

Week beginning 31 3 25

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for taking time to read this bulletin. It will be shared every two weeks (term time only).

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Attendance Matters

Here are a few reasons why regular attendance is so important:

- Academic Progress:** Each lesson builds upon the last, and consistent attendance helps ensure your child doesn't fall behind. This is especially important in Literacy and Maths lessons where children have daily lessons. At Woodlands, our writing journey means that children will spend time looking at good examples of writing (WAGOLL), discussing the features and then implementing ideas into their own writing. If they miss out on part of this journey, children will find it difficult.
- Social and Emotional Development:** Regular attendance allows students to develop strong relationships with their peers and teachers, fostering a sense of belonging and confidence. Being in school everyday will help children to maintain friendships and connections with others.
- Active Participation:** Our school thrives on the active participation of all pupils. Regular attendance helps your child stay engaged in class discussions, group work, and school activities.
- Support and Guidance:** Teachers are better able to identify areas where a pupil may need extra support when they attend school regularly.

How you can support your child's attendance:

- Set a Positive Example:** Be consistent with your own attendance and emphasize the importance of school.
- Establish a Routine:** Ensure a regular bedtime and prepare for school the night before to reduce stress.
- Communicate:** Stay in touch with the school and talk to your child about the importance of attending regularly.
- Encourage Engagement:** Help your child stay interested in school by supporting their interests and friendships.

3/3/25

Year 2
95.5%

**Most
punctual:**
Year 2

10/3/25

Year 6
95.8%

**Most
punctual:**
Year 5

17/3/25

Year 2
93.5%

**Most
punctual:**
Year 6

24/3/25

Year 3
91.5%

**Most
punctual:**
Year 5

The 'Best Class Attendance'

When your child attends school regularly they...

Make friends

Build confidence
and self esteem



Develop new skills



Achieve

Develop good habits
and routines

Safeguarding Spotlight

Keeping safe in the holidays

1. **Online Safety:** Monitor screen time, check privacy settings, educate about cyberbullying and online risks, and use parental controls.
2. **Stranger Safety:** Set boundaries for where your child can go, ensure they know emergency contacts, and remind them about stranger danger.
3. **Physical Safety:** Ensure safe play areas, review road safety, and remind your child about water safety if they're swimming or near water.
4. **Mental Health:** Check in with your child about how they're feeling, especially if they'll be spending more time at home or with friends.

By staying proactive and having open conversations, you can help ensure your child's safety during the holidays.

Here is an issue for parents/carers to be aware of:

In-App Purchases and Loot Boxes

- **Unexpected Costs:** Many games offer in-app purchases or loot boxes, where players spend money on virtual items. Without proper monitoring, children may rack up significant charges. Set up parental controls to limit or disable purchases.
- **Understanding the Risks:** Explain to your child that in-game purchases can sometimes be manipulative, encouraging players to spend more money to advance in the game.

Remind your child and support them to follow the 4CS:

The 4Cs

CONTENT
Are you accessing age appropriate information?

CONDUCT
Are you behaving responsibly towards others?

CONTACT
Do you know who you are talking to online?

COMMERCIALISM
Are you aware of the hidden costs and advertising in apps/ websites?

Online Safety

If you have a concern, it is important to take a screenshot of evidence, report it and block the user. Please use the [CEOP link](#) if needed.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Useful resources (click the links below)

[Online Safety Website for parents \(click here\)](#)

Dates for your diary

- Friday 4th April- end of term, 1pm finish for pupils
- Tuesday 22nd April- INSET day for staff- school closed for pupils
- Wednesday 23rd April- pupils return to school
- Wednesday 23rd April- Relationships and Health education parent workshop 3:20pm (details will be shared this week)

All upcoming dates can be seen in our [school website calendar](#)

Next bulletin: end of term Spring newsletter Friday 4th April