

ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT

"The Quarterly Attendance Newsletter from North Somercotes CE Primary School"

The link between attendance and achievement is clear. It is vitally important that your child spends as much time in school as possible. **In our school children who reach our attendance target achieve better than those who don't.** This newsletter highlights how we support and encourage good attendance and how we inform you of your child's level of attendance.

Our whole school
Attendance Target is 96%

Whole School Attendance – up to 10th February
(50% of the school year)

95.94%



Attendance Chart

1st Place	Rec	96.55%
2 nd Place	Year 2	96.30%
3 rd Place	Year 4	96.16%
4 th Place	Year 1	96.04%
5 th Place	Year 5	95.75%
6 th Place	Year 6	95.70%
7 th Place	Year 3	95.43%

A huge well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 1 – you are the only classes reaching our whole school attendance target!

Individual Attendance Trackers

You will have received your child's Individual Attendance Tracker along with an electronic printout of their attendance. Please read this information carefully. We send this out regularly to inform all parents of current attendance levels at key milestones throughout the school year. Our Whole School Attendance Policy requires that we closely monitor children whose attendance is below 95%.

We understand the impact **genuine** illness can have on attendance levels and this is taken into consideration when monitoring attendance, however the current level of unauthorised term time holidays is unacceptable. We are following the ongoing legal case very closely regarding the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices and depending on the outcome we may have no option but to implement this policy.

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Congratulations to Archie who won our Autumn Term attendance prize – David Walliams DVD and Book collection

Every full week's attendance gets you a ticket in the draw for our termly prize

Spring Term Attendance Prize



A wonderful Easter treat selection

Attendance Updates

Education Welfare Officer led Attendance Panels – this week we are meeting with Diane Enderby to discuss all children whose attendance is below 95%. This may involve inviting families to Attendance Panels to discuss ways forward in improving attendance. These are supportive meetings led by Diane and are also attended by Mr Floyd, Mrs Selby, Mrs Chapman (Attendance Governor) and your child's class teacher. Children who do not reach our attendance target do not achieve as well as those who do – it is our duty to ensure your child achieves their very best, it is your duty to ensure they attend school regularly. We are duty bound to work with all families to support increased levels of attendance.

Attendance Panel requests will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.