

Attendance Matters Newsletter



"To be the best that we can be"

September 26



Welcome back to the start of a new school year! We hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer.

Our children have now returned to school, refreshed and ready to learn. We are delighted to see such a positive start to the year, with improvements already being made in both attendance and punctuality.

We are especially proud to share that **334 children have attended school every single day so far!** This is an amazing achievement and a fantastic start to the new school year.

Be a bright spark, make your mark!

When children arrive in school they start to learn immediately; not a moment is wasted.



This term school has started a new incentive. Each week if a class achieves 100% punctuality and has over 96% attendance, they will receive a star badge in Friday's assembly.



The class with the most star badges will receive a treat at the end of the autumn term.

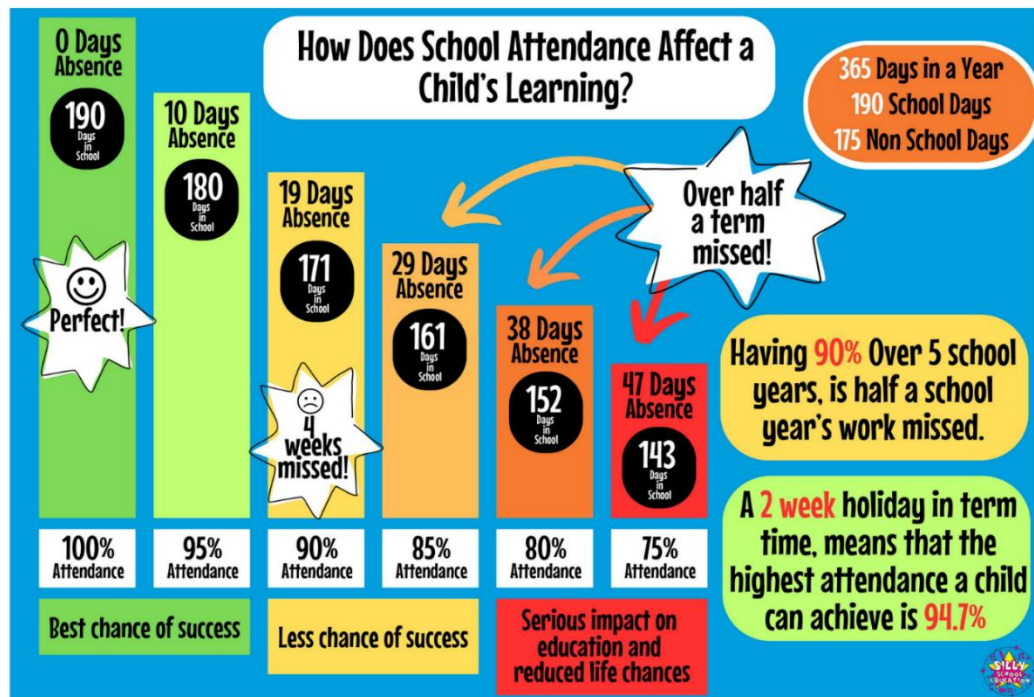
ATTENDANCE BASICS

- Children should attend school every day, please make attendance a priority
- Arrive on time – school doors open at 8.50am
- Contact the school office if you know your child is going to be absent, detailing the reason for the absence
- Children to be collected at 3.30pm, at the end of the school day. If you are aware you are going to be late, contact the school office
- Do not take leave in term time.

- ✓ Contact the school office to report each daily absence by 9.00am. This can be done by telephone – 01282 428246, messaging Miss Thompson on Class Dojo or emailing Miss Thompson at j.thompson@ighthenhill.lancs.sch.uk

If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Thompson.

AS WE NOW START A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, WE REMIND BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN THAT EVERYBODY STARTS THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH 100% ATTENDANCE. IT IS NOW DOWN TO YOU TO ACHIEVE THIS BY THE END OF THE YEAR.



Holiday dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Teacher training day: Tuesday 1st September (school closed)

Term starts: Wednesday 2nd September at 8.50am

School closes Friday 23rd Oct. at 3.30pm

Half term: Monday 26th Oct. to Friday 30th Oct.

School opens: Monday 2nd Nov. at 8.50am

Term ends: Friday 18th Dec. at **1.15pm**

Spring Term

Term starts: Monday 4th January at 8.50am

Half term : Monday 15th Feb. to Friday 19th Feb.

Term ends: Thursday 25th March at **1.15pm**

Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 12th April at 8.50am

Bank Holiday school closed: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Teacher training days: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June (school closed)

Term ends: Monday 19th July at **1.15pm**

Teacher training days: Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July