



St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



Friday 29th September 2023

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Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry to report that our school attendance is again becoming an issue. In the last two weeks, we have dropped from almost 96% attendance to below our target of 95%.

With multiple children missing lessons, this is taking teachers away from teaching the majority and having to spend time to try and help children catch up. This has a negative impact on the whole class. *Whilst genuine illness cannot be avoided, a number of absences are avoidable.*

In two week's time, I will be beginning our **Attendance Review** meetings with families to try and understand why attendance is falling and to offer support. All families with children with attendance of 90% and below will be invited.

If I can offer support in the meantime, please do come and see me.

Best wishes,

Connel Boyle



What a harvest! Our school orchard is in full fruit

Gruffalo class have been busy collecting apples around our school.

We have delicious red and green apples for eating straight away and some lovely Bramley apples for cooking.

We have spent time making an apple crumble, we hope the children shared it with their families at home!

**Our School
attendance
target is
95%**

**We are at
94.68%
-1.27%**

**Hobbit Class
current
attendance**

**93.2%
-0.38%**



Oh dear!

**Gruffalo Class
current
attendance**

**97.42%
-2.58%**



AWESOME!





Congratulations
to this week's
winners!

Gold Winners

Silver Winners

Bronze Winners

Guiding Stars
Lydia Esme

Headteacher's Award
Bettie Konnor
Scarlett Telisha



Headteacher drop-in sessions
every Friday
9.30am- 10.00am

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session to answer any queries you may have.

Friday Family Assemblies

Every Friday at 9.05am

Team Points

Week Ending
29/9/23

Malala 65
Marcus 58
David 46

**This week's
winners are**

Malala!
Well done!!!



Hobbit class have been busy creating their final writes linked to our text "Leon and the Place Between." They have explored what magical place their character will travel to when stepping through the magical box. They have been very focused and challenged themselves with fantastic vocabulary choices.



WHY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS SO IMPORTANT

Once a child's attendance has dropped to the 90% mark, they will miss 19 days of school a year. Our teachers simply cannot catch up this teaching time. Some learning will be lost forever.

Your child's Attendance	How many days your child has fallen behind their friends...	If your child is regularly late by...	Over a year, your child has lost...
100%	0 Days	5 minutes...	3 DAYS LOST
95%	9 DAYS BEHIND	10 minutes...	6.5 DAYS LOST
90%	19 DAYS BEHIND	15 minutes...	10 DAYS LOST
85%	28 DAYS BEHIND	20 minutes...	13 DAYS LOST
80%	38 DAYS BEHIND	25 minutes...	19.5 DAYS LOST

Reminder!

Please could you make sure that **all uniform items**, water bottles and lunchboxes **are named**. Name tags and iron-on labels are great but just initials with a Sharpie-type pen would help us enormously in returning lost items to their owner.

Diary Dates:

- Monday 9th October - Individual school photos
- Wednesday 11th October - Harvest Festival 9.30am
- Friday 13th October - SENDCO Drop 2.15pm - 3.15pm If you have any worries, concerns or questions relating to your child's development please come and find Mrs Best in the Hawthorn room.
- Thursday 19th October - Last day of term
- Friday 20th October - INSET Day
- Monday 30th October - First day of Term
- Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th November - Parents Evenings
- Friday 10th November - Remembrance Family Assembly
- *ADVANCE DATE years 3/4/5/6 Residential 3rd-5th July 2024*

The school calendar for 2023 to 2024 can be found under the Parents Tab, listed as Term Dates. Go to: www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk