



We aim for attendance of 97% or above. Last years whole school attendance was 94% and we want to improve on this significantly this year. Furthermore, a child is classed as persistently absence if attendance falls below 90%. Last year 16% of children at Priory had attendance below 90%. Children with attendance this low are very likely to fall behind in English and Maths and will struggle as they move through their educational journey.

We are continually monitoring attendance and I will contact families where attendance begins to cause concern so that we can quickly work together to resolve any attendance issues.

This year, children with 100% attendance over the course of a **full term** will receive a special certificate and a badge. We will also recognise attendance over 97% each term too with a certificate. (We know that at this age children do get a few bugs- therefore we break down the Attendance Certificates into terms so that if your child gets ill during one term, they still have the chance for 100% attendance for the following term)

**Let's work together to make sure that all children at Priory have high attendance and as a whole school we meet a target of 97%.  
We CAN do It!**

On a personal note, a huge thank you to the community for their support over the past few weeks. The whole staff team have been incredible and well supported by Miss Edwards with the school in very safe hands. I am looking forward to returning next week and being with our wonderful children once again as I have definitely missed them! I will be around before and after school so please do not hesitate to come and see me for a chat!

Mrs Harper and the Priory Team!

<b>97% and Above</b>	<i>Above 97%. Excellent Attendance.</i> Less than 6 days absence a year: Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can, leading to the best possible start in their junior/secondary education.
<b>95% - 96%</b>	<i>96%. Below Average.</i> Approximately 8 days absence in a year: This means half a year of school is lost over the course of a child's total school career. Pupils with this attendance are below the national average and are less likely to achieve their target grades and less likely to be prepared for starting junior/secondary education.
<b>90%</b>	<i>90%. Too Low!</i> 19 days absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and are likely to fall behind in Maths and English; it will be very difficult for them to achieve their best. It means that a child will miss a whole year of school if this rate continues across their whole school career. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance could be issued with a Penalty Notice.
<b>85% or less</b>	<i>85%. Serious Problem.</i> 29 days absence in a year: These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year. It will be almost impossible for them to keep up with their group and achieve their best. Parents of pupils with this level of attendance will normally be issued with a Penalty Notice.



Dates for  
the Diary:

### Autumn

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023- **School Individual Photographs**
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - **All children to wear House T Shirts (Y3 will be provided before this date)**
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023- **Parents Evening- 3.40 – 6.15PM**
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023- **Parents Evening- Times 3.40 – 6.15PM**  
**(Parents evenings will be undertaken in your child's classroom)**
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023- **School Open day (details to follow) Last day of term**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023- **INSET DAY (school closed)**
- **CHRISTMAS CAROL DATE CHANGE BELOW!!!**
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023- **AM (time to be confirmed) Year 3 and 5 Christmas Carols**
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023- **PM (time to be confirmed) Year 4 and 6 Christmas Carols**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023- **(time to be confirmed) Year 3 Nativity**
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023- **Christmas Dinner**
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023- **Last day of term**

### Spring

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024- **Safer Internet Day**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024- **INSET DAY (School closed) and last day of term**
- W/C 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024- **Parents Evening (Times and days to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024- **Year 5 Swimming starts – details will be provided.**
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024- **Last day of term**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024- **Bank Holiday- School closed**
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024- **SATS week**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024- **Last day of term**

### Summer

- W/C 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024- **Sports Day (Days and times to be confirmed)**
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024- **INSET DAY**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024- **(time to be confirmed) Year 6 Production**
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024- **Year 6 Prom**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - **(morning – time to be confirmed) Year 6 Leavers Assembly**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024- **Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24**