

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 96.5%

Whole School Attendance – up until Feb 1st (Half the school year)

96.69%



Attendance Chart – up until Feb 1st

1st Place	Y1	98.20%
2 nd Place	Y4	97.31%
3 rd Place	Y6	97.30%
4 th Place	Y5	96.78%
5 th Place	Y2	95.89%
6 th Place	Rec	95.81%
7 th Place	Y3	95.49%

Well done Y1 – over 98% FANTASTIC

Y2, Rec and Y3 – under 96% VERY DISAPPOINTING

We understand and are **fully aware of the many sicknesses and bugs** that have been around since Christmas. Hopefully many of these are behind us now and if the weather (hopefully) **warms up we will have less colds and sore throats keeping children off school.**

We continue to get many requests for term time holidays – these will only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances. Often parents request work to complete during any time off, whilst we are happy to provide this it is **NO SUBSTITUTE TO BEING AT SCHOOL!**

We also have a small number of families who **choose to lie to us and not disclose term time holidays. This can cause great distress to the children** and in every instance we believe this to be the case we write to the parents involved and **inform the Education Welfare Officer.**

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Congratulations to Jessica and Liliana who won our Autumn Term Attendance Prize.

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

Is your child's attendance below 90%?

Please read your child's attendance tracker carefully. If your child's attendance is **below 90%** they are classed, by the **Department for Education**, as a **Persistent Absentee**. This group of children nationally **do not achieve as well as their peers**. Schools are duty bound to work with, **support and challenge all Persistent Absentees**. The school's Attendance Committee are meeting with Diane Enderby, our Education Welfare Officer, on Wednesday 12th February to review all Persistent Absentees. Mrs Enderby will be corresponding with all the families with Persistent Absentee children and parents/carers **may be asked to attend an Attendance Panel meeting**.