

ATTENDANCE MATTERS (10)

December 2025



Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that a number of children have been unwell with chicken pox, flu-like symptoms, and sickness and diarrhoea. We understand how challenging this can be for families, and we appreciate your efforts in keeping us informed and following the appropriate guidance when your child is unwell.

We want to reassure you that we recognise the impact these illnesses can have, and we thank you for supporting the school by keeping children at home when they are genuinely too poorly to attend. Your care helps us reduce the spread of infection and keep everyone in our school community safe.

At the same time, we would like to remind all families how important regular school attendance is. Every day in school matters, and even short periods of absence can affect children's learning, routines, and confidence. If your child is well enough, we encourage you to send them to school so they can continue to make good progress. We will send children home if we feel they are too poorly to be at school.

If you are ever unsure whether your child should attend, please contact us for guidance—we are here to 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 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.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance and wellbeing across our school community. Our current whole school attendance is 96.1%. Well done everyone!

We wish you all a wonderful break and a healthy 2026. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 5th January**.