MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS (13)

May 2026

Each term seems to go by faster than the last and as we approach Term 6, we would like to remind you of why regular (every day) school attendance matters.

Research shows that poor attendance has an impact on many areas of school life, including emotional wellbeing and academic progress.

When children do not attend regularly, they miss out on spending time with their peers. This can then be challenging for some children when they come back into school. For example, with conversations and games. Our pupils have reported that they find it hard coming back in to school after a period of absence as they have missed out on learning and 'don't know what to do.'

The final term of the year is always a busy one with lots of activities to look forward to – sports week, transition mornings, trips and visits, family picnic, water fights to name but a few! Making sure your child is here will enable them to join in on all the fun.

We understand that there will be occasions when children are unwell and therefore unable to attend but ask that where possible children attend every day. As tempting as it is to book a holiday towards the end of term, please consider the impact that missing school will have on your children. As a school, we will continue to follow national guidance related to fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

As a school our current attendance is 96% which continues to be above the national figure. This reflects the continued commitment and effort from our whole school community. Thank you.

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 6 on **Monday 1st June 2026.**