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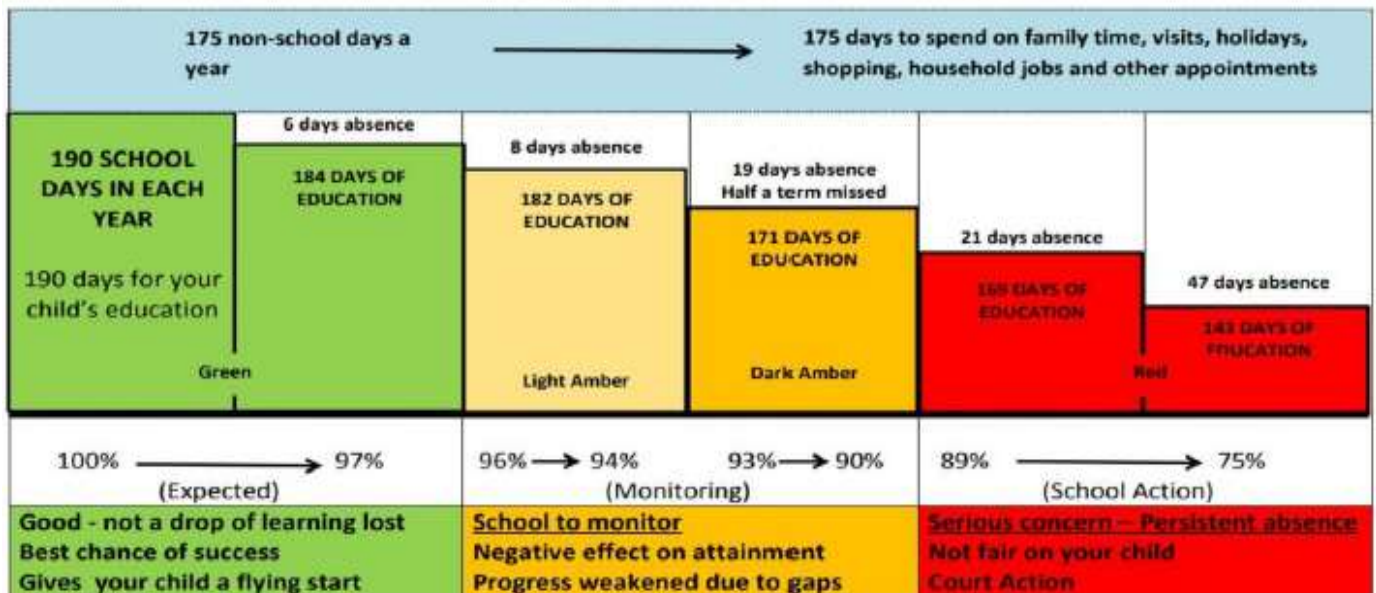
Newsletter 14th February 2025

Dear parents,

Last day before the half-term holidays! Thank you for your ongoing support and ensuring your child attends school regularly. Staff have noticed that absences tend to rise on Mondays and occasionally, just before school holidays. Some children find the transition from the weekend to the school week difficult as routines change again overnight. Some ideas that may help are:

- Stick to the same bedtime and evening routines as the school week
- Prepare all items (including pack lunches) necessary for school the night before
- Complete all agreed reading and home learning
- Talk positively about school, and your own positive experience of school
- A good, early breakfast and keeping things calm especially on a Monday morning

What percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning



80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey – resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.

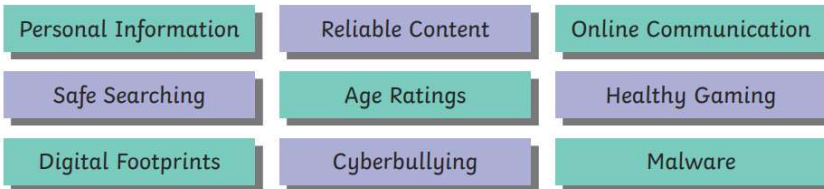
Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school



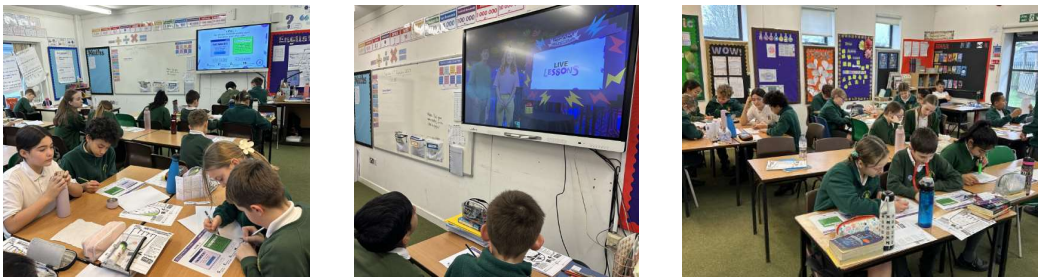
Safer Internet Day

PCSO Angela kindly led assembly today to help our children understand how to keep safe on the internet. Some topics that she touched on were:

There are many different things to consider when visiting the online world, including:



In year 6, pupils attended a 'live' workshop and completed some tasks to enhance their awareness on cybersafety.



Anxiety Workshop for Parents

Mrs Headington has kindly arranged for Mental Health Support Team to visit our school and run an Anxiety Workshop for parents on **Wednesday 19th March 2025, 10am to 11am**. Please come along, there is no need to book, just come through the front of the school and we will sign you in.

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest campaign of online safety. Each year they cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year the theme is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.



This year's Safer Internet Day will also consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- What changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

Further details: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

A reminder that **school reopens on Tuesday 25th February 2025** and we look forward to welcoming the children back.

Wishing all families a happy Spring half-term, and may the sun keep warming up our lives and fill us with a little more sunshine.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Amreet for amazing number work – 5 and a bit for 6,7,8,9,10
Noah for enthusiasm and participation in forest school

Year 1

Sienna for working hard on using tens frames for number bonds to 20

Year 2

Finley for always being ready to learn
Alma for having a positive attitude to her learning and always trying her best in all she does

Year 3

Kya showing good effort to stay focused on task in lessons
Lola for her fantastic effort in science this week learning about soil

Year 4

Arlo for much improved presentation in English and Science
Imogen for demonstrating great skill during gymnastics by keeping balances still

Year 5

Matthew for being a super friend and role model for others!
Charlie for always trying his best and having a positive attitude!

Year 6

Percy for his efforts to improve his writing and up level his spellings. Well Done!
Ffion for her efforts in Maths, especially to recall multiplication facts. Well Done!

Staff Star of The Week

Mr Clay for all his work around the school

