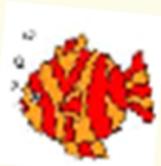


# Attendance Newsletter

March 2026



## Spring time

**As always, thank you to our families for continuing to work with us to ensure that all children have the best possible attendance.**

Warmer and brighter days are on the way and hopefully the terrible bugs that we have seen over the last few weeks are on their way out.

We continue to support your child through minor illness and remind you that we are able to give paracetamol in school where needed.

Just complete a consent form which can be found outside the main office.

A gentle reminder about term time holidays  
Term time holidays are not authorised and we strongly advise against taking a holiday during term time. Children miss vital learning across a range of subjects. Please be aware of the City of York Penalty information on our website.

## Punctuality reminder

**8:35:** Gates open (children are parents' responsibility)

**8:40:** Key stage 1 door opens.

**8:45:** School day begins-Key stage 2 children come into school. \*\*\*

**8:55:** Gates close. Pupils are now late and must be signed in at the office by an adult with a valid reason given.

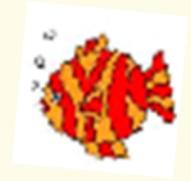
\*\*\* Although children are not classed as late until 8:55 am, they are missing the start of the school day which includes feedback on the previous day's learning, wellbeing check in, basic skills such as handwriting lessons or 1:1 reading.

## REMINDERS ABOUT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

- Please inform the school office before 8:30 am if your child will be absent from school
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence such as medication or appointment letters
- Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible
- If you have not contacted school, Mrs. Butterworth will contact you to find out the reason for absence
- Mrs. Butterworth may also contact you at the end of the school day to enquire about your child and discuss their return to school the following day
- Mrs. Butterworth will continue to contact you each day that your child is absent to check in and offer support where possible

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## Support from school

Where possible school will offer support to you and your child around attendance difficulties. This is through our multi-tiered approach to support.

### **PHONE CALLS FROM SCHOOL**

Class teachers, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Deighton and Mrs. Lowery may call you or request a meeting with you to talk about your child's attendance and any difficulties you or your child may be facing. These are supportive and we encourage our families to engage with us in this way so that your child can have the best possible attendance.

Feel free to contact school at any time to discuss any concerns you may have.

## #MISS SCHOOL #MISS OUT

Some of the things our children say they would have missed out on if they were absent from school...

- New OPAL Playtimes with toys
- Forest School
- Certificates in assembly
- Pedestrian training (Y3/4)
- Ancient Egypt Assembly (Y3/4)
- Computing day
- World Book Day pyjama day
- Visit to Waterstones to spend the £1 World Book Day vouchers
- Visit to Dick Turpin's Grave (Y5)

## Letters

Some of you may have received letters from school acknowledging your family's effort around attendance and punctuality. We know that there can sometimes be difficulties and appreciate your efforts.

Information on the Inclusive attendance project can be found here:

<https://www.fishergateschool.com/information-for-parents-and-carers/inclusive-attendance>

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