

Wingrove Primary School

Attendance Newsletter – Spring Term 2025



Spring into success! Attendance matters, every day counts.

I am like coiled spring and I'm bouncing with pride because we truly have the **BEST** pupils in the whole of Newcastle! Let me tell you what we've been doing to celebrate attendance this term. You will not believe your ears. We took 30 pupils Key Stage 1 pupils to Cineworld in March to watch 'IF'. **Then** we did it all again the next day. We took another 30 pupils, this time from Key Stage 2, to the Vue at Cramlington and we watched 'Piece by Piece'. The children behaved beautifully (as always) and we had so much fun. I cannot tell you enough how important it is for your child to attend school every day. Attendance truly is the key to success in all aspects of learning, as well as socially and emotionally. Your child is able to make friendships which can raise their sense of connection, belonging and purpose, boost their happiness and lower stress, and it also improves their self-confidence and feelings of self-worth. Your child will not expand on their knowledge or friendships if they are at home.

LATES! LATES! LATES! Lateness is still a **BIG** issue. If you are struggling to get your child in on time please make an appointment with me and we can discuss what support can be put in place.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a **Super Spring Break!** We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 28th April 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 term January 2025 – April 2025, we have achieved **93.0%**, 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.



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.

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 **35 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.



www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk

April 2025

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 ice lollies.



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 nachos.



Golden Time

The class who has the fewest '**lates**' has Golden Time, once a week. Free time on the Astro Turf to play and have fun with their peers.



Spring Term 2a –

IF – Cineworld

Hareem 1EF – Ayan 1EF – Alaya 1EF – Hassan 1EF – Hanis 1EF – Ilyas 1EF – Zimal 1EF – Majd 1LJ – Daniyal 1LJ – Amira 1LJ – Mila 1LJ – Layan – 1LJ – Zoya 1LJ – Janu 1LJ – Hooria 1LJ – Abdullah 2AH – Ibrahimn 2AH – Zuleika 2AH – Zinnia 2AH – Antonio 2AH – Isaac 2AH – Rayyan 2AH – Adam 2SK – Astrid 2SK – Fatimah 2SK – Ayoub 2SK – Chizzy 2SK – Manida 2SK – Amina 2SK – Saaim 2SK

Piece by Piece - Vue Cramlington

Denis 3CL – Anita 3CL – Abubakr 3CL – Francis 3CL – Denisa 3SC – Patricia 3SC – Wahib 3SC – Vanessa 4TB – Aizah 4TB – Safiyyah 4TB – Dua 4TB – Rebeca 4TB – Saara 4JMC – Ayaat 4JMC – Maryam 4JMC – Moustafa 4JMC – Zaynab 5EH – Reem 5EH – Muhammad Ayaan 5EH – Aleena 5AW – Hadiya 5AW – Fatima 5AW – Dawud 6RR – Ali 6RR – Hafsa 6RR – Yousif 6KS – Yunus 6KS – Talha 6KS – Wedad 6BR – Hassan 6BR – Abu-Bakr 6BR

Whole Class Attendance Spring Term 2025

LATES Spring Term 2025

Nursery am	83.8%	Nursery am	59
Nursery pm	87.4%	Nursery pm	75
Rec SB	90.8%	Rec SB	100
Rec CH	92.2%	Rec CH	99
Year 1 EF	92.1 %	1 EF	97
Year 1 LJ	89.3%	1LJ	69
Year 2 AH	93.9%	2AH	76
Year 2 SK	93.6%	2SK	62
Year 3 CL	94.8%	3CL	67
Year 3 SC	94.8%	3SC	74
Year 4 JMc	95.3%	4JMc	59
Year 4 TB	94.4%	4TB	41
Year 5 EH	93.8%	5EH	106
Year 5 AW	93.8%	5AW	112
Year 6 KS	96.6%	6KS	62
Year 6 BR	94.5%	6BR	54
Year 6 RR	93.9%	6RR	34

Whole School

93.0%

Whole School 1246

As I write this, I am surrounded by huge bags of prizes that are being given out in the Gold Assembly. There are all sorts of goodies to be had, including Lego sets, games, puzzles and lots more. Looking at the list above, I can only see one of our classes who has achieved the Government's expected percentage of 96% and that is Miss Sweet's class. Well done to all of the Year Six pupils in this class. One class out of seventeen is a poor outcome, however, and we can certainly do better, especially in the Nursery which is really poor. The number of children arriving late is not good to read either. I spoke to several parents this week when we were at the doors, making lists of late arrivals and staff having to take time to escort them to their classes. We can do better. Your child is late if they arrive to school after 0845 each day. Please make more of an effort. The weather is better, so we should all be able to walk to school, and this would also support our healthy lifestyle agenda. If more of us walk to school, there will be fewer exhaust fumes and less congestion, making the air cleaner and the roads safer for all of our school community. Thank you to those of you who bring in your children on time every day. It really makes a difference.

Mrs Mullarkey