

Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Attendance Newsletter



Holy Trinity
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Primary School
'Growing Tomorrow's Leaders'

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Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported since the beginning of September with making sure their child is at school and that they are on time each day. You are supporting your child in making sure they don't miss out on important learning experiences throughout the year.

As we are now in the colder months, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every day really does count in your child's learning journey and being on time ensures that children settle calmly into the day, don't miss key learning, and feel part of the group right from the start.

Staying healthy during coughs and colds season

We understand that at this time of year, coughs, colds, and bugs can be common. Here are a few ways you can support your child to stay healthy and avoid those odd days off:

Encourage handwashing – Good hygiene helps prevent the spread of germs.

Balanced diet and sleep – Plenty of rest and nutritious food help strengthen your child's immune system.

Fresh air and exercise – Outdoor play can boost wellbeing and resilience.

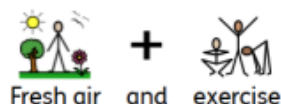
Know when to keep them home – Minor coughs, colds, or sniffles don't usually mean a day off is needed. However, if your child has a high temperature, vomiting, or is generally very unwell, it's best they rest at home.



Washing hands



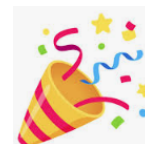
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Fresh air and exercise

Celebrations:

Our whole school attendance figure is currently 97%, compared to 96% this time last year; this is an amazing start to the school year!



We were also delighted to congratulate 228 children who received their 100% Attendance award for Term 1, September – October 2025. This is over half of the school – a huge well done!

Learning minutes lost



Being late by 5 minutes every day:

5 minutes × 5 days = 25 minutes a week
Over a school year (approx. 39 weeks) = 975 minutes = 16 hours of learning lost

Being late by 10 minutes every day:

10 minutes × 5 days = 50 minutes a week
Over a school year = 1,950 minutes = 32.5 hours lost, more than a full school week

Being late by 15 minutes every day:

15 minutes × 5 days = 75 minutes a week
Over a school year = 2,925 minutes = 48.75 hours lost, almost 1.5 school weeks.

One Day of Absence

1 school day = 6 hours = 360 minutes of learning lost.

10 days of absence in a year

That's 3,600 minutes = 60 hours = 2 full school weeks of learning time gone.



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