

Attendance Matters

September 2024

Little Bloxwich CE Primary School

All things are possible with God

Matthew 19-26



It's a new school year and a new start for our attendance!

Our attendance target is **96%** although we would like all our children to achieve 100% attendance. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. We need your help to improve attendance for our school. You can help by getting your child to school every day and on time.

School Hours

Gate opens: 8.50am

Gate closes: 9.00am

**Registers close at
9.00am**

End of Day:

KS1 – 3.20pm

KS2 – 3.30pm

Whole School Attendance for 2023/2024

93.8%



End of Year Attendance

Reception – 91.9%

Year 1 – 92.8%

Year 2 – 95.2%

Year 3 – 94.2%

Year 4 – 93.6%

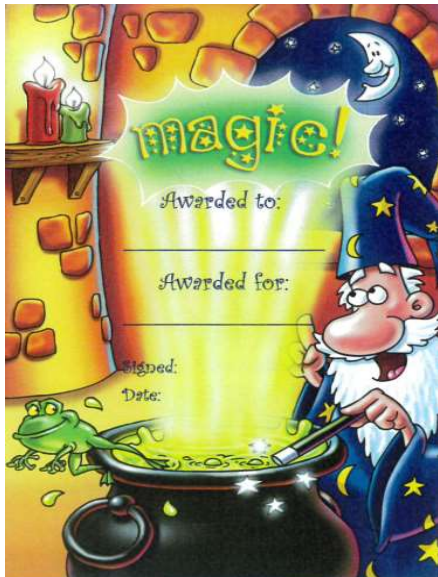
Year 5 – 95.1%

Year 6 – 94%

Well done to Year 2!!



Our Local Authority School Attendance Officer is Natasha Hurst. She will contact you if there are any concerns with your child's attendance.



Daily Attendance

Any class that achieves 100% attendance will receive a 'Magic!' certificate. The children enjoy the competition and there is usually a cheer when the certificates are brought into the classroom. Which class will win this year?

Half-Termly Attendance Reward

Any child who achieves 100% attendance during each half term will be entered into a prize draw.

Last year we had Big Bounce Vouchers, a Ninja Warrior pack, a ticket to Rodbaston Animal Zone and a family ticket to West Midlands Safari Park.

Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day.

10 minutes late every day = 32 hours lost learning each year!!

The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a **GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE**. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before. The school day starts at 8.50am. The pupil entrance gates close at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is in school before 9am as this is when the registers close. If your child arrives after this time, you **MUST** take your child to the School Office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. Please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

New Government Guidelines around Fixed Penalty Notices

There is a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered in England. This is **10 sessions** (usually equivalent to 5 days) of **unauthorised absence** within a **rolling 10-school week period**. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of **any type of unauthorised absence**. The 10-school week period can span over different terms and school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. (Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a prosecution)

Third Offence and any further Offences (within 3 years of the First Offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or Irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may be proceeded straight to prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1,000.