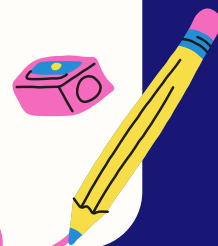




Autumn 2025

Attendance Matters! Berkeley Primary School Newsletter



Why Attendance Is So Important

At Berkeley Primary School we know that every school day counts. Good attendance helps children build friendships, develop confidence and achieve their best. Missing even a few days can make it harder for children to catch up and stay on track. Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, social development and overall wellbeing.

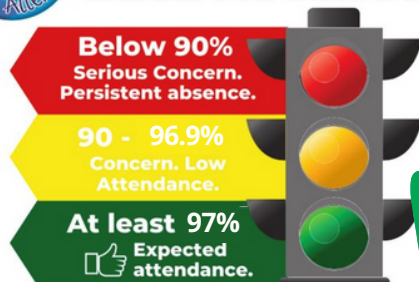
Our Attendance Target

Our whole school attendance target is 97%. Let's work together to make sure every child reaches their full potential!

What counts as Good Attendance?



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!



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- ✓ Establish a regular bedtime and morning routine
- ✓ Prepare uniforms and bags the night before
- ✓ Book medical appointments outside school hours where possible
- ✓ Let school know straight away if your child is unwell
- ✓ Celebrate your child's good attendance and punctuality!



Punctuality Counts Too!

Arriving on time sets a positive start to the day. The school doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Children start with morning work as soon as they arrive. This is often a task linked to what they are learning throughout the week. Children who arrive late can miss key learning.



When is it not ok for your child to stay away from school

Holidays - only in very exceptional circumstances will term time holidays be authorised by the school. You may be fined by the LA for taking a holiday.

Birthdays - your child should still attend, even if it is their Birthday.

Shopping/Family Days Out/Haircut - or any other activity for which there is no serious reason for your child to stay away from school.

There are 175 non-school days a year. This is 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.



What do missed school days mean for your child?

95% attendance = 9 day of lost learning per year

90% attendance = 19 days missed (almost 4 weeks of lost learning per year)

80% attendance = 38 days missed (over 7 weeks of lost learning per year)

Attending school every day helps children learn more, achieve more, and enjoy more!



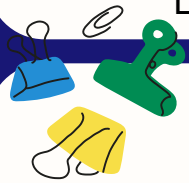
Attendance Awards

We love celebrating success!

Weekly Class Cup: Awarded to the class with the highest attendance

Termly Certificates: For pupils with 100% attendance

Let's keep aiming high — together, we can make every day count!



Working Together

If your child is struggling with attendance, please speak to

Rachel Jones, Assistant Headteacher,

Alison Neall, Family Support Officer,

Jackie Smith Attendance Support.

We're here to support families and find solutions together.



Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and on time. Together, we're building bright futures — one school day at a time!

Warm regards,

Rachel Jones

Assistant Headteacher

Berkeley Primary School