# ATTENDANCE MATTERS (12)

March 2026

As a school our current attendance is 95.9% which is above the national figure. This reflects the commitment and effort from our whole school community. Thank you.

Our recent attendance pupil conferencing revealed that children genuinely enjoy coming to school. Many of the children stated that one of the reasons they like coming to school is to be with their friends and learn new things. The children were able to explain why they thought coming to school was important and all the children were able to share subjects that they enjoy. Some children expressed concerns about missing out on lessons and activities when they are absent. As part of our feedback from these sessions, we have gathered suggestions for clubs that the children would like to see as part of our club offer. More information about clubs for next term will be released shortly.

As we look forward to the summer term, there are several key events on the horizon, including sports week, various trips for different year groups, transition preparations and the Year 6 SATs week. These events not only provide valuable learning experiences but also foster a sense of community and belonging among our pupils. It is essential that children attend school regularly to fully participate in these activities.

We appreciate that some absences can't be avoided (e.g. illnesses). Taking holidays during term time can disrupt a child's education and may result in penalties as stated in statutory guidelines. We encourage families to plan holidays during school breaks to ensure that children do not miss out on crucial learning and social experiences.

**Who can support me?**

- Our school attendance champion is Mrs Victoria Toppin (vtoppin@elmbridgeprimary.co.uk).
- You can speak to your child's teacher about attendance at any time.
- You can speak to any of the school's pastoral team.
- You can speak to Mrs Holliday, Mr Tharia or Mr Riddle.
- You can speak to anyone at school who will be pleased to advise and help you ensure your child attends school regularly.

We wish you all a wonderful spring break and will look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 5 on **Monday 13th April 2026**.