



Attendance Newsletter

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Cottenham Primary School

A is for Attendance

Firstly, a HUGE well done to the 112 children who have 100% attendance for the academic year to date. This is fantastic. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure at least as good as the national average. Our attendance figure YTD is 96.4% which is actually higher than the current national average of 93.36%.

Attendance is categorised into red, amber and green.

- RED** - 40 (8.44%) of our pupils are on Red
- AMBER** - 108 (22.78%) of our pupils are on Amber
- GREEN** - 326 (68.78%) of our pupils are on Green



We encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible but of course attendance levels can be affected by illness, including upset stomachs. If your child has a tummy bug (with sickness and/or diarrhoea), please keep them off school until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours. This prevents the bug spreading throughout the school community and having a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels for both children and staff. However, the 48-hour rule does not automatically apply if your child is exhibiting any sickness and/or diarrhoea symptoms due to anxiety, allergies or your child having eaten something that disagrees with them. In this case, they are not contagious and can return to school as soon as they are fit to attend.

H.E.R.O. Certificates

Last half term, 203 children achieved their H.E.R.O. Certificate. The H.E.R.O. certificates are awarded to children who have 100% attendance and no late marks during a half term period. The extra house points were awarded as below:

- Hargreaves House received 100 extra house points
- Bronte House received 50 extra house points
- Sanger and Turing House received 12 extra house points each

Punctuality

Arriving to school on time is essential as children arriving late to class is disruptive. Please note:

- Gates open at 8.40am
- School starts at 8.50am
- Late arrival is between 8.50am - 9.20am
- Registers close at 9.20am. Arrival after 9.20am is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Bronze Attendance Badges

In the Autumn Term 243 children received a Bronze Attendance Badge, which is awarded for children with 98% or higher attendance during the term. This figure is up from 216 children receiving the same award last year.

Who looked after the SAM Bears last half term?

Week ending	EYFS	Yr 1/2/3	Yr 4/5/6
07/11/2025	RMJ	1/2TO	5/6CS
14/11/2025	RDK	1/2HR	4AV
21/11/2025	RMJ	3JI	4LW
28/11/2025	RMJ	1/2GT	4AV
05/12/2025	RSW	1/2HR	5/6SW

