



Newsletter

25th March 2025

Dear Parents,

World Book Week

World Book Week in school was hugely enjoyable for us all. We had authors in school working with the children trying to develop a love of reading and writing. Dressing up day was fabulous and our children really enjoyed it. The costumes were excellent and very thoughtful.

Thank you to all parents for your efforts in organising dressing up costumes for your children. I am aware how difficult it can be sometimes when World Book Day comes around.

Head Injuries Update

As a precaution we will always call parents and send an accident slip home so you can keep an eye on your child at home. Should you receive a phone call and an accident slip for your child regarding a head injury, we ask that you continue to monitor them at home.

School Sport

Lots of school sport has been happening recently at Ellenbrook

Y2 Gymnastics

I am pleased to announce that our Y2 girls' gymnastics team won bronze medal at the Salford Schools Gymnastics competition. We also had gold and silver individual medal winners. Well done girls!

We have recently competed in competitions and matches in Flag Football, girls' football and netball, Y2/3 and Y5/6 hockey.

The Worsley Schools' Swimming gala is on tomorrow and we have the Worsley Schools' and Salford Schools' Athletics competitions, boys' football and triathlon to look forward to over the summer term.

It promises to be an exciting sporting term ahead.

School Website

We are in the process of updating the school website so that all the information is accurate. This will take a while so please bear with us.

Data Collection Information

Reminder – Can you please ensure you e-mail school with any amendments to your child's personal details, including change of address, telephone number, dietary requirements etc. so we can keep this information up to date.

Absence Notification Line

Can I please ask that should your child be absent from school, you ring the school office before 9.00am to notify us of their absence or record this on Weduc. **The 'absence line' number is 0161 799 6347.**



End of Day Collection:

Please inform the office or class teacher if your child isn't attending an after school club. This enables us to ensure attendance registers at the clubs are promptly completed and all children that are expected to attend are accounted for.

Late collection at 3.30pm

We have recently had a number of children not collected on time at 3.30pm. School is unable to put these children into after school club at short notice and children often get upset when they are not collected. Please make every effort to be on time. If there is an emergency then we will always look after them.

Equipment in the Early Years

For children's own safety, please can you remind your children not to play on the play equipment before and after school. Staff aren't available to supervise safe play at these times. We will regularly remind them in school about this too.

School Attendance:

You may be aware that there is a national push by the DFE on attendance and lateness in schools and Salford LA have also made it a priority for their schools too.

Although our school attendance figures are very good we cannot rest on our laurels and not pay attention to it. I still receive pressure from the government and the local education welfare officer to explain our procedures for maintaining our good attendance and how we are going to improve it still further. In August last year new legislation came into force for schools around school absence that 'increased' the pressure on school leaders to monitor attendance closely.

For this school year to date our attendance is 97.4% and the national figure is 94.6%. This is excellent and well done!

Persistent absence is children with 90% or less attendance.

Our Persistent Absence (PA) rate for the school year to date is 8% and the national figure is 16%. Again, well done!

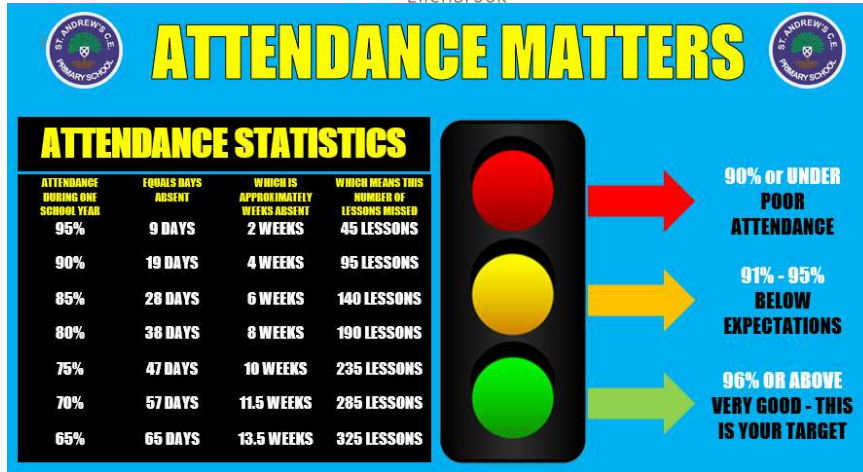
These are positive figures for our school, thank you for your support. Please look at the table below demonstrating the impact of any lessons missed. It is quite eye opening. Please be aware that it is almost impossible for teachers to catch up on lessons that children miss due to absence. Therefore, your child will have gaps in their learning.

By instilling good school attendance for your child, you are not only teaching them valuable lessons in life but are increasing their chances to succeed in their education.



Please keep supporting us by ensuring good attendance?





Ellenbrook



Class Attendance for the Spring Term 1 (7 Jan – 14 Feb 25)

 Ellenbrook Primary School Attendance & Punctuality – Spring 1 2025 			
Year group	Teacher	% Attendance	Number of Lates
Nursery	Miss Jones	97.82	19
Reception Y	Mrs Richardson	98.05	22
Reception A	Mrs Blinkhorn	94.83	8
Year 1 H	Mrs Coggins	98.11	9
Year 1 J	Mrs McShane	96.31	55
Year 2 A	Miss Lynch	96.78	25
Year 2 F	Mrs Harrison	97.24	4
Year 3 B	Miss Fildes	97.74	6
Year 3 W	Mrs Chapman	96.78	15
Year 4 C	Mrs O'Neill	97.54	9
Year 4 P	Mrs Podmore/Mrs Baird	98.03	36
Year 5 B	Miss Boylan	97.17	31
Year 5 M	Miss Howell	96.55	9
Year 6 E	Miss Mottram	97.54	17
Year 6 O	Mrs McCarthy-Stott	95	25


 Congratulations to Year 1 Hazelclass,
 who achieved the best attendance in Spring 1.
 

***If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss three days of learning each year**

***Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year**

***In a school year there are 175 non-school days = 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments**

Reminder Dates for Your Diaries:

March

- 26th - Worsley Schools' Swimming Gala
- 27th - Ironbridge Parents' Meeting 6pm
- 31st - Get Set for Positive Energy Focus Week in school
- 31st - Y5B Bikeability Week
- 31st - Parents Evening 4-6

April

- 1st - Parents' Evening 4-6
- 2nd - Worsley Relay Event-pm
- 2nd - Y3/4 Hockey Event
- 3rd - Y2 Visiting Church
- 4th - Y5/6 Hockey Event
- 4th - Break Up
- 22nd - Return to School (Tuesday)
- 22nd - Y5M Bikeability Week
- 29th - Y4 Ironbridge trip

Thank you

Mr Platt

Executive Head Teacher (Temporary)