

St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School

We Serve the Lord with Joy  *As One School, One Family*



Thursday 22nd October 2026

Attendance Matters – Parent Consultation/Information terms 1/3/5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance at St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary is vital for every child's learning, wellbeing, and progress. Regular school attendance helps pupils build strong routines, keep up with classroom teaching, and develop the confidence to participate fully in lessons and school life. Our aim is always for the children to enjoy school and look forward to attending and the goal is for children to attend as much as possible.

This letter is a reminder for you to check your child/children's attendance at the end of this first term.

To find your attendance rate this year	- Log in to you Arbor app - Scroll Down to 'Statistics' where you will see your child's Attendance (2026/7) - Click on the % attendance for more information including the latest week, and then for the whole academic year
School Expectation	97%
National Attendance 2025*	95%

Attendance Rate	Gradings	Information
Above 99%	Excellent Attendance	2 days or fewer missed; there is a direct correlation between excellent attendance and higher progress and achievement.
97%- 99%	Good Attendance	Fewer than 5 days missed across an academic year. Regular attendance fosters a sense of belonging and higher levels of pupil well-being.
95%-96.9%	Below Expectation	9 days absence; students with lower than 95% attendance tend to have a lower chance of making good social and academic progress.
90%-94.9%	Poor Attendance	13-18 days missed; pupils with poor attendance have lower academic outcomes and find it hard to maintain friendships as they are not attending well. Current attendance rate is a concern.
Below 90%	Persistently Absent	The government classes pupils who have an attendance rate of below 90% as persistently absent. Pupils have missed more than 19 days or nearly 4 weeks of school. This is a major concern.

If you want to discuss any aspect of attendance, please make an appointment with the attendance team (Mrs Teather and Mrs McRae). Thank you

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