



ATTENDANCE MATTERS (6)

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COUNTS.**

December 2024

We at Elmbridge Primary School want to make sure that all children reach their potential and we want to work together with you to achieve this. **Regular attendance plays a vital role to ensuring your child makes the most of their education, both academically and socially.**

Attendance during Term 1 and 2

Our attendance overall in term 1 and 2 has been 96.6% - Well done to all those children (and parents) who's attendance has been good or better! 204 children have had 100% attendance so far, with an amazing 444 children having an attendance of 96% or more.

The last week of term

Lessons continue to the last day of term, on Friday 20th December, so it is really important that children attend school to this date. As well as lessons, there will of course be festive activities and events leading up to the Christmas holiday, so don't miss out! It always sad when a child has been awarded an end of term certificate and they are not here to collect it, or they miss out on these special events with their friends.

Monday 16 th	Y3 Christmas party Y3 open door carols
Tuesday 17 th	Y5 Christmas party Y2 carol singing
Wednesday 18 th	Y1&2 pantomime trip Y6 Christmas party
Thursday 19 th	Y4 Christmas party Reception Y1/Y2 Christmas party
Friday 20 th	KS1 and KS2 End of Term celebration assemblies

Further details, including times of these events can be found on the school newsletters.

Support from our Local Authority

Elmbridge Primary School benefits from the support it receives from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), our local Authority. GCC is helping schools ensure that attendance of pupils is prioritised and works closely with us where attendance of a pupil is of a concern. Starting this academic year, GCC can issue a 'Notice to Improve Attendance' to parents and carers of pupils who have too many unauthorised absences - if attendance does not improve then the GCC can issue a penalty notice, incurring a fine for the parent and/or carer.

Of course, we do not want any of our parents and carers to receive a notice to improve or a penalty notice. One myth is that we as a school receive the money from penalty notices, **which we do not.** As a school, we want your children to be here so they can get the best start in life. If you are struggling with your child's attendance then please reach out to us for help.

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 Amanda Holliday, our DSL (Safeguarding lead).
- You can speak to 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.

Spring Term 2025

Don't forget that the Spring term 2025 starts on **MONDAY 6th JANUARY.**

Have a great Christmas and a happy new year!

GOOD NEWS! It's never too late to improve attendance

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