality next term. Pupils arriving late to school can become upset and embarrassed when they have to interrupt registers, lessons or arrive for assembly after everyone else. We can do better with this. It is not just our school who is focused on improving attendance, our trust officer also awards a trophy at the end of the school year to the school in WEST with the best attendance. Hawthorn Primary School currently hold the trophy for 2023-24 with 95.4%. It would be fabulous if we could win it this year. We CAN do it with a team effort.

Mrs Mullarkey