MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS (15)

October 2026

Elmbridge Primary

As we come to the end of the first term, we want to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance and to ask for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school every day, unless they are genuinely unwell or there is another unavoidable reason for absence.

Our current whole-school attendance is 96.9%. However, 9.1% of pupils are persistently absent, which means that they are missing a significant amount of valuable learning time.

Every school day matters. Regular attendance helps children to make consistent academic progress, understand new concepts, develop essential knowledge and skills and maintain continuity in their learning. It also enables them to build and maintain friendships, develop confidence and routines, participate fully in school life and benefit from the wider opportunities available to them. Frequent absences can make it more difficult for children to keep up with their classmates and may affect their wellbeing and sense of belonging.

The table below shows the comparison between last year's end of KS2 SATs results against attendance. A scaled score of 100 meets the expected standard. It shows the pupils who had good attendance met the expected standard in all four subjects but those who did not attendance regularly did not meet expected standard in Writing, Grammar, Spelling (GPS) and Punctuation and Reading. This really does demonstrate how regular attendance has a direct positive impact on pupil outcomes.

Attendance	Maths	Writing	Reading	GPS
Persistently Absent (<90%)	103	98	98	98
Good Attendance (>95%)	105	101	106	106

We have seen an increase in the number of medical appointments taking place during the school day this term. Where possible, please arrange routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours, so that your child's learning is not disrupted. We appreciate that some appointments cannot be arranged at other

times; in such circumstances, please inform the school as soon as possible and provide the relevant appointment details.

Thank you for your continued support in prioritising your child's attendance and ensuring that they arrive at school promptly each day. By working together, we can help every child to attend regularly, benefit fully from their education and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

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.
- Gloucestershire County Council have a parent support page for parents. https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-attendance-and-exclusions-and-welfare/

Please note that Friday 23rd October is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. We wish you all a wonderful half term break and will look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the new academic year on **Monday 2nd November 2026**.